

"Swivel Base" Christmas Tree Stand

Getting a Christmas tree to stand straight is an easy job with this new "swivel base" Christmas tree stand that lets you straighten the tree without having to stoop or crawl under it.

You simply slip a clamp-on cup onto the tree trunk and tighten three set screws, then insert the tree and cup into the 24-in. dia. base unit. You straighten the tree by stepping on a pedal that allows the base to swivel. When you let up on the pedal, the unit locks in place. The pedal retracts out of the way inside a hidden storage compartment.

Two models are available. One has a 20-in. dia. base and supports trees up to 10 ft. tall, and sells for \$69.95. The other has a



24-in. dia. base, supports trees up to 12 ft. tall, and sells for \$79.95.

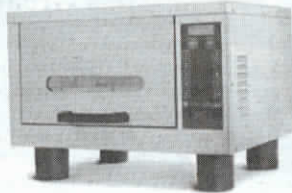
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"FlashBake" Oven Cooks At Speed Of Light

You can cook at the speed of light with this new oven that uses computer directed light to cook food. It works in a fraction of the time of microwave ovens.

For example, you can cook a pizza in 60 seconds, chicken or turkey breasts in 120 seconds and cakes, cookies and rolls in 240 seconds. Because it cooks so fast, energy use is reduced by as much as 80% and, unlike a microwave, the new "Flash Bake" browns food as it cooks using a combination of both visible and infrared light.

FlashBake ovens have been used in institutional settings such as pizzerias for a couple of years now and sell for about \$5,000 apiece. A home model will be on



the market in a year or two at a price of \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Quadlux Inc., 47817 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, Calif. 94538 (ph 800 843-6836 or 510 498-4200; fax 4224).

Sod Cutter Made Out Of Old Roto Tiller

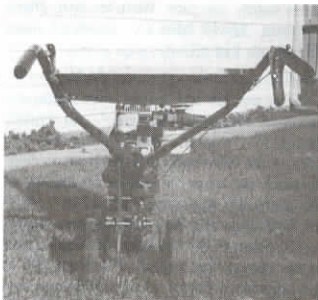
When John Brown, Moose Jaw, Sask., bought a house in town, he found himself with a big lawn to maintain. He decided to install an underground sprinkler system himself and came up with an inexpensive sod cutter to help get the job done.

"I wanted a way to cut away strips of sod so I could install the 3/4-in. plastic pipe underground without tearing up the yard. I came up with the idea of mounting cutting discs on an old 3 hp. roto tiller.

"I removed the tines and drilled holes in two 16-in. discs from an old IH double disc drill. The discs bolt on in place of the tines.

"Then I cut out 7-in. dia. circles from rubber ATV tires and bolted them to the outside of the cutting discs. The discs slice down about 4 in., which is the distance from the outer edge of each cutting disc to the rubber discs. The rubber discs ride along the top of the ground and help propel the unit when cutting.

"A rear depth stake runs behind in the 4-in. deep trench behind one disk so it doesn't tear up the sod. You could use two depth stakes, with one behind each cutting disc.



"After the sod is cut, I just use a small 4-in. wide spade to lift the sod, drop the pipe in under the sod, and then set the sod back into the trench. Then you just have to set up sprinkler heads.

"You can also use this idea to 'edge' grass growing along sidewalks and driveways by using just one cutting disc.

"This was a great labor-saving device and costs next to nothing since most all parts came off the junk pile."

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Plunger Light Bulb Changer

"We've come up with an easy way to change yard light bulbs. We use a plumber's double plunger," says C.F. Marley, Nokomis, Ill.

"We slip the plunger handle inside the end of a 20-ft. length of pvc pipe and tape it in place. A 300-watt bulb just fits the narrowed bottom portion of the plunger."



New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

Plastic Shingles "Will Last For 50 Years"

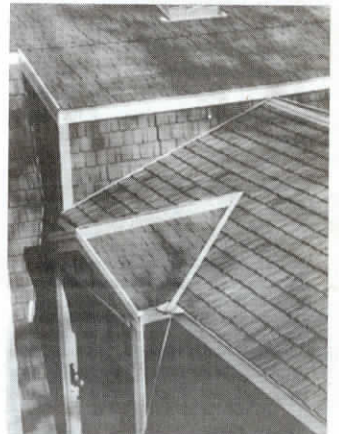
"They look like cedar shakes but last much longer and require no maintenance," says Cliff Newman, distributor, about new plastic shingles that are advertised to last 50 years.

They're designed to withstand temperatures ranging from 40° below zero to 190° F. "They're fire, wind and hail resistant and do not absorb water so snow slides off. They'll never rust, rot or chip like asphalt shingles, shakes or tiles. Plus, they're lightweight and you can walk on them," Newman says.

The shingles come in 26-in. wide, 5-ft. long panels. They fit together easily by lining up pegs in the top of one section with holes in the bottom of the panel that's just been placed.

They're available in timber shake, country slate, and clay tile patterns in various colors.

Sell for \$215 per square FOB.



Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Cliff Newman, Newark Valley, N.Y. 13811 (ph 607 642-8854).

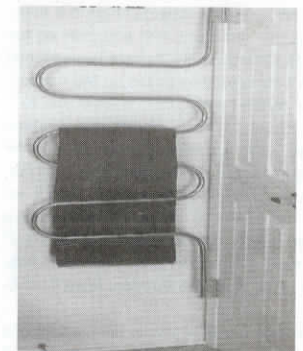
Towel Rack Fits Behind Bathroom Door

You'll like this new towel rack that mounts on door hinges behind the bathroom door.

The "Hinge-It" rack consists of a vertical 1-in. dia. steel tube and a pair of brackets. Installation is easy - just pop out the door hinge pins, position the brackets, and drop the pins through them. The unit swings independent of the door.

Sells for \$39.95 (\$5.00 S&H).

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Hinge-It Corp., 3999 Millersville Rd., Indianapolis, Ind. 46205 (ph 317 542-9514).



Macaroni Dog Food

If your dog is tired of the same old dog food day in and day out, you might want to surprise him with a bowl of a new dog food made with cheesy pasta.

Thompson's "Pasta Plus" dog food is made from beef, chicken, cheese and durum pasta. There's no need to add water or cook it. The pasta pieces stay soft and chewy because they're cooked using a patented process, says the company. Because the pasta is pre-cooked it's easy for a dog to digest.

"There are other pre-cooked pasta prod-

ucts on the market, but they all require rehydration," says the company. "This one is ready to eat without adding water and yet it has a shelf life of nine months. Pasta is a great flavor carrier so dogs love to eat it."

The product is sold only at supermarkets. A 4-lb. bag sells for \$3.99; a 20-lb. bag for \$10.99.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Thompson's Pet Pasta Products, Inc., Box 5037, Kansas City, Kan. 66119 (ph 800 228-3738).