

Reader Recipes

Glorified Rice

1 qt. whole milk
1/2 cup cream
2/3 cup rice
1 egg
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla

Cook milk, cream and rice in double boiler until tender (about an hour). Beat egg separately and add sugar, salt and vanilla. Add mixture to rice and cook an additional 2 min. Add cinnamon to your liking.

Zucchini-Oatmeal Muffins

2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup quick oats
1 tsp salt
1 cup chopped pecans
1 medium zucchini, unpeeled (chopped)
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 tbsp baking powder
1 tsp cinnamon
4 eggs
3/4 cup oil

Preheat oven to 400°. In large bowl mix all dry ingredients. In medium bowl beat eggs, stir in zucchini and oil. Stir into flour mixture just until flour is moistened (will be lumpy). Spoon into muffin cups. Makes about 12 muffins. Bake 25 min.

Iced Coffee Concentrate

2 cups boiling water
1 to 1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cups instant coffee
1 tsp vanilla (optional)
1/4 cup caramel ice cream topping

Mix all ingredients together and store in refrigerator. To make a glass of iced coffee: Fill a tall glass with ice. Add about 1/4 cup of coffee concentrate, fill glass with cold milk, stir and enjoy.

Corn Chip Salad

2 heads lettuce
6 to 8 hard-boiled eggs
1 lb. bacon, fried and crumbled
1 1/2 lb. shredded cheddar cheese
4 to 6 cups crushed corn chips

SAUCE

1 cup Miracle Whip
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup brown sugar
2 tbsp vinegar
1/4 cup milk

Cut lettuce and slice eggs. Add bacon, cheese, and chips. Mix with sauce just before serving.

Colorful Cat Collars Save Songbirds

Love your cats, but hate that they love to hunt and kill songbirds? Nancy Brennan has the solution. Give your cat a colorful collar.

"It protects most birds from cats that hunt, by giving the birds the time to see the stealthy cat and fly away to safety. It reduces birds caught by about 87 percent - so not quite all birds will be protected, but the great majority will," says the Vermont inventor.

She started Birdsbesafe® LLC in 2009 after making a collar for her cat and seeing how effective it was. Since then scientific studies have proven that it works.

The collar is comfortable and can be worn all the time or just when the cat is outdoors. In case it gets caught on something, the collar has a safety breakaway feature. The cloth covering is a tube, open on both ends with a collar insert. Both release under pressure.

Patented in 28 countries and heralded by conservation groups, the collars are available on Amazon and in many stores listed on the company's website, as well as through the website. The insert collar sells for \$8.50 and an assortment of collar covers sell for \$9.39 to \$9.99. Wholesale pricing is also available.

"Birdsbesafe is a rare story of how a 'backyard inventor' has succeeded in the marketplace with a unique and valuable product. We have had the best customers in the world, who championed the product in the early days, when the concept of the product was new to everyone," Brennan says. "Our mission is to popularize the product and help it become even more widely distributed around the world, to save as many birds as possible."

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Colorful collar helps birds see cats to escape capture.



Garden kneeler was made from a rolling walker bought for \$10 at a secondhand store.

"Budget Garden Kneeler"

"After my wife, Linda, told me she would like a garden kneeler, I looked around but everything I found was either too expensive or just wobbly junk," says Lee Hartman.

"I bought a rolling walker for \$10 at a secondhand store. I removed the lower part of the legs, including the wheels, but kept the horizontal tubes part way up on both sides of the walker. I then used 5/8-in. thick plywood to make a floor that sets on the tubes and is notched at all 4 corners to keep it in place. I also attached a knee pad to the floor.

"Now Linda has a kneeler that's not only strong and sturdy, but even folds up for the off-season."

Aluminum "Fence Guards" Keep Leaves Out Of Yard

"Our neighbor kept using his leaf blower to blow leaves and yard waste under our chain link fence and into the back yard. I decided to block off the bottom of the fence with a series of long aluminum sheets," says James Conley, Crystal Lake, Ill.

He bought several 9-ft. long by 1-ft. high aluminum sheets and attached them to the bottom of the fence. "The fence posts are spaced about 9 ft. apart so the sheets fit perfectly between them," says Conley.

He cut slots out of the bottom at both ends of each sheet so it would fit around the cemented-in posts. Once the sheet was in place, he hammered it about 2 1/2 in. into the ground. Aluminum wire was used to secure the sheets to posts and to the fence's wire mesh.

"The fence is about 8 years old and along with the bottom-mounted sheets, it should last for many more years," says Conley.

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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home



Made from treated lumber, raised garden bed can be easily moved with a skid loader.

Raised Garden Beds Based On Bull Bunks

Feed bunks built for bulls gave Dale McLaen the idea for raised garden beds that he can move with his skid steer.

"As I get older, I don't care to work on the ground, so I built 2 of these for myself," says McLaen. "One of my nephews wanted 2, and then a friend of mine with pretty bad ataxia saw them. He wanted 2 for himself."

The 11-in. deep garden bed bunks are built to last with treated lumber, 6-mil. plastic lining, and lag screws designed for use with treated lumber. The legs are 43-in. tall 4 by 4's with 2 by 12-in. sides, ends and floors. The sides and horizontal bottoms are 6 ft. long, and the ends are 3 ft.

"I also used 2 by 4's and 2 by 6's to tie the legs together," says McLaen.

He used 11-in. long 2 by 4's on the inside corners to secure the sides and ends. Outside corners are reinforced by 1-in. wide metal bands that wrap around them.

"Screws in end grain don't hold that well over time," explains McLaen. "The 2 by 4's and straps tie things together."

McLaen drilled a dozen holes in the floor and through the 6-mil plastic of each bunk to drain excess water. The floor is then layered with landscape weed barrier before being covered with dirt.

McLaen can easily pick up a full one with his skid steer forks and move it as needed.

"In the case of my neighbor, I can set them in his garage to plant in the shade," says McLaen. "Later I can carry them out where he wants for the growing season. When it's time to harvest, I can bring them back inside."

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A series of long aluminum sheets block off bottom of fence to keep leaves out of yard.