

## Reader Recipes

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### One-Cup Cookies

(A FARM SHOW Favorite)

1 cup sugar  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup margarine  
1 cup oil  
1 egg  
1 tsp vanilla  
3 1/2 cups flour  
1 tsp salt  
1 tsp soda  
1 tsp cream of tartar  
1 cup Rice Krispies  
1 cup coconut  
1 cup oatmeal  
1 cup chocolate chips

Cream together first 6 ingredients. Sift together dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture. Add remaining ingredients. Drop on cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 8 to 10 min. or until done.  
*Lois Cassen, Lakeville, Minn.*

### Yellow Pea Soup

1/2 cup yellow cracked peas in 3 quarts water

Salt lightly and cook slowly several hours until the peas are in a state of puree. Chop fine two slices of salt pork, fry brown, and add to peas. Season to taste with salt and pepper.  
*Beth Erickson, Des Moines, Iowa*

### Breakfast Hotdish

2 lbs. sausage  
2 1/2 cups milk  
2 cans cream of mushroom soup  
1/4 tsp dry mustard  
2 cups plain croutons  
4 oz cheddar cheese, grated  
6 eggs

Grease 9 by 13 glass dish. Brown sausage

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Snow Hawk single ski snowmobile is the latest new snow "toy".

### "Motorcycle On Snow"

It's not really a snowmobile and it's certainly not a motorcycle. So what is the new Snow Hawk? It's a "snow bike" and the manufacturer says it's a lot like riding a dirt bike or jet ski.

The first production units of the Snow Hawk shipped to dealers late last fall. The new snow bike is aimed at younger riders looking for a more exciting experience on snow.

It's lightweight at 350 lbs. and cranks out 60 hp. There's a single wide ski up front - with multiple runners for gripping on turns - and a 12-in. wide track on back. Front shocks are adjustable, with a maximum travel of 12 in. You ride it like a cycle, leaning into turns as needed.

The company says the Snow Hawk can be ridden on groomed trails but is intended more for off-trail riding like a dirt bike.

Sells for \$8,699.

For more information, call AD Boivin at 418 838-3783 or go to the company's website at: [www.adboivin.com](http://www.adboivin.com).



Wereb's tub garden can be set up anywhere and moved out of the way when garden season is over.

### Tub Garden Fits Into Small Space

Lewis Wereb, Hubbard, Ohio, wanted a garden but didn't want to dig up what little grass he had in his small back yard.

That didn't stop him, though. He came up with the idea of a "tub garden." He planted peppers, tomatoes, peas and other vegetables in tubs he made from plastic 55-gal. drums he bought for \$12 at what he calls a "local junkman's paradise."

"I live right in town and have a small lot," he says. "Since I don't have much room in the backyard for a garden, these were just what I needed. I can move them out of the way when they're no longer needed and I still have my lawn."

To make the garden tubs, he cut the drums in two lengthwise. Then he made wooden frames for them by cutting 8-ft. boards, one 2 by 4 and one 1 by 6 per tub, into 2-ft. lengths. The pieces of the 2 by 4 were used for legs. He made a box frame of the 1 by 6 pieces and glued and screwed it to the tops of the four leg pieces, using galvanized deck screws.

He cut inverted arches out of the front and back sides of the box to allow the drums to rest on them without rocking. He put one nail through the tub into the end boards to further anchor them. Finally, he drilled a 1/4-in. diameter weep hole in the bottom of each drum to allow excess water to seep out.

He says there are several advantages to gardening in tubs. "They're off the ground, so rabbits can't get to your garden plants as easily," he says. "It's also a lot easier on your back."

"If you have an apartment with a veranda or back porch, you can put one or two of these there. You could even put them on a back porch or along a sidewalk and do your gardening from a wheelchair," Wereb says.

With a little extra bracing and some cheap lawn mower wheels, you could make them portable and roll them wherever you wanted them.

Wereb says to be sure to buy food grade drums for your garden. Drums formerly used for hazardous chemicals might contain trace amounts that could end up in your vegetables. The drums he bought had been used for orange juice. They were bright blue, so he painted them dark green to help them blend into the landscape.

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The 300-ft. cable is suspended between two heavy steel pipes that Hinds anchored solidly in the ground.

### Backyard "Cable Ride"

"We put up a 300-ft. long cable ride that goes from our yard, over a small creek and into a pasture. It's a lot of fun for our kids," says Richard Hinds, Springfield, Ill.

Hinds suspended a 5/8-in. dia. cable between two heavy steel pipes, which he anchored solidly in the ground. The cable dips naturally down toward the creek, then goes back uphill and stops. A homemade metal seat is fitted with a pair of wheels that ride the cable.

"We've used it for two years," says Hinds. "You ride down and then pull it back by hand to the starting point. It's built heavy enough for adults."

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When his daughter reaches the end of the ride, she pulls cable chair back up the hill by hand.

### Squirrel-Proof Hanging Bird Feeder

Looking for a way to feed birds without also feeding squirrels? Here's a simple feeder that can handle the job.

It's a 6-in. plastic sphere that hangs from a cord. The top half of the ball is held open by a light spring, giving birds access to feed inside the lower half. The only way squirrels can get to the feed is by climbing or sliding down the cord. As soon as the hungry squirrel puts any weight on the top half of the sphere, the spring collapses, letting the top half slide down and close the feeder.

Called the Squirrel's Surprise, it's available from Bird Magic by telephone or on the Internet for about \$13 plus shipping and handling.

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