

## Reader Recipes

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### Homemade Tomato Soup

1 can tomatoes  
1/2 teaspoon soda  
Milk, about a pint  
or as much as a quart  
Salt to taste  
Pepper to taste

Bring the tomatoes to a boil and add the soda. Stir well and add milk, salt and pepper. You must add the soda to keep the milk from curdling.

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### Indian Pudding

3 cups Cornflakes  
1/2 cup molasses  
2 tablespoons sugar  
Dash salt  
1/2 teaspoon ginger  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 quart milk  
Piece of butter

Do not crush Cornflakes before measuring. Mix all ingredients well. Pour into 9 by 13-in. pan. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. Stir occasionally. Serve with a dab of vanilla ice cream. Serves 12.

### Cranberry Ice

2 cups cranberries  
4 cups water  
1 cup sugar or to taste  
3 teaspoons frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed

Combine berries and water in large saucepan and bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat and cover pan tightly; simmer about 10 to 12 minutes. Puree berries and water in food mill or processor. Press mixture through strainer into large bowl and stir in sugar and orange juice concentrate.

Pour into 3 ice cube trays and freeze. To serve, remove cubes from trays and grate with hand grater or put through food processor with steel blade. Spoon into dessert dishes and return each serving to freezer until you have processed the desired number of servings.

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Made from leftover truck parts, crib is supported by chrome mufflers.

## Baby Crib Built For A Peterbilt Truck Nut

"We operate a local repair shop, and when one of our truck drivers - who is a real fan of Peterbilt semi trucks - told us he was getting married, we decided to put together this baby crib as a joke for the wedding. It's made out of leftover truck parts that we found laying out behind the shop," says John Van Den Berg, Triantha Enterprises Ltd., Telkwa, B.C.

He and mechanic Willy Verhelst did the work.

The crib itself consists of a fuel tank off a Mack truck, with the tank cut down to size. It's supported by a pair of chrome mufflers, which are welded onto a wide metal frame. The crib is attached to the mufflers in such a way that it can rock back and forth. The two men bolted on several accessories, including some white Peterbilt mud flaps equipped with red reflectors, and a series of small round lights located on top of the crib. The lights can be hooked up to a 12-volt transformer. There are teddy bears and other stuffed toys both inside and outside the crib.

"The man who got married is such a Peterbilt truck nut that all he does is polish, polish, polish his rig," says Van Den Berg. "We gave the crib to him during the wedding reception and it was a great hit. We also showed the crib at a local fair, where it took first place in the recycling metal category."

"We just hope the married couple will fill the crib up a few times."

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## Satellite Dish Heater

The Ice Zapper™ Dish Heater keeps winter from messing up your television reception.

"It's been tested in cold Minnesota winters, and effectively clears snow and ice so you don't have to," says Del Jose of Skyvision Inc., the designer and distributor of the Ice Zapper.

The 110-volt electric unit mounts to the back of the dish. "The cord is UL and CE approved," Jose explains. "The automatic on/off control, with built-in temperature sensor, kicks the heater on as the temperature drops, and then turns it back off when the temperature warms up."

The device works on all smaller metal satellite dishes - 18-in. to 4-ft. dia. and easily installs on the back of your dish in minutes, Jose says. The Ice Zapper Dish Heater sells for \$69.95, plus S&H, and has a 1-year warranty.

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The 110-volt electric heater mounts on back of satellite dish.

## Refrigerator Converted Into Venison Smoker

Roger Moore, Oconee, Ill., converted a refrigerator for smoking venison. "We smoke our own jerky and salami and snack sticks in it," says Moore.

He welded a small metal box to the bottom of the refrigerator, with a door on it that serves as a damper. The box is big enough for a coffee can filled with wood chips or charcoal. Metal handles are welded onto the can. There's a hot plate at the bottom of the box. A pipe goes up from the plate and through the box. A series of racks set on metal brackets bolted to the sides of the refrigerator. The hot plate is operated by an electric cord with a thermostat on it.

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Freida Davenport converted an old satellite dish into this concrete-lined bird bath. "It really attracts a lot of wildlife," she says.

## "Pond" Made From Old Satellite Dish

Old satellite dishes can be used to make low-cost small ponds for wildlife, says Freida Davenport, Sheffield, Texas, who converted an old satellite dish into a concrete-lined bird bath.

Davenport operates "Ranch for the Birds", a bed and breakfast located on a private ranch. Because of the size of the ranch and the abundant wildlife in the area, guided tours are furnished.

"Sheep, goats, deer and especially birds love the pond," says Davenport. "Water is piped into the pond from a nearby 40-ft. dia., 7-ft. high tank that's fed by a windmill. The sound of dripping water causes birds to come in. My friend Lynn Holland provided the dish and helped out with the project."

They dug out a hole in the shape of the dish, then put the dish in it. The dish's center hole was covered with wire mesh to hold concrete. Then they mixed concrete and plastered it on the inside of the dish, mounding the cement up into a rim around the top of the dish to keep heavy animals from breaking it down. After a few days of keeping the cement wet to prevent cracking, they let it dry and then applied Sani-tred, a rubber compound, to waterproof/seal the pond (Ideal Products, Plymouth, Ind. ph 574 784-3308). "The sealant will keep the pond from leaking if the cement ever does crack," says Davenport.

"I planted some pond plants such as lily pads and mosses to add oxygen so the water stays clear all the time. Now frogs and water bugs have made themselves at home in the pond, too," notes Davenport.

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## Old Seats Make Great Clocks

Pete Peters likes to find new uses for old things. So he gets a big kick out of turning old tractor and implement seats into clocks. "You have to get a clock kit with a long enough stem so you can put some big washers on it because the holes at the center of most seats are too big," Peters says. He sells seat clocks for \$30 (Can.) plus S&H.

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All you need is a clock kit and an old seat to make a unique timepiece like this one.