

## Reader Recipes

We're looking for unusual, innovative, or just plain good-tasting recipes. If you have a favorite you'd like to share, send to: Reader Recipes, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044.

### Corn Chowder

3-4 medium potatoes, peeled  
1 pkg smoked or Polish sausage  
Green pepper, chopped  
Onion, chopped  
1 can cream-style corn  
1 12-oz. can evaporated milk  
Dice and cook potatoes until tender. Do not drain. Cut up sausage. Add to potatoes along with green pepper and onion. Add cream-style corn and evaporated milk. Warm on low temp on stove or in crockpot.  
*Mary Post*

### Apple Cake

4 cups apples, peeled and diced  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup chopped English walnuts  
Mix the above in a large bowl and let stand 1 hr. Stir often. Mix together in a large bowl:  
3 cups sifted flour  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1/2 tsp salt  
2 tsp soda  
1 cup oil  
1 tsp vanilla  
2 eggs, well beaten  
Add apple mixture and stir well. Pour into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake 75 min. at 350°.  
*Barbara J. Bey, Greenfield, Okla.*

### BBQ Hot Dogs

1/4 cup onion, chopped  
2 tbsp brown sugar  
1/2 cup ketchup  
1/4 cup water  
2 tbsp oil  
1 tbsp vinegar  
3 tsp Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 tsp prepared mustard  
1/2 cup celery, diced  
12 hot dogs  
Brown onion in oil. Add remaining ingredients and simmer several minutes. Split hot dogs and put into sauce. Bake at 375° for 50 to 60 min.  
*Kathy Keimig*



With a conventional tie, stripes in knot don't line up with rest of tie (left). They do on the new tie.



## Stripes Line Up On Patented Tie

How about this? A tie with stripes that line up.

No matter how you tie a regular striped tie, the stripes in the knot go a different direction than the rest of the tie. For some reason, that bothered Eric Glennie, who designed and patented a new tie that lines up.

"I took a plain white tie and tied a knot," Glennie says. "I used a marker to map out the stripes with the tie tied, untied the tie, and there was my prototype for the in-line necktie."

"The tie comes in different sizes," Glennie says. "I have the stripes change direction at the 20-in. mark from the bottom of the tie for men below 6-ft. tall and at the 23-in. mark for men over 6-ft. tall."

He sells his ties for \$39.95 in a variety of styles and colors on his website. He's also interested in selling to retailers.

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## Quilt Insulates Leaky Windows

Window quilts consist of five layers including polyester batting, a Mylar vapor barrier and cotton/polyester cloth. The quilted pattern is created with ultrasonic welding (melting) so there are no holes from stitches.

Window Quilt is the only product of its kind certified for the government's energy tax credit when installed on single or double pane windows. The track design that seals the quilt to the window on all four sides is what sets the Window Quilt apart from other products on the market.

Besides reducing heat loss, Window Quilt eliminates drafts in the winter and can reduce the summer cooling load by 40 percent. Plus, Window Quilt blocks outside noise.

"There's a fair amount of skepticism when people first see them, but we've got a 30-year track record. You get the biggest bang for your buck as far as energy conservation," owner Larry Digney says, noting that Window Quilt makes existing windows more efficient than expensive new windows.

More than 600,000 Window Quilts have been sold over the years to homeowners and businesses. For example, one restaurant with 100 windows added them because people were avoiding tables next to the windows. They're in schools, hospitals, a nature center, cabins at Grand Tetons Park and in a 6,000-window apartment complex.

Window Quilt shades on rollers cost \$20/sq. ft. Panel quilts designed mostly for windows closed off for extended periods cost \$12/sq. ft. They're sold through dealers and the company's website.

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## How To Keep Your Toothpaste Tube Rolled Up

By C. F. Marley, Contributing Editor

Have you ever been annoyed because your toothpaste tube wouldn't stay rolled up? Back in the days of lead foil tubes, the tubes would stay wound up as you used up the toothpaste. But today's plastic tubes unwind like they're spring-loaded.

I've found that attaching a paper clip to the end of the tube is a good way to keep it rolled up.

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Attaching a paper clip to the end of toothpaste tube keeps it rolled up.

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## New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

### She Turns Photos Into Mailbox Art

Dana Miserez and her husband, Mark, operate a thriving business painting farm scenes onto custom mailboxes.

Mark does all the prep and finish work, while Dana is the artist. She creates a unique design based on your specifications using an air brush, automotive paint, and two coatings of automotive clear coat. She'll work from a photo you provide, or create a scene you describe.

"These are high quality paintings - realistic scenes of whatever the customer wants," says Miserez. "I don't use patterns. I paint each mailbox freehand, so no two are ever alike."

The mailboxes are powder-coated high-quality metal. "We add two coatings of automotive clear coat to protect the paint. This finishing process helps to maintain the brilliance of the paint and is weather and fade-resistant, just like the finish on a vehicle," says Miserez.

Three different sizes of mailboxes are available. Prices range from \$115 to \$200 depending on the size of the mailbox and whether one or both sides are painted.

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Farm scenes are painted onto custom mailboxes. They can be based on photos supplied by customer.

## Super Efficient, Brighter Light Bulb

A new, brighter light bulb that's also super efficient is coming to market in 2010. The ESL (Electron Stimulated Luminescence) bulbs reportedly have all the advantages of the mercury-containing compact fluorescent bulbs without the drawbacks.

Normal incandescent bulbs send the current through a filament to produce light. CFL's and standard fluorescents send current through mercury vapor. LED's send current through a semiconductor.

ESL's, on the other hand, accelerate electrons to make light. It creates the same light quality as an incandescent, but requires much less energy and promises a longer life.

According to a spokesman for the company, the new bulbs are superior to CFL and LED bulbs. "CFL's don't dim, require warm-up time, work poorly or not at all in cold environments. They'll also fail prematurely if turned on and off often," says Mark Prentice. "LED's perform better but are expensive, often \$70 to \$100 per bulb."

"ESL bulbs are instant on, cold and heat tolerant, fully dimmable and highly efficient," says Prentice. "A 19 to 20-watt ESL replaces a 65-watt incandescent."

Another advantage of ESL bulbs over CFL's is they're wastebasket friendly. CFL's contain mercury and require special handling and clean-up if broken.

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ESL bulbs are said to outperform mercury-containing, compact fluorescent bulbs.