

## Reader Recipes

### Microwave Corn

2 cans whole kernel corn, drained  
1 can mushrooms, drained and cut up  
1/2 tsp pepper  
1/2 lb. Velveeta cheese, cut into chunks  
4 tbsp butter  
2 tbsp flour  
1 tbsp sugar  
Melt butter in microwave container, then add sugar and flour till smooth. Mix in cheese then add rest of ingredients and microwave till all is melted and hot.

### Carrot Relish

12 medium carrots  
5 sweet green peppers  
1 sweet red pepper  
6 medium onions  
2 tbsp celery seed  
1/2 cup pickling salt  
6 cups sugar  
6 cups white vinegar  
1/2 tsp cayenne pepper  
Peel carrots, remove ribs and seeds from peppers, peel onions. Put all vegetables through a meat grinder using a coarse blade. In a large pot, heat spices, sugar and vinegar to boiling. Add vegetables and simmer for 20 min. Pack hot relish into hot, sterilized jars, leaving 1/4 in. of headspace. Place lid on jar, screw down ring firmly. Process for 15 min. in boiling water.

### Pineapple Cream Pie

2 cups sour cream  
1 large pkg. instant vanilla pudding  
3 tbsp sugar  
1 8-oz. can crushed pineapple (don't drain)  
1 pre-baked pie crust  
Cool Whip  
Beat sour cream, pudding, sugar and pineapple together until smooth. Then put the mixture into the pie crust. Top it with Cool Whip.

### Fresh Pumpkin Dip

8 oz. cream cheese  
2 cups powdered sugar  
15-oz. can pumpkin puree  
1 tbsp cinnamon  
1 tbsp pumpkin pie spice  
Mix sugar and cream cheese together until smooth. Gradually add pumpkin, then add spices and mix until well combined. Use pretzel sticks for dipping. Keep refrigerated. Yield: 4 cups.

## Do-It-Yourself Pollinator

Bill Whaley's VegiBee Garden Pollinator is popular with gardeners and large commercial growers alike. He says customers report 30 to 50 percent increases in yield. Available in 2 models, the electric toothbrush-like tool imitates the high frequency vibrations of a bee's wings, causing blossoms to release pollen.

"You can use a collection spoon to gather the pollen and then hand pollinate flowers in a home garden," says Whaley. "The other way is to vibrate the flower, moving the pollen into the environment where it has a chance of settling on the female part of the flower."

He reports that large commercial growers sometimes use fans and leaf blowers to get pollen moving in greenhouses. Commercial electric pollinating wands are a more controlled alternative, but they can cost up to \$300.

Whaley says he developed the VegiBee out of frustration with his own vegetable garden. The declining number of pollinators was affecting yield, but he couldn't justify a commercial pollinator. When he developed his prototype, his yields increased 38 percent.

"I harvested 800 tomatoes from less than 20 plants," he says. "When I started selling it for gardeners, I was surprised to get orders from university researchers and commercial growers. I have customers with up to 2,000 tomato plants using them."

Price is a big reason. Whaley sells a 1-speed, battery-powered unit for \$29.99. The 5-speed rechargeable VegiBee sells for \$49.99. It comes with operating instructions for optimum speeds for different plants.

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Electric toothbrush-like VegiBee pollinator (right) causes blossoms to release pollen that can then be gathered with a collection spoon.



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## New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home



Fast-working double compost barrels are easy to fill, turn, and empty.

## They Repair Jeans By Mail

If you have a favorite pair of jeans that are damaged, you can send them off to Denim Therapy, a New York City repair service. You sign up on their website and then ship your washed jeans to them. They'll email a free estimate for your approval and then repair and return the jeans to your door.



Before and after photos of a jean repair job by Denim Therapy.

Reconstruction is done by hand, with a typical repair turnaround of 2 to 3 weeks. They also offer an option to expedite your jeans in 3 to 5 business days for an additional \$25 per pair.

The company does all sorts of denim repair including holes and tears, new and adjusted hems, pocket repair, and belt loop stitching. They replace zippers and buttons and offer a variety of hemming techniques. They say they can repair all sorts of colors and styles.

According to the website, "No matter how extreme we can fix any holes and torn denim. It's not a patch - it's better than a patch. Our repair is a genuine reconstruction of the original denim material. We use a 'match perfect' cotton thread selection process to produce the thread closest to your jean's unique identity."

Some pricing information: Holes and tears cost \$4.50 per 1/2 in. Hem reconstruction \$4 per 1/2 in. Zipper repair \$30. Button replacement \$18. Elastic waist expansion \$35.

Shipping prices vary depending on your area. Domestic U.S. one pair \$12 S&H; 2 pairs \$18 S&H.

The company offers a 3-month warranty on repairs and \$100 insurance per package.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Denim Therapy, 555 8th Ave., Suite 910, New York, N.Y. 10018 (ph 347 935-0089; info@denimtherapy.com; www.denimtherapy.com).

## Her Cookie Cutters Come In All Shapes, Sizes

Ann Clark Cookie Cutters is the largest maker of cookie cutters in the country. Designs range from old favorites like stars and animal shapes to high heel shoes, tractors and Mason jars.

"We list more than 650 products, both individual cutters and collections," says John Romano, the company's promotional sales manager. "We have the ability to do more than 2,000 shapes based on our designs, as well as custom requests."

Romano says most custom requests, such as the Michelin Man cookie cutter made for that company, are promotional items. A minimum order of 250 is required with custom orders taking from 2 to 4 weeks. Recent custom orders have included "conjoined twins" for a medical museum and a Humboldt penguin for a Seattle zoo.

Cookie cutters range in price from \$1.99 to \$4.99 for individual cutters. Most sets are \$4.99 for multiple cutters, but can range as high as \$14.99. Contact the company for custom designs and orders. The company sells direct, but also through wholesale distributors.

"We only do cutters that have an external outline with no interior details," says Romano. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ann Clark Cookie Cutters, 453 Quality Lane, Rutland, Vt. 05701 (ph 802 773-7886; toll free 800 252-6798; info@annclark.com; www.annclarkcookiecutters.com).



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