

Reader Recipes

Chicken In A Hurry

1 1/2 - 2 lbs. boneless chicken breasts
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup ketchup
1/4 cup water
1 package, dry onion soup mix
Place chicken in a casserole dish. Combine ingredients in a small bowl. Pour over chicken. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Cream Of Nettle Soup

1 lb. of nettle leaves
2 tbsp oil or butter
1 minced onion
4 tsp chopped chives
3 tbsp flour
2 cups hot chicken stock
1 cup water
2 tsp seasoned salt
1 tsp fresh ground pepper
1 cup cream
nutmeg, if desired
Heat oil or melt butter in a soup pot. Sauté onion until soft. Add chives and flour and stir until blended. Slowly stir in stock, beating with a wooden spoon until smooth. Add remaining ingredients, except cream, and heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer 20 min. Add cream and heat to boiling. Season to taste. Rub soup through a sieve into a warm serving dish. Sprinkle with nutmeg, if desired.

Strawberry Pretzel Squares

2 cups finely crushed pretzels
1/3 cup melted butter
1/3 cup unsweetened applesauce
1/2 cup sugar, evenly divided
1 1/2 8-oz. packages cream cheese
2 tbsp skim milk
1 cup whipped topping, thawed
2 cups boiling water
1 6-oz. package strawberry gelatin
1 1/2 cups cold water
4 cups fresh sliced strawberries
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix crushed pretzels, butter, applesauce and half of sugar. Press onto bottom of 13-in. x 9-in. pan. Bake 10 min. Cool. Beat cream cheese, milk and remaining sugar. Stir in whipped topping and spread over crust. Refrigerate. Add boiling water to gelatin, mix in a large bowl. Stir 2 min. until dissolved. Stir in cold water. Refrigerate 1 1/2 hours until thick. Stir in strawberries; spoon over cream cheese. Refrigerate 3 hours or until firm. Cut, serve.

Easy Way To Brush Burs Off Clothes

"It works much faster than picking burs off by hand and also saves sore fingers," says Chris Andersen about "BurzOff". Made from recycled glass, the soap bar-sized grey block is designed to remove burs from all outdoor clothing, from denim to fleece.

BurzOff is made by grinding recycled container glass into a fine powder, then mixing the powder with a binding agent. The mixture is sent through an extruder, emerging as pliable 6-in. long oblong plugs. The plugs are then baked at 1,550 degrees F. The glass melts and the bonding agent produces a gas, which forms the bubbles that create the rough texture of the BurzOff block.

The block has 3 sides. Two are flat and at a right angle to each other, and the other is curved to fit your hand.

"The 2 flat sides each have a different coarseness. Which side to use will depend on the kind of burs you have and the kind of fabric," says Andersen. "You place the 90-degree edge where the two sides meet against your clothing, and as you flick the block downward the burs fly onto the ground."

BurzOff sells for \$9.99 plus \$4 S&H.

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Made from recycled glass, BurzOff bar has a rough texture that quickly removes burs from outdoor clothing.



Lightweight gloves are made with a seamless nylon liner coated with polyurethane, and have a knit wrist.

"Baler's Gloves" Offer Lightweight Protection

"Our new Baler's Glove is a long lasting, tough glove that's designed to provide excellent dexterity. They're ideal for doing general farm work such as cleaning out stalls, handling hay bales, repairing fences, and performing vehicle maintenance," says Matt Fox, Summit Glove, Inc., Minerva, Ohio.

The grey, machine knit gloves have a smooth finish and are made with a seamless nylon liner coated with polyurethane. They have a knit wrist.

"The ultra light polyurethane palm coating offers superior grip and abrasion resistance in both dry and light oil applications. The coating is also breathable to avoid palm perspiration, even with continuous use," says Fox. "Baler's Gloves aren't weatherproof, and they provide very little cut protection to your hands, but they will protect your hands when handling rough objects such as hay and straw bales. Dairy farmers like these gloves because they keep their hands clean."

Baler's gloves come in a variety of sizes and are sold exclusively by distributors. Suggested retail price is \$3.75 per pair.

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Mason Jar "Sprayer Cap"

You can turn your old Mason jars to reusable spray dispensers with this plastic trigger sprayer cap. It's equipped with a nozzle that can be set to produce anything from a sharp stream to a mist.

Made from durable BPA-free plastic, the cap is top-rack dishwasher safe and also stain-resistant. It also fits regular-mouth Ball and Kerr jars (jar not included).

Sells on Amazon.com for \$9.99 plus S&H.



Plastic trigger sprayer cap threads onto old Mason jars.

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Surveyor's tape tied to mailbox handle falls out any time the lid is opened.

Simple Alert Says "You've Got Mail"

By Dee Goerge, Contributing Editor

I wish I could say I thought of this mailbox alert idea but I have to credit my youngest sister, Marilyn Schafer, for coming up with this simple solution to a common problem.

She was concerned about our 89-year-old mother walking needlessly to the mailbox - especially in winter when it gets snowy and icy in Michigan. So, Marilyn tied a piece of surveyor's tape to the handle on the mailbox. The end gets tucked inside when she closes the lid. Anytime the lid is opened, the tape falls out, and our mom can easily see it flapping in the wind from her house.

Marilyn made sure to talk to the mail carrier to explain what the tape was for.

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"Rescue" Tool Solves Stuck Ring Problems

Stuck rings are a common problem that occur with swollen fingers. This Ring Rescue compression device, sold by Ace Tool Co., helps to decrease finger swelling, which reduces the need for ring cutting.

The device comes with a mechanical air pump attached to a short tube that slips onto the swollen finger. Opening an air pressure valve applies uniform air pressure to your finger. An attached gauge shows the air pressure.

You place the tube on your finger as close to the ring as you can, while making sure the tube isn't over the top of the ring. Close the air pressure valve and pump up the device so the pressure is in the target zone as shown on the gauge. Raise your hand to a 90 degree angle to further reduce swelling and hold it there for 5 min., then bring your hand down and open the valve.

Before attempting to remove the ring, push the ring back to the base of the finger and then apply lubricant to the area around the ring and underneath it. The company sells a specially designed lubricant that it says won't cause the finger to swell like other lubricants can.

The last step is to remove the ring, using a twisting or back and forth motion to rotate the ring off the finger.

Ace Tool sells the Ring Rescue for \$315 on its website. A video on the website shows how the device works.

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