

## Reader Recipes

### Vinegar Pie

1/2 cup butter, softened  
2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar  
1 8-in. unbaked pie shell  
3 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 1/4 cup sugar

Preheat oven to 350 F. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, vinegar, and vanilla. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake for 45 mins. or until inserted knife comes out clean.

### Old-Fashioned Molasses Corn Bread

1 cup cornmeal  
1 cup flour  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup molasses  
1 cup warm water  
2 tablespoons salted butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease an 8x8 baking dish. Sift cornmeal, flour and baking powder together into a large bowl, mix well. In a small bowl, combine egg, salt, molasses, warm water and melted butter. Stir wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix well. Pour batter into prepared baking dish and bake on the middle rack for 20 mins. or until corn bread is golden brown.

### Hot Chocolate

4 cups milk  
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup bittersweet or semisweet chocolate chips  
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Pinch of salt

Mix milk, cocoa powder and sugar in a small saucepan. Heat over medium-low to medium heat, whisking frequently, until warm but not boiling. Add chocolate chips and whisk constantly until the chocolate chips melt and distribute evenly into the milk. Whisk in vanilla extract and a pinch of salt. Serve immediately.

Recipe from [www.celebratingsweets.com](http://www.celebratingsweets.com)



**Silicone inhibits the gas that fruit releases, slowing the ripening process.**

## These Hats Keep Bananas Fresh

A simple and effective solution for the yucky, overripe banana, Nana Hats features an innovative design and is made of BPA-free silicone. Nana Hats inhibit the gas that fruit releases, slowing the ripening process.

Knit "hats" fit over stretchy silicone caps with magnets. There are 15 designs to choose from, ranging from a cat or dog to a Viking or Santa hat.

"It's always been a race against time to eat my fresh bananas before they'd go brown. Over the years, I've tried various methods to keep my bananas looking yellow, such as duct tape, Saran Wrap and tin foil. I wasn't getting results," says Sean Adler, founder of Nana Hats. Nana Hats were featured on the show Shark Tank.

Priced at \$14.99, they offer free U.S. shipping on orders over \$20.

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**Blanket has a waterproof side and a cozy fleece side for warmth, and is designed to stay on chairs.**

## Blanket Fits Outdoor Chairs

The Chair Blanket™ is a windproof, waterproof chair cover that doubles as a blanket. It attaches easily to fit most chairs and stays secure with an adjustable, stretch-to-fit back so it won't shift, fly away or fall off your chair.

Available in green, red, gray, blue or pink plaid, the patent-pending design fits Adirondack chairs, camping chairs and stadium seats. It features a waterproof side and a cozy fleece side for warmth, making it a great choice for backyards, picnics, travel, camping, sporting events and tailgating.

Measuring 26 in. wide by 53 in. long, it's machine-washable and dryer-safe. It includes an attached carry bag for easy transport and an adjustable cord stop for a snug fit.

The Chair Blanket sells for \$60 online through the company website and on Amazon. If you like to extend your time sitting outside into cooler or wet weather, this blanket might do the trick.

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**Ideal for potlucks, tailgates, BBQs, family dinners and church gatherings, silicone straps prevent leaks and protect food on the go.**

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## New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home



**Dish uses heat from hot water to soften butter making it easy to spread.**

## 'Sauna' Softens Butter

Tired of rock-hard butter in the kitchen? The Butter Sauna softens butter to a perfect spreadable consistency in minutes using steam. No microwaving or waiting required. It ensures even softening without melting or uneven textures.

To use, pour hot water (from a kettle or tap) into the base, then place your stick or block of butter on the platform. Cover the butter with the lid to create a sealed environment where steam collects. The steam gently warms the butter from all sides, bringing it to a consistent, soft texture. In minutes, the butter is soft enough for spreading or baking without becoming oily or melted.

Perfect for baking, cooking or simply spreading on toast, this butter softener works with sticks, blocks or small portions. It includes a dedicated butter knife. All parts are dishwasher-safe for easy cleanup.

We found prices ranging from \$16 to \$20 online. It's available on Grommet, Amazon and QVC.

User reviews were generally positive, though some noted that it takes too long to boil water and then wait for the butter to soften. However, most said it was much better than using a microwave.

## Keep Dishes Safe On-The-Go

Need to take a baking dish or casserole to a party or event? Keeping the lid on and the contents inside can be a challenge. A silicone lid latch might be a quick, easy way to ensure your dish arrives intact.

Universal-fit, reusable, heat-resistant, food-grade silicone lid latch straps keep lids tightly sealed. They're designed for most 6, 7 and 8-quart Crock-Pot, Hamilton Beach, Westinghouse and Revel slow cookers, casserole dishes, pots and pans. Lid latch straps are hand-washable and suitable for use in hot or cold conditions.

A simple two-step locking design keeps your lid secure without clips, clamps or tools. Lay the flexible strap flat under the pot or dish, then stretch one end up to the center knob or handle. Place one strap hole over the knob or handle to hold it in place, then repeat on the other side. For larger pots or casseroles, position the strap on top of the lid and stretch each end down to the side handles. Secure one hole on one handle and the other hole on the opposite handle.

Straps should be used only after cooking or heating is finished. Do not attach straps until the pot or dish has fully cooled.

"Fits my crockpot and casserole dishes with a round knob. Took it to a party; the hostess noticed it and said they wanted one. For my large crockpot, I hooked the band onto the legs. You have to tilt it to get the band securely around the legs. Being heat-resistant is a plus," says Janet Smith in an online review, giving it 5 out of 5 stars on Amazon.

Priced at \$14 for two XL straps, they're available from Mella on Amazon. Other sizes, colors and styles are also readily available online.