

Reader Recipes

Green Tomato Bread

2 cups sugar
1 cup vegetable oil
2 eggs, beaten
1 tsp vanilla
3 cups flour
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp salt
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp baking powder
1 1/2 cups chopped nuts
2 cups grated green tomatoes

Mix sugar, oil, eggs and vanilla together. Add flour, cinnamon, salt, baking soda and baking powder. Mix well, then add nuts and tomatoes. Pour into two greased loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 50 min. or until done.

Lovina Eicher,
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Mayonnaise Rolls

2 cups self-rising flour
1 cup milk
4 tbsp real mayonnaise
Combine and mix ingredients. Pour into greased muffin tins. Bake in preheated 400° oven for 22 min.

Spinach Balls

2 10-oz. boxes of frozen chopped spinach
1 box seasoned stuffing mix
2 large onions, chopped
5 beaten eggs
3/4 cup melted margarine
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 tbsp garlic salt
1 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp thyme

Mix all ingredients together. Chill about 2 hrs. Make into small balls and bake at 350° for 20 to 30 min.

Oatmeal Pie

1/4 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp cloves
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup coconut
1 cup dark Karo corn syrup
3 eggs
1 cup uncooked rolled oats
1 unbaked pie crust

Cream butter and sugar together; add cinnamon, cloves, and salt. Stir in syrup; add eggs, one at a time, stirring after each addition until blended. Stir in milk and coconut next. Stir in rolled oats and pour into unbaked 9-in. pie shell. Bake at 350° for 1 hr. or until knife comes out clean.



Mini greenhouse converts into a raised bed garden by lifting structure's hinged end.



Mini Easy-To-Access DIY Greenhouse

We spotted a clever DIY greenhouse on the internet that appears to be an easy way to extend the growing season. The design is posted at www.swingcocoa.blogspot.com. Click on "covered greenhouse" for photos and step-by-step instructions to build the 4 by 8-ft. structure. The 2 by 12 wooden frame includes a chicken wire bottom to avoid mole and gopher issues.

The 1/2-in. pvc arches are beefed up with woven wire secured by electrical tape, before covering them with plastic or breathable garden fabric.

With hinges on one end, the early season greenhouse transforms into a raised bed garden by simply lifting the other end to open it. It can be lowered whenever the weather is bad or to extend the season.

Fitted with a hose adapter in the frame, the greenhouse is set up for an automatic watering system with a soaker hose.



Bicycle wheels are mounted on side of house and on a pole 40 ft. away. Clothes line is advanced by spinning wheel on house.

Bicycle Wheels Used To Make Handy Clothesline

Wheels from a bicycle her children used to ride now make Genelle Brown's laundry days easier. Mounted on the side of the house and on a pole 40 ft. away, she advances the line by spinning the wheel on the house.

It's also the source for curious conversation as stuffed clothing on the bike makes it look like a child is riding up the pole.

"E.T. has nothing on this clothesline," laughs Bill Brown. He improvised the bicycle clothesline about 10 years ago, when the couple moved into a new house.

"We had a 20-in. bike setting around, so I took the tires off and used the rims to hold the clothesline," he says.

He mounted them through the steering frame to brackets on the pole and house.

With vinyl clothesline pulled taut and knotted, the line has worked well for 10 years.

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Flower Planter Made From Old Farm Parts

Jeff Prose figures he has spent a couple hundred hours in the past 5 years building tool hangers, equipment organizers and various devices that make his shop user-friendly. This past winter he came up with an idea to make his wife's flower garden unique.

Prose created a flower planter from an old disk blade, an old well pipe and 3 cattle salt feeders. "I rescued the broken disk blade and the well pipe from the junk pile, and found the salt bowls at an antique shop," Prose says. "I cut a 3-ft. piece of pipe and welded it onto the blade to create a sturdy pipe stand for the salt bowls."

He mounted the bowls on the pipe using the original clamp brackets and bolts that attached the bowls to pipes in a cattle barn. Prose says the brackets are cast iron and made to hold the 20-lb. bowl and 20 lbs. of salt. "The 10-in. bowls make real nice pot holders for trailing flowers. Water drains out through tap holes in the bottom of the bowl."

Prose says his wife really enjoys the new stand, especially since the original lettering from the manufacturer is visible on all three bowls - Ideal Equipment Company.

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Flower stand is made from 3 salt feeder bowls mounted on a pipe welded to a disk blade.

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