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Recipe of the month

Valentine's Day Brownies

3/4 c. unsalted butter
4 oz. unsweetened chocolate
4 oz. semisweet chocolate
1/2 c. all-purpose flour
1/2 c. unsweetened cocoa powder
3/4 tsp. salt

6 large eggs
1 c. granulated sugar
1 c. packed brown sugar
2 tsp. vanilla extract
vanilla frosting, for decorating

Total time: 40 mins. Yield: 16 servings

- Heat oven to 350°F. Line 13-inch by 9-inch pan with foil; grease foil.
- In 3-quart saucepan, melt butter and chocolates on low, stirring. Remove from heat.
- In bowl, whisk flour, cocoa and salt. In large bowl, with electric mixer on high speed, beat eggs until blended. Gradually add sugars; beat until tripled in volume, about 10 minutes.
- Fold in chocolate mixture and vanilla, then flour mixture. Pour into pan. Bake until toothpick inserted near centre comes out almost clean, 28 to 32 minutes.
- Once cool, cut brownies into hearts freehand or using a heart-shaped cookie cutter. (Tip: Don't let the trimmings go to waste – you can even crumble them onto a sundae!)
- Pipe on store-bought frosting to create cute chocolate "conversation hearts."

Source: www.goodhousekeeping.com

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Everybody's Talking

Cat handbags: A woman in Japan, known as Pico, designs handbags that look like real cats. Using faux fur, a handbag might appear to be a pure white kitten, a black and white cat about to pounce, or a green-eyed grey feline that wants to cuddle. One of Pico's creations is a knapsack which, on the wearer's back, looks like a house cat on its haunches clawing at a screen door. Pico's work became known on social media, but she makes them in limited numbers because she is busy raising her young children.

Car museum: Many famous automobiles have appeared in movies over the years. Anyone with a hankering to see their favourite movie vehicle can visit the Celebrity Car Museum in Branson, Missouri (U.S.). More than 100 such cars are collected there, from the Ford Explorer in Jurassic Park to the Flintstone's granite car to the Batmobile from the 1966 TV series. The museum is the brainchild of the Velvet family, who have been car collectors for years. Displays change because the family regularly buys and sells cars. Visitors are welcome to pretend to be a movie star behind the wheel.

Body art: Born in Italy, Johannes Stötter is an artist who is an impressive body painter. He uses human models as his canvas and creates realistic looking animals, insects, reptiles, fish, and more. As the models can't stay in place indefinitely, he takes photos of the finished work. Often, it's difficult to tell there is a human being (or two) in the photo. For example, he painted two models to look like a crocodile. He painted one curled-up model to look like a beautiful butterfly. Two models, one on top of the other, appear to be a scaly lizard. Aside from his painting, Stötter is also a trained musician.

Crazy furniture: A furniture maker from Auckland, New Zealand, has found a way to make his creations unique. Henk Verhoeff uses his carpentry skills to design and make furniture that looks like it's warped or cracked – but it is not. In reality, every drawer opens perfectly on a dresser that appears to be crooked and broken, and a hole in the door of a side table is camouflage for miniature shelves on the inside. It is quite a feat for Verhoeff to accurately cut the angles so the moving parts work properly. Verhoeff's work became known when his daughter posted some images on social media.

Quoteable Quotes

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"Oh who can tell the range of joy Or set the bounds of beauty?" —Sara Teasdale

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NEW FEATURE!

Trivia

1. What did amateur astronomers Alan Hale and Thomas Bopp discover in 1995?
2. The five basic senses are hearing, sight, smell, taste, and what?
3. A vicissitude is a legal exception or a change of luck?
4. What are the Leonids?
5. A fedora is a type of wild cat or a felt hat?

(Flip bottom of page for answers)

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