

Create a game for rainy days

POLLY'S POINTERS



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DEAR POLLY — I use the tubes from waxed paper or plastic wrap for bats in this homemade ball game. The children and I sit on the floor with our legs in a V and bat a ball back and forth. Home runs are called when the ball goes between a player's legs, fouls when it rolls outside the legs. —

T.L.

DEAR T.L. — That's a great "outdoor" game when the weather keeps little ones indoors! Your helpful pointer earns you the Pointer of the Week award, a copy of my book "Polly's Pointers: 1,081 Helpful Hints for Making Everything Last Longer." Others may order it for \$6.50. Make your check payable to POLLY'S POINTERS and send to POLLY'S POINTERS, P.O. Box 93863, Cleveland, OH 44101-5863. — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — One year I accidentally made my orange marmalade too thick. I had some fig preserves that were too thin, so I mixed them half and half and heated them enough to blend the flavors. This turned out so well that I purposely made more of this mixture. Try it. The figs are a little sweet and the orange in them gives it just the right taste. — HELEN

DEAR HELEN — And the real pointer here is that creative thinking to save a "mistake" often spawns something even better than the original was supposed to be! Many thanks. — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — Try this way of freezing sweet potatoes: After washing and baking, place the unpeeled potatoes in a freezer bag and seal. Freeze. If you want a baked whole sweet potato, remove from the freezer, let thaw at room temperature or place the frozen potato in the microwave, and heat. Slit open the skin and stuff with margarine or butter. Presto! A fresh baked potato.

Or you may peel the potato and have a casserole with coconut, pecans or other ingredients to taste. You may also slice and fry. — A SWEET POTATO LOVER

DEAR POLLY — Mealy bugs have infested my spider plant. How can I get rid of them? I'd hate to throw out this beautiful plant — it is several years old and has produced many baby spiders for me. — ANN

DEAR ANN — One method you might try first since it's easy is to give the plant a gentle shower with an insecticidal soap such as Safer's.

The other remedy is painstaking but simple. Dab at each mealy bug with a cotton swab dipped in alcohol. It may take time and patience if your plant is badly infested, but it will get rid of the bugs.

I'm sending you a copy of my newsletter "Hints for Healthy House Plants," which offers pest-control hints as well specific care instructions for 20 popular house plants. Others who would like a copy of this issue should send \$1 for each copy to POLLY'S POINTERS, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 93863, Cleveland, OH 44101-5863. Be sure to in-

clude the title. — POLLY
DEAR POLLY — When making macaroni salad, boil the macaroni in any kind of pickle juice (add enough water to cook the macaroni properly). This is a delicious and nifty way to use something that would otherwise get thrown out. — KAY

DEAR POLLY — I keep appliance guarantees and instructions in a large expandable alphabetized file folder. I file these under the names of the appliances, not the manufacturers — that is, sweeper, stereo, etc., under "S," and toaster, tools, etc., under "T." — SHIRLEY

DEAR POLLY — Rubbing a slightly wet tea bag over a scratch on my varnished door helped to disguise it. It saved a paint job! — THELMA


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