

Home & Garden

Make your own sauerkraut

It's been a good year for cabbage so why not make some homemade sauerkraut?

Here's a recipe sent to us by Nicholas's Garden Nursery, Albany, Oregon:

For making small amounts, using only four or five pounds of cabbage, wash and finely shred, clean crisp cabbage, with cores removed. One pound of shredded cabbage should fill a pint jar.

To each pound, add two teaspoons of salt, then mix thoroughly. Only four or five pounds of cabbage should be prepared at one time to assure proper mixing.

After packing in jars, put on lids but do not seal. Place jars in an enamel pan, or on a board or other container, which won't be damaged by brine, and allow to ferment in a cool place for about 10 days.

NEXT, prepare a brine of two tablespoons of salt dissolved in one quart of water. Pour this liquid into jars and fill to cover sauerkraut.

Clean jars thoroughly so lids fit tightly, and process for 15 minutes. You'll have delicious kraut. Some people use wine with their sauerkraut, but we've never made it this way.



The Green Thumb

by GEORGE ARMBRIST

Does anyone have a recipe for making "winekraut"? Please send it along. Meanwhile, we still have copies of our booklet, "34 recipes for Using Sauerkraut." And one of them tells how to make chocolate cake, using sauerkraut. It's great, and you can't tell it from coconut shreds. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your free copy.

WHAT CAN BE DONE to control or prevent that powdery material on the leaves of begonias, violets and other house plants?

This material is a fungus (powdery mildew) and leaves can be so badly affected as to cause stunting, discoloration and some are deformed.

The Rieger begonia, tuberous and others are all susceptible. For control, Sulfur is a good preventative. Snip off badly diseased

leaves promptly. Avoid splashing water on the foliage. Good air movement around the plants helps reduce the mildew problem.

Plants that are well-spaced are often less severely attacked than those that are crowded. Wiping off leaves with a damp cloth sometimes removes the spores and disease.

GREEN THUMB CLINIC: "Is it safe to use cat litter in the compost pile?"

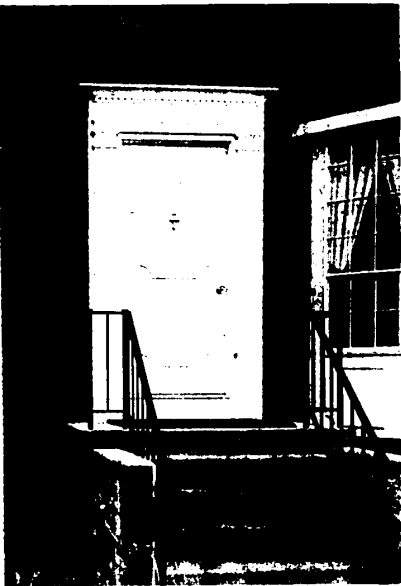
Answer: Composted kitty litter is fine for ornamental plants, shrubs, trees and flowers, but it is not a good idea for a vegetable garden. A common cause of eye infection is a one-celled parasite *Toxoplasma gondii*, which is carried by excrement. Don't let this scare you into getting rid of your cat. Kitty litter (used) can be

scattered on icy driveways or around trees and shrubs, but not on the vegetable garden, or compost for use on edible plants.

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wood's rich grain pattern and texture. Ponderosa pine, white pine and English spruce are low-resin woods that are well suited to interior staining. To assure the best effect, try one or more hues on scrap pieces of the wood being used.

Linoleum on way out

People who sell resilient floor coverings are caught between feelings of nostalgia and relief over the news that linoleum will no longer be made in this country.

The relief was due to the anticipation that now their products would be called by their rightful names—vinyl asbestos tile or the various kinds of sheet vinyl—rather than the almost generic term "linoleum."

The nostalgia was over the demise of our first resilient flooring. Linoleum goes back for a long time—115 years. It was invented in England in 1860 by Frederick Walton, who had noticed that linseed oil oxidized on the surface of open paint cans.

He devised a mix of this oxidized oil, ground cork and resin on a backing of burlap, which was cured for weeks in large ovens. The result was

an inexpensive and long-lasting floor covering.

ACCORDING TO the Better Floors Council of the Resilient Tile Institute, Linoleum has been produced in the United States since 1900.

Colors were dull at first, but by the early '30s the industry had so improved them and the manufacturing technology that linoleum became our most popular floor covering in kitchens, baths, hallways and other heavy duty areas.

It has gradually been supplanted by the more modern versions, mainly asbestos tile which was introduced in the early '30s. But over the years it was so much a part of our lives we often referred to any type of resilient as linoleum.

It was a good product, but it probably won't be missed. We have better ones now.

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