



NOW HERE'S A TIP - By JoAnn Derson

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* To make a great place for face cloths and even books in your bathroom, install a window box on the inside. Find a window box that will fit on the ledge and secure it in place. Bathroom windows usually are small, and it's a great place to stash stuff and keep it out of the way.

* "Some restaurants have really durable kid cups that come with a kids' meal. We tend to save these, like most parents. I have several in the car, washed and stacked with their lids. I've also stashed some individually wrapped straws with them. Whenever we go to the park, we can pull them out and fill them at the water fountain. It's really convenient, and we don't feel bad if they need to get trashed or we lose track of them." -- T.C. in Texas

* To protect a boo-boo that's on an awkward spot on your finger, cut the finger off a rubber glove and wear it. It can help to keep a slipping bandage in place, and if you secure it with waterproof tape, you can keep your wound dry.

* "I love pizza, but don't like reheated pizza -- at least I didn't until I found out about this little trick. Microwave the slice to warm. Then slip it into a nonstick skillet to cook the rest of the way. It takes only a few minutes, but you end up with a crispy crust and no cheese melting off the side (you can just flick it back on). It's great!" -- M., via e-mail

* Got dry knuckles? It's not surprising at this time of year. Let your lip balm do double duty. Rub it into the dry skin at your knuckles and around your nails for some instant dry-skin relief.

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