

WITHOUT A NET

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- Crack eggs into a mixing bowl; whisk until homogenous, about 10 seconds.
- Whisk in milk, cinnamon and vanilla extract until homogenous, about 15 seconds.
- Heat a skillet over medium to medium-high heat. Add butter or oil; tilt pan to distribute evenly across surface.
- Dunk bread slices one at a time into egg mixture. Remove from mixture, let drip back into bowl, then place in pan. Do as many slices as will fit comfortably in pan. Cook bread until golden brown on one side, 2-3 minutes; flip and repeat. Transfer to a warm plate and finish cooking remaining bread.
- Serve immediately with syrup, sour cream, powdered sugar and/or fresh fruit.

TWO-INGREDIENT TOMATO SAUCE

Prep: 5 minutes
Cook: 25 minutes
Makes: 4 to 8 servings

Yes, there are more than two ingredients, but two main ingredients, OK? Leave me alone.

- Olive oil or any neutral oil
- 1 pound bulk hot Italian sausage
- 1/2 large onion, peeled, diced, optional
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes
- Broth or water, optional
- 1 pound pasta, cooked according to package directions
- Salt as needed (optional)

- Heat a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium high heat. When hot, add oil to cover bottom of pan. Add sausage and onion if using. Cook, stirring, until sausage is cooked all the way through, 5 to 10 minutes.
- Stir in tomatoes; simmer until flavors are melded, 15 to 20 minutes. If it looks too thick, thin as needed with some broth or water. Taste for seasoning; add salt if necessary.
- Serve immediately over the pasta.

GIFTING

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Donations over the past 4 years have included clothing, furniture and food, but what most members and administrators of the group love is when someone gives their time and talent to help another person. The lead administrator of the Facebook page, Anah Harvey, said she has seen offers of many kinds, including raking leaves and child care.

"The sky is the limit," Harvey said. "One of the best gifts I've seen offered is a one-

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— Anah Harvey, Buy Nothing La Grande/Island City and Surrounding Areas Facebook page administrator

hour photo shoot that is still available."

The group does not give on a first-come, first-served basis, but instead lets post "simmer" before deciding on a recipient. Harvey said this gives people who aren't online as often an opportunity to reply to gifting posts.

"The gifter can choose who they give it to for any reason, but sometimes we like to play games, like choosing a number or asking about your favorite color," she said. "That is how we are building community."

The official boundary for the La Grande-centered

group is a 20-mile radius. However, as the group still is growing membership, Harvey said, people in Baker City are included.

"People give for a variety of reasons," Harvey said. "It feels good to give and it's fun. It's also nice to declutter or downsize your belongings. Sometimes it's easier to let things go when you know they will be used and appreciated. I also think people have an understanding of how receiving a little help during a difficult time can make a huge difference in someone's life."

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