Subject: Comfort Food
Posted by b_twin_1 on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 00:52:43 GMT
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Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by jmeadows on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 01:02:50 GMT
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Quote:‡‡ I feel that having them one at a time would be a better idea, but I’m not sure if the Time Travelling Admin will allow this.

I think you're right on both counts. That's just the way things are, in real life and in fiction. *le sigh*

So...did you ever find the off switch on Gizmo X?

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Posted by b_twin_1 on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 01:07:20 GMT
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Oh yeah. People usually start to faint when I show up in a) a skirt or b) make-up. Well you just don't wear it around the farm. What's the point? It's not like one of the ewes is going to pipe up and say "That's a great shade of lippy you're wearing today!" And personally I feel that they don't like perfumes either. Their noses are so much better than ours and people go around with enough scent to make my eyes water ... pity the poor pets!!

Then the hellhounds caught a grouse††
Yay!

and Darkness ducked out of his harness.†††
Ooops.

What, not even a house cow?
Nope. We don't do ordinary dairy much remember ... ;)

And I’m a trifle old-fashioned, having learnt scones from Constance Spry and Nell Beaton–fizzy lemonade, feh–
Apparently they are really good. And light.

There’s also a recipe for Savoury Scones which specifies ‘tasty’ cheese.
As opposed to the other kind I guess?
Cheddar is designated here as Tasty/ Extra Tasty / Vintage

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Susan from Athens on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 01:27:58 GMT
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Thanks Robin and b_twin_1 for the food blog. This seems like a nice and easy risotto dish. On the weekend, when it isn't 3:30 in the morning I'll write up my spanakorizo and prassorizo recipes, which are two vegetarian dishes that are classic in Greek households: spinach rice (which I abhor but my entire family adores) and leek rice, which I very much adore. These are made with olive oil, not butter and, obviously, rice and are not watched over like a hawk either.

b_twin_1 a question (Robin and anybody else, please wade in with your opinion): I was always taught when sauteeing onions to add the garlic towards the end, as if it gets over-fried it becomes bitter, so I would end it once the onion turns translucent. But you don't. Does this accentuate or fade out the garlickness?

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Black Bear on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 01:44:40 GMT
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About everything, of course. Peter, hellhounds, me, PEGASUS, the American presidential election, the global economy, whether IE will ever stop crashing, and whether Yog-Sothoth will ever make it through the barrier between that universe and this one.

Well, look at it this way. If the last thing on your list happens, the first seven really become moot anyway... So you might just condense all that worry down to just fearing the impending arrival of the Outer Gods, as that'll cover everything else under its cyclopean umbrella of Certain Doom.
Saves you time and energy!

"Black Bear--helping people Fear More Efficiently since 1989."

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Susan from Athens on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 01:57:37 GMT
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Black Bear wrote on Fri, 31 October 2008 03:44
"Black Bear--helping people Fear More Efficiently since 1989."

What between you and Jodi there appears to be a lot of world-conquering going on. Benign, influential and "twisted"?

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::thinks:: Sometimes I toss it all in together. I don't have it 'hot hot' I guess. Other times I do wait until the onion is nearly done (those are the times I remember that you are supposed to do that ...) I don't recall being hit with a sense of "oops the garlic is bitter". But maybe I am not a garlic expert and need to improve my palate?? ;)

Just a note: It can be tricky getting the heat down low enough once it is gently (and I mean gently) simmering. I have a gas cook top and I use a smaller burner rather than the big one. Practice. ;)

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Jenny Rae Rappaport on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 03:20:21 GMT
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Robin, congrats on the printer/fax/copier all-in-one.

One note of caution though:

Please plug it into something more powerful than just a standard surge protector. I've recently had the experience with mine that even with a surge protector, it CAN get hit by lightning.

The damn thing prints, copies, and scans beautifully. It refuses to acknowledge that it has a fax modem in it, because the modem is the part that got fried by the lightning. Hewlett Packard and I are going to have a long discussion about getting it fixed very soon.

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by southdowner on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 04:57:24 GMT
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I hope the grouse and the harness ducking weren't too traumatic? And that all relevant switches and buttons are now to hand :)

Definitely a case for comfort food; I lurve pine nuts and no one else I know will even eat them so once again I know that I'm on the right forum! And Yay! for tasty cheese; I want extra mature vintage cheddar which bites back - "nice" cheese tends to have such good manners that it spends ages saying "after you, no seriously, after you" to the taste buds lol

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Hurrah! Black Bear to the rescue! Fear not! Fear's here! Black Bear is near!
- do you help penguins fear too? ::ducks::

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Posted by southdowner on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 05:04:28 GMT
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I adore spinach so looking forward to the weekend :)

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Posted by southdowner on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 05:08:00 GMT
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I must get out more! Pretty much all my clothes are dog walking clothes, and lippy?? (Note to self - book haircut for 6th!)

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Diane in MN on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 06:27:09 GMT
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Posted by Diane in MN on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 06:47:05 GMT
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They are being busy boys lately, aren't they? The harness-slipping trick is really scary; I hope he settled down and came in to you without giving you too many grey hairs.

my new all-in-one printer/scanner/fax, which is going to Revolutionise My Life or at least give me back a little shelf space

We've had an HP four-in-one (copier too) for several years now, and it is a very good machine, with a reasonable footprint and no problems. If yours works as well, you will like it. I don't know if it will revolutionize your life, though . . .:)

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Posted by Mrs Redboots on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 08:23:09 GMT
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Posted by AJLR on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 11:09:57 GMT
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Thank you, Black Bear, I was feeling all exhausted and grey today but that line produced a real 'Snork' moment and I now feel much better. :)

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Posted by AJLR on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 11:16:54 GMT
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Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by anef on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 11:19:17 GMT
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She and I share bafflement that the original poster seems to think this modest recipe would stretch to feed 20. . . . Twenty what?

Probably a typo for 2, don't you think?

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Louiz on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 11:38:01 GMT
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b_twin_1 and Robin... mmmm sounds good!

We do something a little similar, but add bertilotti (sp?) beans and/or hotdogs... and cider vinegar.

Must try pumpkin tonight! we have a full pumpkin for halloween and no idea what to do with the innards...

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Mmmm ... borlotti beans .... (pinto beans I think for peoples in the USA) You can make good boston baked beans with borlotti beans :)

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Posted by Krystolla on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 11:52:19 GMT
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Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Becky in VT on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 13:17:30 GMT
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Is it bad that I had slight hope that the comfort food might include grouse?

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Lucy Coats on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 15:24:27 GMT
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[quote title=Black Bear wrote on Fri, 31 October 2008 01:44"Black Bear--helping people Fear

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Gee! Well this helped me, anyway. :: Snork ::

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Posted by Lucy Coats on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 15:32:13 GMT
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And the 'AJLR grouse' is evident in Kent, today. :)

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by KateG on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 16:05:39 GMT

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"Black Bear--helping people Fear More Efficiently since 1989."

So that's what it was doing! I wondered what it was up to when it ran up and down our street this morning* while I was drinking my last cup of tea. My rottweiler took one look out the window and sensibly retreated upstairs to the safety of her bed. (Is there anything more humiliating than being a dog-mom to a timid rottie? I mean she's supposed to eat small children for breakfast, and here she runs from bears and delivery men and makes love to the ladies in the bank. Yesterday was a record, she managed to cadge 12 - yes a full dozen -- biccies from them, and the limit is two!)

The b_twin-1's lazy cow rissotto recipe has solved my dinner problem! MEGA thanks!

*We live in northwest NJ (USA), about 50 miles west of New York City. Bears are a real problem, but when I called the authorities to complain about the one that had taken to napping in our barn I was told "oh, you live in the area where we take problem bears." They declined to do anything until it had eaten one of our pets, attacked us, or broken into the house.

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Posted by Lucy Coats on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 16:10:44 GMT
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Looked it up again to be sure. Nope. Lagopus Lagopus (red grouse) only in Scotland/N England/occasionally in Wales--black grouse ditto. Game Conservancy introduced lesser and greater bustards to Salisbury Plain a few years ago (my dad was involved in this as a sort of gamekeepery person)but they are long and lanky birds. Oh lordy--am going to be in such trouble

here for bringing this up, I can see! But game birds are something I grew up with. Definitely glad the super-species of AJLR grouse is alive and thriving on the wolds (?) of Kent :)

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Posted by Angelia on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 17:09:07 GMT
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And always more shelves than walls!

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by ssshunt on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 18:40:12 GMT
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OK. Putting the grouse thing to rest.

The dogs caught a BIRD.

There you go.

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by skating librarian on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 01:46:09 GMT
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Grouse ... yeah, reminds me of the time a bird decapitated itself in the hog fence around the garden.

Various ornithologically astute friends identified it as this or that (immature hawks, generally) when I dragged it out of the freezer for their perusal. But a bird hunter assured me that it was a ruffed grouse. I let him have it. Don't know if he ate it.

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by southdowner on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 01:54:48 GMT

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Diane in MN wrote on Fri, 31 October 2008 06:27 My dressier clothes were mostly purchased to wear in the ring when showing a dog, and run to trousers and jackets WITH POCKETS.
How can people live with clothes without pockets? I need places to put things - just today I didn't know where to put my moblie phone, gave it to a friend ... and now it's three counties away until Monday as she accidentally drove off with it - aaarrgghh! (My current frequent-est word lol)

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Kathy_S on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 02:43:19 GMT
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Yes, pockets are critical. It's not as though I can keep track of a purse....

Does anyone else rant and rave about designers who actually BRAG about removing pockets, claiming they've made the fit "more flattering"? Humph! (Reminds me of King Gilvan's tailor, in Robin's "The Stolen Princess." I'm with Gilvan, myself.)

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by holmes44 on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 02:47:32 GMT
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everything has to have pockets because i absolutely hate carrying a purse around,i usually forget it as soon as i put it down.

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Diane in MN on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 04:02:25 GMT
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Kathy_S wrote on Fri, 31 October 2008 21:43
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Well, I have been known to do this after an unsuccessful shopping trip, but some people do something about it. A dog handler friend takes things to a tailor and has pockets put in pocketless garments. This would not have occurred to me, but then my thoughts about sewing are extremely limited.

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by L.R.K. on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 11:34:30 GMT
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Well, my bag is probably a little too big to be called a "purse" - I keep a lot of things in it; aside from keys, wallet &c, my magnifying glass and spectacles and (unless it's really big) whatever book I'm reading, just in case I might need it.

I've done this since later school days - I'm used to being "different"; my hair in a bun, long skirts and my bag, I'd sit outside the class-room on the floor reading with my magnifying glass...

And well - once when I came home after giving blood tests (?) I was going to get my glasses out of my bag. Couldn't find the bag. Where is the bag?! Then I asked my husband, who'd driven me, if I was carrying a bag when we were crossing the car park - needless to say he didn't remember either. We drove back to the clinic - and as soon as I entered the room the nurse handed me my bag. Relief!

But I must have a bag - I just carry too much stuff for any amount of pockets to suffice...Otherwise I agree - pockets are decidedly good things. (On a commentary JMS mentioned that he especially wanted the Babylon 5-uniforms to have pockets - wise man...)

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by southdowner on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 12:42:10 GMT
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L.R.K. wrote on Sat, 01 November 2008 11:34Well, my bag is probably a little too big to be called a "purse"
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Posted by Mrs Redboots on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 12:57:47 GMT
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Hummus and roasted vegetable is also good (you can "roast" them in the microwave if time is short; not quite the same but a good second-best). I did make risotto last night, but the tahini dressing had grown whiskers, and we were out of hummus, so back to shaved Parmesan! But the risotto was gorgeous... tomato, mushroom and butternut squash! Feeling a little better now....

Krystolla wrote:Shelf space? Bah, shelf space is a myth. No matter how many more shelving units I put up (I no longer have wall space) and how many organizational sprees I go on I've never seen any of this shelf space. There is always more stuff than shelf.
Stuff expands to fill the shelf space available, as it does freezer space, I find.

Lucycoats wrote:But game birds are something I grew up with. Definitely glad the super-species of AJLR grouse is alive and thriving on the wolds (?) of Kent Smile
Wealds of Kent, I think. I, too, grew up with game birds and would be surprised to find a grouse in Hampshire, but you never know, these days!

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Susan from Athens on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 16:56:22 GMT
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I'm the same but a chronic iffy back (kept under tight control by exercise) means that I shouldn't be carting around a ten-tonne bag and I walk everywhere. So I try to be strict with myself and get a medium sized bag and try (by no means always successfully) to keep it emptyish (hah! it hardly ever works). But pockets are never enough and I bulge enough without requiring extra bulges in various places. Rei Kawakubo may have promoted the idea but it's all a bit avant-garde for me.

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Mori-neko on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 18:23:43 GMT
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My response to running out of space in my pockets? Get bigger pockets! Most of my pants have

cargo pockets, and while I've never been much of one for skirts, I picked up a couple Utilikilts which have even more of them! I've got their Survival model, which they spec as being able to carry 20 standard size beer bottles in it's pockets (I haven't quite tried that, but I'd totally believe it... all but two of the pockets are elasticized). Plus, it's all sorts of comfy.

When I -do- carry a bag (that's not my giant school bag), it's made by these folks. The one I've got has lasted me probably ten years at this point, and has held up wonderfully (in their current terms, it's a Regular sized art bag). I love the way it changes shapes, so when I don't have much in it, I can turn it into a triangle and sling it over my shoulder. When it's full (usually of books...), I make it a rectangle and a backpack. ^^

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by L.R.K. on Sun, 02 Nov 2008 05:59:46 GMT
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"Space I have, I fill" - that could be my motto! Except worse - space we have, we fill; my husband actually thinks the problem could be solved by moving into a bigger flat! Hah! I keep telling him we'll fill that, too - his naive illusions/delusions might be endearing, except they annoy me (I don't want to move!) There are no free spaces - we clutter up everything! And book-shelves - I arrange my books alphabetically (by author, mostly), so putting in one book can take a lot of moving books forward, ao lots of books have accumulated under the bed (we need to get up a new book-case, too - which I believe I can fill). In a fit of bad temper my husband suggested I stop buying books until I at least got up the old ones - which suggestion I treated with the silence it deserved (to his credit, though, he only said that once...)

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by southdowner on Sun, 02 Nov 2008 12:20:49 GMT
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Posted by L.R.K. on Sun, 02 Nov 2008 14:05:03 GMT
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Sounds good to me! :) I usually joke and tell my husband we ought to get a derelict castle...why not dream big? 100 rooms or so, will do us nicely... :)

(It's better in Swedish, "kråkslott" means "crow castle" and is a derelict castle and has a nice ring to it, I think!)

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by southdowner on Sun, 02 Nov 2008 18:12:15 GMT
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L.R.K. wrote on Sun, 02 November 2008 14:05in Swedish, "kråkslott" means "crow castle" and is a derelict castle and has a nice ring to it, I think!)
"Crow castle" - I love it! It says what it means so poetically :)

Maybe we could start a thread about nice local phrases and sayings since we have people from around the globe on this forum? (I've already discussed bumbag versus fanny pack!)

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Posted by AJLR on Sun, 02 Nov 2008 18:19:47 GMT
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Good idea!

And I also like 'crowcastle'.

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by ssshunt on Sun, 02 Nov 2008 20:36:30 GMT
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Could native Texans participate?

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Diane in MN on Mon, 03 Nov 2008 07:36:11 GMT
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L.R.K. wrote on Sun, 02 November 2008 08:05
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Great word! And translates well, too. Thanks L.R.K. And I like Southdowner's idea for a phrase list.

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Posted by AJLR on Mon, 03 Nov 2008 10:55:31 GMT
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OK, new topic duly started. :)

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Posted by Robin on Mon, 03 Nov 2008 12:32:49 GMT
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(Crash! Crash! CRASH! IE, are you listening? CRASH.) . . . Yes, I keep eyeing Buckingham Palace from a bookshelf standpoint myself. Hannah and I walked past it last weekend and I was thinking all over again, that's MILES of bookshelves. MILES. Give me a regiment of carpenters and . . .about twenty years. If I control myself. :)

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Robin on Mon, 03 Nov 2008 12:47:41 GMT
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Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by southdowner on Mon, 03 Nov 2008 13:17:24 GMT
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But it's a conspiracy against humans in general...not specifically you - sends black tea so strong the spoon stands up.

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Robin on Mon, 03 Nov 2008 13:18:36 GMT
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I ALWAYS drink my tea like that!!!!! I'd lol only I'm too busy whimpering! Wait, what comes AFTER whimpering??

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by southdowner on Mon, 03 Nov 2008 13:20:49 GMT
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Robin wrote on Mon, 03 November 2008 13:18I ALWAYS drink my tea like that!!!!! I'd lol only I'm too busy whimpering! Wait, what comes AFTER whimpering??
Biting pillows. Then they come to take you away...

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Lucy Coats on Mon, 03 Nov 2008 14:46:10 GMT
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Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by ssshunt on Mon, 03 Nov 2008 17:15:38 GMT
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I alway thought it was the wringing of the hands. Then more whimpering, a little whining, hear tearing, then the pass out after which you wake up in a nice white room with lots of flowers.

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by KateG on Mon, 03 Nov 2008 19:40:58 GMT
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Actually, Buckingham Palace is not the solution to the storage problem. True story. Back in the late 1940's my godfather was made a knight by HRH Queen Elizabeth. Festivities included a reception or some such at the palace. Godfather was talking about art to Prince Phillip, and the subject of a fairly modern painting in the royal collection came up. Prince Phillip couldn't remember if and/or where it was hung. "That's the problem with living in a place like this, you never have anyplace to put anything." Godfather and wife went back to their small house much amused and much comforted, and Prince P's words have become family legend.

As for purses, I finally realized that they are black holes that will happily absorb as much as possible until your shoulders are permanently damaged. I now make do with an itsy, bitsy bag/wallet that holds money, credit cards, phone, small palm organizer, tiny pen, tiny swiss army

knife, lip balm and NOTHING ELSE. Keys go on a carabiner on my belt or the bag strap. The bag goes as a waist pack (when dog walking) or shoulder bag (when pretending to be a sober matron) and I love it. Shoulders have finally stopped hurting. And when I need to carry more, it drops happily into a backpack.

Subject: Re: Comfort Food
Posted by Susan from Athens on Mon, 03 Nov 2008 20:28:33 GMT
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That's suck a cute story (it was probably in the early fifties though, given that she didn't ascend to the throne until 1952 and was crowned in 1953 :)) I remember reading an article about John Pawson, who had just designed this truly fabulous minimalist house for his family with gorgeous features and tons of those wardrobes that are built in with no handles and all the surfaces were empty and looked calm and wonderful. As a sidebar they interviewed his wife, who complained it took him forever to build because he had to design everything and that because everything was always shoved inside a cupboard, the cupboards were madly disorganised and she could never find anything! So house envy can dissipate: give me my piles, where at least I can find things. (A few extra bookcases would be nice ....)

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Posted by southdowner on Mon, 03 Nov 2008 22:53:05 GMT
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in that case they'd be taking all the mwahaha of mods already XD