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## MAPLE LEAF MASON JARS

DIY!



by Dawn Husmoe

I made these Mason Jars last year and they turned out so cute! I ended up using them as a center piece for the kitchen table, but these would also look great on your fireplace mantel or just about anywhere in your home. They are so simple to make... put tea light candles in them and decorate your house with these cute little jars for Fall!



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### Items you will need:

- Mason jars
- Maple leaves (real or fake)
- Twine
- Modge Podge
- Sponge brush



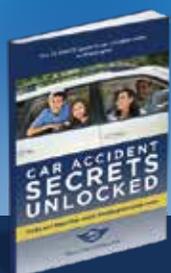
Can do other shapes as well!



### To assemble:

Using a sponge brush, glue leaves to the mason jars using a generous amount of Modge Podge. Let glue dry and tie a piece of twine around the top of the jar. Add a tea light candle to jar and enjoy!

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# What To Do If You **HYDROPLANE** In Your Car

**The winter rainy season is just around the corner. A refresher on how to handle standing water in the roadway is always a good idea.**

Hitting a water puddle while on the road can send your car skidding out of control. This is commonly known as hydroplaning. **Hydroplaning in your car happens when your car tires lose contact with the surface of the road and your tires cannot grab onto anything for traction.** Usually, your tires can disperse moisture on the road and maintain control, but sometimes the amount of water is too much for the tires to clear.



## WHAT HYDROPLANING FEELS LIKE

Your tire treads have filled up with water when you hydroplane. When this happens, your car might:

- Slide toward the outside of a curve if your front wheels are involved.
- Veer sideways into a skid from the rear of the vehicle if the rear tires are hydroplaning.
- Slide forward like a sled if all four tires have lost traction.

You could also feel your car veering to the right or left or sense an increase in speed as your tires spin.

## TIPS FOR GETTING CONTROL OF YOUR VEHICLE WHEN IT HYDROPLANES

The worst thing to do when hydroplaning is to panic. Although skidding out of control can be terrifying, you need to stay calm and not fight the skid. **Sudden braking or steering maneuvers will increase the sliding, just as if you were driving on ice.** Most hydroplaning events only last for a second or two, even if they feel like an eternity. As soon as the skid stops, you can regain control.

## YOUR GAME PLAN FOR SURVIVING A HYDROPLANING INCIDENT:

1. Gently take your foot off of the gas. If your foot was on the brake at the beginning of the slide, ease your foot off of it. Disengage the clutch if you are driving a stick shift car.
2. Just as when driving on ice or snow, gently steer the car in the direction you want to go. Some call this "steering into the skid."

3. Even if you need to make more than one-course correction as you regain traction, do not jerk the wheel back and forth. Use small steering movements as if you were steering a boat.

4. If you absolutely have to brake during the skid, pump the brakes gently until you feel the tires re-engage with the road's surface.

## HOW TO AVOID HYDROPLANING

Ideally, you want to avoid a hydroplaning incident. Here are some suggestions on how to avoid hydroplaning in your car:

- **Try to delay your travel** for a few minutes. During the first few minutes of rainfall, the water sits on top of oil and other substances on the road's surface, making the road slippery. This situation is more likely if there has been no recent rainfall and gunk has built-up on the surface.
- **Slow down.** Faster speeds increase your likelihood of hydroplaning. As long as you are not impeding the flow of traffic, it is fine to drive slower on wet roads.

- Keep a careful **watch for puddles** on the road after a spot of rain or when the snow melts.

- Often the **lanes with more traffic** will have less standing water because the cars driving through the puddles splash the water off of the road surface.

- **Replace your tires** if the tread is worn.



- Make sure the **air pressure in your tires** meets the recommendations in your car's operating manual. Underinflated or overinflated tires have less control and traction than tires with the correct pressure.

- **Replace your windshield wiper blades** when they become worn so that you can better see the puddles before you hit them.

- **Do not tailgate**, as doing so will limit your opportunity to maneuver around puddles. Also, you are likely to rear-end the vehicle in front of you if it slows suddenly because of a pool of water or it hydroplanes. If someone is tailgating you, try to change lanes if you can do so safely.

- **Turn off cruise control.** Having your foot on the gas pedal will allow you to change speeds quicker than if you are using cruise control.

## INSURANCE OPTIONS IN HYDROPLANE ACCIDENTS

There are several options for insurance coverage if you suffer injuries in a hydroplane crash. These can include:

### Option 1

Your personal injury protection (PIP) coverage of your auto policy may cover your injuries.

### Option 2

The auto policy of another driver, if that person's negligence contributed to the accident, may cover your injuries.

### Option 3

Your health insurance might help with your medical bills, but this type of insurance often excludes coverage for car crashes.

### Option 4

The medical payments coverage of your auto policy might pay some of your medical bills, but this coverage is usually only a few thousand dollars.

## GETTING LEGAL HELP FOR A HYDROPLANE WRECK

If you suffered injuries or someone else caused the accident, contact us for help.

We can evaluate whether you might be eligible for compensation.

Give us a call today at **425-276-7804**, so we can line up your free consultation.

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# OCTOBER EVENTS

## HIGH-TECH CONFERENCE OCT 1 - 3

Pricey GeekWire Summit unites top innovators, business leaders, and entrepreneurs for panel discussions and cocktail parties at Sheraton Seattle.

Visit [www.geekwire.com/events/geekwire-summit-2018](http://www.geekwire.com/events/geekwire-summit-2018).

## ROBOT EXPO OCT 6

Amateur robot enthusiasts exhibit new technologies and compete at Robothon in the Seattle Center Armory. Free.

Visit <https://robothon.org> for details.

## OYSTER & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL OCT 6 - 7

OysterFest offers oysters, shrimp, a food pavilion, wine, microbrews, live music, exhibits, a cook-off, and an oyster-shucking contest at the Port of Shelton.

Visit [www.oysterfest.org](http://www.oysterfest.org) for details.

## LEGO BUILDING CONVENTION OCT 6 - 7

View thousands of models created by adult hobbyists, and visit LEGO vendors at BrickCon Public Exhibition in Seattle Center Exhibition Hall.

Visit [www.facebook.com/events/1436986883094960](http://www.facebook.com/events/1436986883094960).

## TACOMA ZOO BOO OCT 13 - 14

Children enjoy treats, play games, watch animals play with pumpkins, and wear costumes to get admission discounts to Zoo Boo at Point Defiance Zoo.

Details can be found at [www.pdza.org/calendar?cid=465](http://www.pdza.org/calendar?cid=465).

## RARE BOOK SALE OCT 13 - 14

Browse thousands of rare books, maps, prints, and photos at the Seattle Antiquarian Book Fair in the Exhibition Hall at Seattle Center.

Details can be found at [www.seattlebookfair.com](http://www.seattlebookfair.com).

## QUILT & CRAFT SHOW OCT 18 - 20

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival offers workshops, seminars, and fabric & supply vendors at the Washington State Fair Events Center in Puyallup.

Visit [www.quiltcraftsew.com/puyallup.html](http://www.quiltcraftsew.com/puyallup.html) for more details.

## FREMONT TROLL CELEBRATION OCT 31

Join a procession of musicians and people in costume celebrating the "birth" of Fremont's famous troll sculpture on Trolloween at N. 36th Street and Troll Avenue N. Free.

Details at [www.fremontartscouncil.org/trolloween](http://www.fremontartscouncil.org/trolloween).

## Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

### SLOW COOKER

## Chicken and Corn Chowder

#### Ingredients:

- 4 slices bacon, diced
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 12 ounces red potato, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 carrots, peeled and diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 2 cups corn kernels (frozen, canned or roasted)
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano

#### Directions:

Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add bacon and cook until brown and crispy, about 6-8 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate; set aside.

Place chicken, potatoes, onion, carrots, celery, and corn into a 6-qt slow cooker. Stir in chicken broth, garlic, thyme, oregano, cayenne pepper and bay leaf; season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Cover and cook on low heat for 7-8 hours (or high heat for 3-4 hours).

In a small bowl, whisk together half and half and cornstarch. Stir in half and half mixture and butter during the last 30 minutes of cooking time.

Serve immediately, topped with bacon and garnished with chives, if desired. Makes 8 servings.



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- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- ½ cup half and half
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives



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# TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFETY

It's almost time to dress up like princesses, ninjas and scary ghouls, in the pursuit of all that free candy! While Halloween is one of our favorite holidays, it can also be a pretty dangerous one for kids! **Here are four tips for Halloween safety from MML.**



**1** Make sure your child knows not to eat any candy before you get a chance to look at it. It's always better to be safe than sorry. Whether it's an allergy concern or something more sinister, it is always a good idea to go through your child's candy before he or she gorges on their spoils!



**2** Beware of cars! Try to wear something reflective while you and your kids are out in the dark. While drivers should absolutely be on the lookout for people in the street, try to help them so the risk of getting hurt is much lower. Use sidewalks and crosswalks as much as possible.



**3** Agree on a time for you kids to be home. Having this kind of "curfew" is important if your older kids are trick-or-treating by themselves. While everyone has a cell phone these days, it's best to error on the side of safety.



**4** Flashlights! Flashlights will help you and your children see and avoid things hidden in the dark. Don't step in something sticky or stinky!



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