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*Juliet's Corner***Frankie**

I am sad to share the news that we lost our longtime cat Frankie in August. Our entire family has been very sad about losing her, but it was hard watching her decline due to kidney failure and we are glad she is no longer suffering.

Frankie has a fantastic story. She began her life as a ragamuffin street cat. We would see her hanging around the neighborhood, and she sometimes would decide to let someone pet her. Other times she would play hard to get and refuse to let humans get too close. We could tell she was borderline feral, and we worried that she would become prey to coyotes, heat, or cold nights, so we set food out for her in the garage and let her come in at night, if she so chose.

Frankie started choosing to come in more and more often, then she ventured into the house, where she and the queen bee of the household Peppy quickly established that Peppy would remain queen but Frankie would be allowed to live with us too.

Frankie spent years not willing to let humans touch her, until something began to soften up inside and she gradually became more and more loving. At the time of her death she would curl up with Scott for snuggles and sleep in our bed every night. She would hear the garage door open signaling Scott's arrival home and run to the top of the stairs to watch for him. She also enjoyed spending time in Jane's room on the upper bunk, which was like a cat condo, or bird watching from the highest perch on her cat tree.

Frankie never warmed up to dogs, and in fact once she ran past Mo, got so scared she hid inside a prickly bush, and didn't come out for three days.

This picture is one of my favorites of Frankie, exploring the lawn when Scott planted clover one spring. Frankie was much loved, will be missed, and I hope her story inspires others to give rough-edged street cats a second chance at a happy life.



# APPLE PIE ROLL UPS

## INGREDIENTS:

- 6 pieces of sandwich bread-I use potato bread usually
- Cinnamon sugar-I make my own to keep on hand by combining 1 cup of sugar with 3 tbsp ground cinnamon
- 3 tbsp butter, melted on a plate
- 1 large or 2 small apples, cut into 1 cm cubes

## DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees and prepare a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Use a rolling pin (or your hand!) to flatten the slices of bread.
- Divide the apples between the bread slices and sprinkle each with 1 tsp of cinnamon sugar. Carefully roll the bread around the apples and place in the butter on all sides, then in the cinnamon sugar to coat.
- Place on the baking sheet.
- Bake for 15 minutes or until crisp.
- Let cool 5 minutes and serve warm.



Full Instructions: [https://thehappyhomemaker.com/apple-pie-roll-ups/?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=pinterest&utm\\_campaign=tailwind\\_tribes&utm\\_content=tribes](https://thehappyhomemaker.com/apple-pie-roll-ups/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwind_tribes&utm_content=tribes)

## Pumkin Pecan Coffee Cake

For Full Instructions: <https://www.ellaclaireinspired.com/pumpkin-pecan-coffee-cake/>

## INGREDIENTS:

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| • 1 cup Pumpkin puree      | • 1/2 tsp Salt   |
| • 2 tsp Baking powder      | • 1 tsp Vanilla  |
| • 1/2 cup Brown sugar      | • 1/2 cup Oil    |
| • 2 tsp Cinnamon           | • 1/2 cup Pecans |
| • 2 1/8 cups Flour         | • 2 tbsp Butter  |
| • 3/4 cup Granulated sugar | • 1/2 cup Milk   |
| • 1 tbsp Pumpkin pie spice |                  |

## DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Whisk together dry ingredients in a mixing bowl. Dump in pumpkin puree, milk, oil, and vanilla and then mix until well incorporated.
- Pour into a lightly greased 9x9 pan.

### For Streusel

- Melt butter in a microwave safe bowl. Add brown sugar, flour, and cinnamon and mix until incorporated. Mix in chopped pecans.
- Sprinkle evenly on top of cake batter. Note: You can leave it on the top when cooking, or I prefer to lightly poke it (with a finger- poke, do not stir) into the batter in several places. I like the taste of having the streusel areas within my cake. The texture is so good.
- Bake for 30-40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in the middle comes out with just a few moist crumbs.



# Fall Mason Jar Lights

## SUPPLIES:

- Mason Jars
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Sponge Brush
- Hodge Podge
- Leaves

The full directions can be found here:

<http://sparkandchemistry.com/blog/leaf-mason-jar-candle-holder/>



## INSTRUCTIONS:

First, make sure the outside of your jar is clean. Wipe it gently with rubbing alcohol to get any grease and grime off the outside of the jar. The leaves won't stick if the jar is oily or dirty. Then make sure your leaves are malleable. Bend them a little bit to loosen them up. Stiff leaves won't stick either. If they are thin, fabric leaves, they should easily form around the jar. If they are real leaves, you may want to dampen them slightly (almost the way leaves become after it rains) to unstiffen them. You can also iron fabric leaves as well to loosen the fibers.

To decoupage, dip your brush in the Mod Podge and paint a thin layer on a section of the jar. Once that layer becomes quite sticky (check by dabbing your finger on it), place a leaf on the jar. Paint more Mod Podge on top of the leaf in thin layers, making sure to smooth out the edges. Start in the center of the leaf, and push your way out to the edges with your fingers. It may take a few layers, but the leaf should stick to the jar. I had to press a few times to get the leaves to stick; but as the Mod Podge dries, it should.

## SUPPLIES: *Stacked Pumpkin Planter*

- Pumpkins 4 from the dollar store
- Spray paint in the color of your choice
- Outdoor adhesive vinyl
- Cricut or another craft cutter
- Scissors
- Clear adhesive good for outdoors
- Rocks
- Flowers

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Spray paint your pumpkins any color that you desire. We used a fun metallic spray paint. Paint on all sides.
2. Allow those to dry completely.
3. Use your Cricut or another cutting machine to cut out the letters FALL from adhesive outdoor vinyl. or buy premade letters or paint on letters by hand.
4. Cut the handles off of each of the pumpkins with scissors.
5. Fill the bottom two pumpkins about half full with rocks.
6. Secure pumpkins together with a clear adhesive that is okay for outdoor use. Stack four high.
7. Allow the adhesive to cure completely. Be sure to follow your package instructions for cure time.
8. Add the vinyl letters to the front of your pumpkin stack.
9. Add in your flowers and your stacked pumpkin planter is complete.



full instructions: [https://craftsbyamanda.com/stacked-pumpkin-planter/?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=pinterest&utm\\_campaign=tailwind\\_tribes&utm\\_content=tribes&utm\\_term=503264664\\_17472778\\_105309](https://craftsbyamanda.com/stacked-pumpkin-planter/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwind_tribes&utm_content=tribes&utm_term=503264664_17472778_105309)





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## What Is Ancillary Probate And When Is It Needed In California?

Ancillary Probate must be done if a deceased person has property in more than one state. It must also be done if they die in one state and own property in another. For this situation the main probate is typically done in the state where the deceased person resided and an Ancillary Probate is done in the state where the property was owned. This requires that the estate pay for Probate costs in each state.



Ancillary Probate is a secondary probate which must be opened when a resident of another state dies and he owned property in California. Probate must be opened in the place where a person lived. So, if a person lives in Washington State, for example, probate must be opened there. A Washington judge is not able to make orders concerning the transfer of property in California. A California judge must make those orders.

If a person owns property that is not held in a trust, his signature is required in order to transfer that property. That obviously isn't possible in the case of a death, so probate serves as a substitute for that signature.

Primary probate occurs where the person lives. The primary probate disposes of most of the decedent's property, but a California attorney must go into court to open up a secondary, or ancillary, probate in California in order to handle the California property.

From there, probate proceeds and the terms of the decedent's will are carried out. If the will stated that a particular beneficiary receives the California property, that is what happens. Or, if the will states that the property should be sold and certain beneficiaries share the proceeds of the sale, the California judge can make that order.