

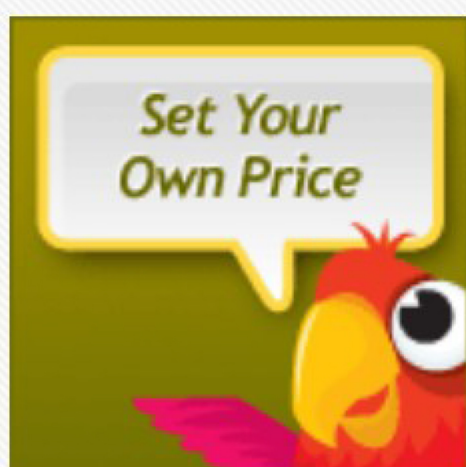
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Fruitcake Five Ways

Monday, December 7, 2009



The holiday season is here and that means I'll be seeing fruitcake in the stores again. It might be last year's fruitcake — who really knows — because this so-called "cake" is eternal. I seriously think it would have outlived the dinosaurs if it were around in pre-historic times. Come to think of it, maybe it was.

In honor of that chunk of hard cake with candied, disgusting fruit I have decided to come up with a handy list for you to use if you receive one of these brick cakes as a gift this year. Unless you really like fruitcake, which is possible but...are you just saying you like it because you feel badly

for the person who bought it for you? Trust me, they are re-gifting it. NO ONE seriously spends money on fruitcake unless they need a good gag gift for the office. Or no one I know.....

Five Ways with Fruitcake (otherwise known as Fruitcake Five Ways, which sounds pretty enticing, doesn't it?)

1. Driveway Pavers: You know what those are, right? Those fancy flat paver stones that rich people use for their driveways. I have asphalt on my driveway, but if I get enough fruitcakes as gifts this year, I'm going to dig up my driveway and replace it with fruitcake pavers. I'm pretty sure you can run this crap over and it will still be in good shape. Just a thought.

2. Gift for the Person Who Has Everything: I'm so sick of hearing this: "What do I get for him? He's the kind of person who has everything." I'm waiting for the day that I have "everything"...my list of things I need is so long no one will ever be stumped for what to get me. But for that guy who is so fortunate, get him a dammed fruitcake. Bet "he" doesn't have one of those.

3. Level: If you live in a house built in 1938 like I do, the wood floors are far from level. (Either that or I sucked the rum out of the fruit cake and everything looks a little off.) If your furniture isn't level due to a lopsided house, slice a piece of that brick fruitcake and slip it under the furniture. Instant level. Don't worry...the bugs won't go near it. Even ants don't like fruitcake.

4. Giant Legos: If you are short on cash this holiday season and the kids love to built things, collect all of your friends' unwanted fruitcake. Kids will be amused for hours stacking fruitcakes and making them into giant buildings. If your children are really young, just wrap the fruitcake in foil first. You don't want them licking their fingers and cheating you out of the rum.

5. Foul Weather Aid: When it starts snowing, which it already has, throw about a dozen fruitcakes in your trunk. You won't need special snow tires because the weight in your trunk will keep your car weighed down when you're driving on the slick roads. If you do have road trouble while you're out, keep matches with you. You can throw a fruitcake on the side of the road and light it up like a flare.

If you do like fruitcake and actually eat it, I give you a lot of credit for being trusting and adventurous....and perhaps you can tell me one thing: Why?