
Technical Exchange

Here are a couple of items seen at vendors booths during the annual AIC conference in Portland.

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Water Sprayer

Hand held bottle set under pressure by manual pump creating adjustable fine and consistent mist. Used in paper and textile conservation, woodwork, and more.

The plastic sprayer is an alternative to the top notch *Kuramata Sprayer* or *Dahlia Sprayer* at less than half of the price.

Advantages:

- The empty plastic sprayer is lighter than a metal sprayer of similar size.
- Large fill capacity: 1 liter.
- Bottle is translucent, which allows you to check the water level.
- Mist is adjustable. If you screw the nozzle tight, it will give a very fine mist and spread widely. If you loosen the nozzle, the mist will be coarse and the spread narrow.

Disadvantages:

- The sprayer is not recommended for alkalies, acids, agricultural chemicals, detergents, creosote, or cresol.
- Also, the plastic sprayer does not come with any replacement parts.

Price: \$71.50

Hiromi Paper International offers a price reduction of 22% for the first 20 orders of the plastic spray bottle. (~\$56, add ~\$18 for tax and shipping.) Please ask for the discount referring to the *WAAC Newsletter*. You can order by telephone (310) 998-0098, fax, (310) 998-0028, or online: www.hiromipaper.com.



Paste Stirrer

The following gadget may not be an acquire-once-in-a-lifetime-quality tool, but it is a interesting and cheap alternative to the heavy-duty (heavy-price) *Cook 'N' Stir* Paste Cooker.

This saucepan stirrer, *StirChef* operates cordlessly. It runs on batteries in continuous or intermittent mode.

Create starch paste in your own saucepan or double-boiler. Place starch and water in a saucepan, choose paddle size, and place stirrer over pan with paddle in mixture. Heat mixture to desired temperature as stirrer automatically stirs. You may want to continue stirring as it cools to avoid lumps. Arms adjust to fit 6– 8 ½” diameter saucepans holding 1½–4½ quarts.

Includes stainless steel shaft, 3 heat-resistant paddles (5½”W, 6¾”W, 7½”W), silicon splashguard, booklet with in-

structions (and recipes). Operates for 3½–5 hours on 4 AA batteries. (For the sake of the environment use rechargeable batteries whenever you can.) Folds for easy storage.

Price: \$29.95/each (plus tax and shipping). Find *StirChef* (No.: GF-SC200) at www.gaylord.com or contact Christine Allen from Gaylord Bros., Inc. directly - Tel: (315) 634-8258.

