How many of you have a lot of ingredients in your cabinets? Making and Using Master mixes are great way to use the ingredients we already have in storage. Why should we use master mixes? We should use master mixes because it’s a time-saver, economical, better nutrition, versatility, and can make great gifts for others. I have started making the homemade cream of chicken soup. It is delicious and super easy!!

Specialty Mix:

**CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP MIX (DRIED)**

- 1 ½ cups powdered non-fat dry milk
- ¾ cup cornstarch or flour
- 3 tablespoons instant chicken bouillon granules
- ½ tablespoon dried onion flakes
- ¼ teaspoon ground sage
- ⅛ teaspoon ground thyme
- ⅛ teaspoon ground pepper

Combine all ingredients in a re-closeable plastic bag; mix well. Label, date, and store in a cool dry place for up to 6 months. Makes approximately 5 cans of cream of chicken Soup. Adapted from USU Extension SOS Booklet & Make-a-Mix (1995).

**CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP**

- ½ cup CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP MIX
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 to 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

Combine cold water and butter or margarine in a saucepan. Use a whisk to mix in CHICKEN SOUP MIX. Stir constantly over medium heat until it is smooth and slightly thickened, about 2 to 3 minutes. Makes about 1 cup. Adapted from Make-a-Mix.
The cultural arts project for 2016 is a receiving blanket, 36" x 36". Make with lightweight fleece or flannel. To be given to newborns at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Choose pink, blue, yellow, green or white pastels, NO PRINTS. The edges can be finished with surging or crocheting. Flannel can be hemmed. Arkansas Extension Homemakers are challenged to bring one infant receiving blanket for each person attending the state meeting in June. If your club is interested in doing this, please let me know.

I want to personally thank Johnette Jinks for serving as the Extension Homemaker Council President. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to this great organization! You have gone above and beyond to make sure that the Extension Homemakers kept going even during your family situations and I can’t express enough gratitude!

We are announcing a new President, Cynthia Ford and a new Treasurer, Betty Sue Chatham. I am looking forward to working with you both!. Thank you for wanting to serve on the Council!!

We have planned to go to the Village on April 30th. The Village is located near Star City. It has a collection of restaurants and shops housed in a quaint country village setting. These include a sweet shop, bookstore, bakery, jewelry store. Contact your EHC Club president by April 15th, so transportation arrangements can be made. Hope to see you all there!! -Lauren

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