

Window Screen Fly Trap “Really Works Well”

Seventy-seven-year-old Alvin Findlay says he got the idea for his flytrap from his father, who used the same design.

“He made one years ago. It works better than anything you could imagine,” says the Snowflake, Manitoba man.

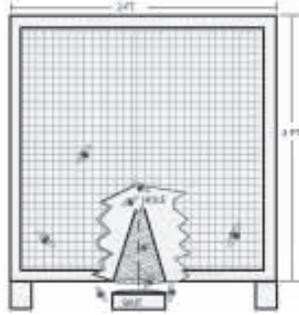
It consists of a 2-ft. square wood cube covered with window screen. A 4-in. dia. inverted cone is set in the bottom. There’s a finger-sized hole in the bottom of the cone where it extends up into the cube.

You set the wire cage on a couple 1-in. boards so the flies can get under the cone, and place something smelly like an empty salmon can under the cone to draw the flies.

“Set it in a sunny place that’s sheltered from the wind. It really works,” Findlay explains. “In an hour’s time, it’s not unusual to have hundreds of flies inside.”

The flies go up the cone and can’t figure out how to get out.

“Everyone should have one of these traps in every corner of their pasture because the cattle go stand in the corners and the flies gather there,” suggests Findlay, who doesn’t



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bother to empty out the trap. The decomposing flies just attract more flies.

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“Deer Loader” For ATV’s

Anyone who uses an ATV to hunt deer will be interested in this new “deer loader” that loads deer onto the back rack of your ATV.

The patented EZ Deer Loader consists of an oval-shaped lift frame that pivots on a bracket at the back of the ATV. It’s raised up by an electric winch that operates off the ATV battery.

To load a deer you lower the lift to the ground and drag the deer onto it. A belt tie-down holds it in place. The winch lifts and dumps the deer onto the ATV rack. The lift can be taken off the ATV by removing two pins.

“It’s simple to operate and is especially useful for older people and anyone with a physical disability,” says Jack Smith, Cullman, Ala., who along with Jimmy Rhode and Coleman Freeman developed the product. “You can also use it to haul firewood to a campfire, bring home a sick calf, or carry fence posts and other cargo. So far I’ve made six models that I’ve sold to local people. I’ve made them for Honda, Yamaha, and Kawasaki ATV’s. but they could be made to fit any ATV.”

Sells for \$450 plus S&H. Smith says they’re looking for a manufacturer.

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Do-It-Yourself Air Conditioner

You can cool a hot room with an ordinary room fan, some copper tubing, and a supply of cool water, says Geoff Milburn, a University of Waterloo civil engineering student who came up with the idea.

Basically, he wrapped some copper tubing around the back of a large fan with plastic zip ties, and then put one end of the tube inside a garbage can of ice water and ran the other end outside. After sucking the water through the tube to get it circulating, he had an air conditioner that cooled off his room enough so he could sleep. “The system will cool an average room to a comfortable level in approximately 15 to 20 minutes,” he writes on his website. “Depending on flow rate, a full garbage can of water will last about 1 to 3 hours.”

Once the water drains, the fan continues working since the room is already cooled. Geoff notes that you could also hook the tubing up to a cold water faucet and let it run at a continuous trickle.



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Using low-cost materials, George Moyer was able to build this cab for his Massey Ferguson 1260 tractor.

Made-It-Myself Cab

When George Moyer, Myerstown, Penn., went to look for a cab for his Massey Ferguson 1260, he found out a factory cab would cost about \$1,600. That’s when he decided to make his own.

Moyer bought a piece of used aluminum sheeting for the roof, two sheets of 4 by 8 ft. plexiglass and some 2 by 2’s for the project. “I used wood for the frame instead of metal because it’s easier to cut,” he says.

The door hinges came from some old cabinets. Two crossed 2 by 4’s hold the back window in the cab.

Heat from the engine keeps the windows from fogging up in cold weather, he says.

By removing four screws on each side, the cab lifts off easily. “When it’s nice out, I don’t want to leave it on,” Moyer says.

The project took about 2 weeks and cost \$200. “It was kind of a challenge so I hope nobody asks me to make another one,” he says.

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Oval-shaped lift frame pivots on bracket at back of ATV. It’s raised up by an electric winch that operates off ATV battery.



Winch dumps deer onto back rack of ATV.

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A wide variety of one and two-man saws, sharpening supplies, handles and other logging paraphernalia are available from the Crosscut Saw Company.

Saw Catalog Features Hard-To-Find Logging Tools

If you don’t know the difference between a German Tuttle Tooth saw and a Perforated Lance Tooth saw, you might want to order a catalog from the Crosscut Saw Co. It’s a veritable encyclopedia of one and two-man saws, sharpening supplies, handles and other logging paraphernalia.

Anyone who works with logs from the smallest woodlot owner to professional loggers will appreciate the wide variety of tools featured. They include peaveys, log rests and timber carriers, pickeroons, axes, mauls and machetes. Brush hooks, pruning hooks, scythe hooks and grass hooks are also carried.

Anybody who has ever rolled a log with a peavey knows what a help it can be. Log rests are as necessary for chain saws as for hand saws. They pick the log up off the ground away from rocks and dirt that can damage saw teeth and chain saw cutting edges alike.

What really makes the catalog unique is its crosscut saws and related devices. Crosscut Saw Co. is the last U.S. manufacturer of crosscut saws. Its traditional style saws are intended for everyday use and, according to the company, are a “labor of love” for users.

To work most efficiently, crosscut saws

have to be adjusted for the tree species and even the moisture content of the wood. When properly adjusted, the wood shavings are clean and the saw pulls easily. Improperly adjusted crosscut saws are sometimes known as “misery whips.”

The company does its part to make sure there is less misery and more easy pulling. In addition to the variety of one and two-man saws, saw handles and carrying bags, they sell tools and manuals to keep saws in top shape. They also sell files, hammer set/sharpening kits, and a dial indicator set gauge to accurately measure side clearance (set) on saw blades. Other manuals include vintage saw catalogs from the early 1900’s, loaded with illustrations.

The catalog also carries log building tools including log scribes, draw shavers and socket slicks. Wood workers will appreciate tools like the inshave and the scorp for roughing out bowls, chair seats or other concave items.

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