



“Pinwheel” Pen Made Out Of Hog Panels

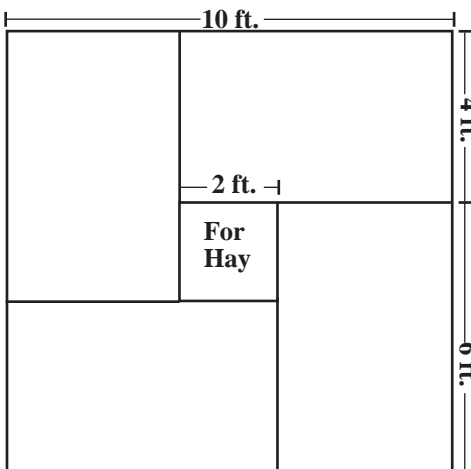
David Schmude and his wife Emily wanted to feed their baby goats without wasting hay. So the Tigerton, Wis., farmers designed a “pinwheel-style” pen that they made out of hog panels.

“It gives me 4 small pens with a single 2-ft. sq. hay feeder in the middle, which the animals in all 4 pens can eat out of. It was inexpensive to set up, and there’s very little waste. Best of all, it eliminates the need to feed hay in each pen,” says David.

All 4 pens measure 4 ft. wide by 6 ft. long. The way the pens are arranged around the feeder, the entire setup measures 10 ft. square. To build the system he starts with four 16-ft. long hog panels and cuts 6 ft. off each one. Then he uses the four 6-ft. long pieces that are left to make the 4 by 6-ft. pens, with a 2-ft. sq. feeder in the middle. The 10-ft. sections go around the outside. He uses string or wire to connect the pens together.

The panels are 3 ft. high. David simply throws bale slices over the panels and into the feeder. “I can load hay in from any side without having to throw it more than 4 ft.,” he says.

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Drawing shows layout of panels.



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Inventors often tell us they have do-it-yourself plans they’d like to sell. Now there’s a new way to make money selling your plans. Brian Luoma recently told us about a new website, www.GizmoPlans.com, that he and his father, Gene Luoma, developed. It’s a onestop shop for all types of build-it-yourself plans.

You can easily list your detailed plans on the website with photos and videos all at no cost to you. Update your plans at any time, its like your own individual web page that you are in control of.

The website collects a agreed upon percent for each set of plans sold. The buyer pays with a credit card and downloads them onto his computer.

“People from all over the world can look at the DIY PLANS you put together,” says Luoma. “We’re set up for all major credit cards, and we’re able to receive international funds. The only time GizmoPlans.com gets paid is when a set of your plans are sold. Another advantage is there are no mailing costs to you or the customer who’s buying your plans.”

Luoma says just about any type of plan can be uploaded and sold at the site. “Maybe you have a unique “how to” e-book; a simple tool that you made for a certain industry; plans for a piece of equipment; or even a wood craft pattern. The types of

plans or ideas that can be sold are limited only by your imagination.”

A new addition the “Gadget Gallery” was recently added for people who don’t have plans but want to “Show What You Built” for free to inspire others. Luoma states “The more photos & detailed information you have, the more people are likely to buy. You can also place YouTube videos that you may have right on your web page,” he says. GizmoPlans.com was started around 2009 and so far has signed up people with plans for Teardrop Trailers, 4 wheel ATV’s, homemade Smokers and many more to numerous to mention. He also sells plans for his own inventions, including a home-built concrete mixer, wheel crusher, concrete forms, Gantry Cranes, Bridge Cranes and numerous other equipment.

Luoma reviews all plans and sales pages to make sure they’re thorough and complete. “I look at each plan and sales page after it’s uploaded and sometimes make suggestions to customers on what to include to help sell their plans”. We also consider helping some create plans from their projects if they don’t have any complete yet, depending on the project” he says.

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