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No digging is required to install the ArdenX Fence. The two legs of each X can be raised as high as 5 ft. 11 in. or lowered to 3 ft. 8 in.

“No Holes” Fencing Solution

When you have a heart attack while putting up a fence, it’s a pretty good incentive to invent a new kind of fence. That’s what happened to Dennis Arden, who went to the drawing board after suffering a heart attack while fencing in 10 acres.

Four years and several prototypes later, ArdenX Fence (U.S. Patent 7753346) is on the market in three different sizes starting with 2 by 2-in., 3/16-in. square tubing to build fences up to 5 ft., 11 in. tall. The two legs of each X can be raised and lowered (down to 3 ft., 8 in.) similar to a camera tripod for different heights, as well as on uneven land or along hillsides. A horizontal tube attached to uniquely designed universal joints allows the fence to curve, zigzag, make a corner and go up and down. Once set up, torque bolts are tightened to hold the legs and horizontal bars in place. Any kind of fencing can be attached to six guides on the legs.

“The wire can be whatever the customer wants,” Lobree says. “Some just put on two wires. It can be electrical, barbed wire, ceramic wires, even chicken wire.”

While the company receives orders for miles of fencing, some customers mix it with more standard fencing. One customer planned to place it on a granite fence corner he’s been fighting for years. Others use it for working cattle, since it can be reconfigured and set up for temporary use. Because the fence is wider (3 ft. at the base) it replaces the taller fence usually required to hold in deer — or keep them out.

Some customers run irrigation hose, electric wire or other types of cable inside the horizontal tubing.

Cost for the fence starts at \$25 per lineal foot, which is partially recouped by less labor costs. A crew of four can easily set up a mile of the 75-lb. X posts in a day.

ArdenX also sells larger 4 by 4 in. and 6 by 6 in. leg versions for industrial, commercial and military applications.

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Any kind of fencing can be attached to guides on the legs.



Doug Cook stripped an old mower-conditioner down to the frame, turning it into this low-cost log hauler. It can handle 18-in. dia. logs up to 20 ft. long.

Old Haybines Make Dandy Wood Haulers

Doug Cook has a new use for old mower-conditioners. He turns them into log haulers. When his son purchased land and needed to clear a fence line, Cook turned to FARM SHOW for ideas. He read about a winchless log arch, and then remembered a haybine he had planned to scrap. After stripping everything off the frame, he had 2 1/2-ft. clearance — plenty to hold logs up off the ground.

The Spencerville, Ont., man shortened the tongue, replaced the hydraulic cylinder and tires, and added a steel 3 1/2-in. pipe brace

across the front.

“Make it strong,” he advises. He slipped a solid shaft inside the hollow pipe to beef it up.

To transport a log, Cook straddles the frame over it and hooks the front of the log with tongs. Hydraulics lift the log’s front end. Cook goes to the back of the machine and wraps one of the 6 choker chains around the log, tightens it up and slips the chain in one of the notches he cut on the top of the haybine. With the log secure, he lowers the front tongs. The chain holds the log up so just



Interlocking, rubber-based “scratch pads” can be mounted on any flat surface.

“Scratch Pads” Attach To Any Surface

“I wanted to find a way for my horse to scratch under his chin,” says Cynthia Garry, inventor of interlocking, rubber-based 5 by 6-in. “Scratch ‘n All® pads”. Not only are they perfect for chin scratching (when bent over the top of a Dutch door), they can be mounted on flat surfaces to scratch every part of the body of creatures of all sizes.

The 68-year-old senior entrepreneur admits she has been surprised how many uses her customers have found for her product. So far “Scratch pads” have been purchased for 17 species from cats to giraffes at zoos.

The 11-oz., 1-in. thick pads come in nine colors from bright pink and purple to natural colors that blend in with the environment, particularly in zoos and public settings. The durable material won’t crack in the heat or cold. Each pad comes with four stainless mounting screws and washers, and they can be interlocked to create big vertical or horizontal scratching areas on stalls and walls.

“Put it where the animal is scratching now,” she suggests. “The animal finds it. I recommend that people do not put them on a post unless it’s very big and solid. Rubbing loosens posts.”

With 1/2-in. long nubs, Scratch ‘n All pads are hard enough to give animals a satisfying scratch, yet are a safe alternative to trees,



Scratch pad is shown here bent over the top of a Dutch door, where it works great for chin scratching.

posts, and other possible hazards. Garry had one customer who ordered them after pulling a 2-in. wood sliver out of her horse.

Many customers find them satisfying, too. One octogenarian has one, and he gets a little exercise doing knee bends while getting a good back scratch.

The \$11.99 pads are made in the U.S., and Garry pays members of a senior center to package them, which financially supports the center. After a bad experience manufacturing in China, Garry has become a strong advocate for products made in the U.S.

The pads can be ordered on Garry’s website (with discounts for large orders). She also lists dealers in the U.K. and Europe.

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Add-on wheeled dump box works great for hauling split wood. It has a hook on top and its own hydraulic cylinder, allowing Cook to lift box for transport and then dump the wood.

the back end of the log rubs on the ground.

The haybine hauler is strong enough to pull 20-ft. long logs with 18-in. or better diameters — whatever will fit under the frame. After he moves the logs to where he wants them, the chains unhook easily and Cook is ready for another load.

“It can’t make real sharp turns,” he notes, and because it’s 8 ft. wide, the haybine hauler isn’t the best choice for working in the woods. It worked great for cleaning up the fenceline, however.

Since completing that project, Cook added

a dump box for split wood. It has wheels, a hook on top and its own hydraulic cylinder so he can lift the box for transport and then dump the wood. Cook also added a bale fork to move bales.

“It’s turned into a multi-use machine,” Cook says. “There are tons of haybines around not being used. Why not make use of them?”

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