

Simple Lift Platform Saves Your Back

Lifting heavy loads out of a car trunk is a lot easier with this simple new lift platform.

Kinetica's Easy-Lift was introduced this summer at the Minnesota Inventors Congress at Redwood Falls, Minn.

It consists of a 24 by 14-in. steel deck that raises and lowers on scissors legs with lift assist provided by a gas shock like those used on a hatchback car or van. The platform simply fits down in the floor of the trunk.

It raises up 11 1/2 in. and comes out 3 in.

The unit is held in place with a Velcro strip and collapses down to 2 1/4 in. high when not in use.

Sells for \$195.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup,



Kinetica Inc., 4937 Vincent Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55410 (ph 612 927-4188).

Do-It-Yourself Mortarless Brick

You can give your house the beauty and durability of brick at about half the cost of the real thing with this new do-it-yourself brick-style siding.

"Novabrik" is made of molded concrete. Each block is 8 in. long and 3 in. high. The interlocking bricks fit snugly to each other like landscaping blocks and are anchored to the wall with special screws inserted in key blocks.

Cost is about \$4 per sq. ft. installed yourself. That's comparable to the cost of vinyl or steel siding but about half the cost of brick, the manufacturer notes.

Cab be used inside, too, on accent walls or fireplaces.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Amcon Block and Precast Inc., P.O. Box 546, St. Cloud, Minn. 56302 (ph 800 876-6030 or 320 251-6030; fax 3963).



"Shop In A Box" Makes A Great Gift

"Shop In A Box" tool boxes make ideal gifts for anyone who needs a set of basic tools, says Spirit Lake Woodworks at Spirit Lake, Iowa, about its "heirloom" quality tool kits.

Constructed of imported Baltic birch plywood, the tool boxes come equipped with a full set of quality tools which fit precisely in spaces allotted for them.

The largest tool box, which contains 33 tools, is 20 in. wide by 9 in. deep by 13 1/2 in. high and has a hinged lid. The next largest tool box, which contains 23 tools, is 15 in. wide by 10 in. deep by 11 1/2 in. high and is a classic tote chest. The smallest tool box, which contains 13 tools, is 12 in. wide by 7 in. deep by 11 in. high and has a hammer that acts as a handle.



They sell for \$465, \$294 and \$170, respectively.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Spirit Lake Woodworks, 709 16th St., Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360 (ph 712 336-0135).

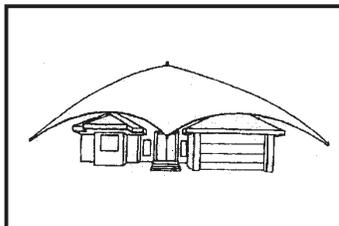
Fire Blanket Automatically Covers House

If you live in a fire-prone area, you'll want to check out this new home protection system that consists of a giant fire-proof blanket that automatically covers your entire home in 2 seconds when a fire approaches.

Compressed gas is used to deploy the fire blanket in two steps. First, the blanket is lifted out over the house, and then gas-fired projectiles on the edges of the blanket fire into the ground to hold it tightly in place, even in high winds.

The fire blanket mounts on the roof and is activated by infrared sensors. A battery-powered back-up system ensures it works even if there's a power failure.

The blanket withstands temperatures of up to 900 degrees. Other versions withstand temperatures of up to 2,500 degrees. Like car airbags, blankets are replaced after use.



The system is expected to be on the market in six months at a price starting at about \$5,000.

Standard blanket for a 2,500 sq. ft. home is expected to sell for \$5,000.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Anthem Inc., 3147 Killingworth Lane, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087 (ph/fax 216 963-5494).

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Doggie Doorbell Prevents Damage To Doors

Damage to doors from pets scratching to go out or come in can be eliminated with this new stick-on doorbell that rings a chime in the house when it's pressed.

The Happy Paw Doggie Doorbell consists of an 8-in. sq. plastic pad with a battery-operated transmitter inside. It simply sticks to either side of the door with weather-resistant double-sided tape. When the dog pushes on the pad to go out or come in - depending on which side of the door you use the pad on - it activates the transmitter which, in turn, activates a bell inside the house.

Sells for \$39.95, including S&H.



Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Doggie Doorbell, Happy Paw, P.O. Box 1028, Lakefield, Minn. 56150 (ph 800 295-2640 or 507 662-5078).

"Pet Fountain" Provides Continuous Fresh Water

A continuous supply of fresh water is provided by new "pet fountain" that connects to any standard garden hose and has an automatic pressure valve shutoff.

Designed for dogs, cats, horses, ostriches, and emus, etc., it's made from high density polyethylene. Measures 16 1/2 in. long, 14.8 in. wide, and 4.3 in. high and weighs 4 lbs. 8 oz. Sells for \$29.95. A smaller model is available that uses a standard 2-liter plastic bottle rather than a garden hose. The bottle neck screws into a threaded opening in the unit. It sells for \$24.95.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Dogloo Inc., 1241 Old Temescal Road, Corona, Calif. 91719 (ph 800 326-7387).

Space-Saving Ironing Board

This new space-saving ironing board tucks out of the way against the side of your dryer, freeing up space in your laundry room.

Whitney Design's "Iron'n Fold" requires only 5 in. of space and installs on the side of your dryer in minutes without tools. It's made of metal and plastic and is padded, making it ideal for ironing or folding clothes fresh from the dryer.

Sells for \$39.99.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Whitney Design, 1920 Beltway Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63114 (ph 800 922-5524 or 314 428-5657; fax 3610).

