

Ideas From A Master Fencer

Putting up fence is a job that can go fast or slow, depending on how organized you are and how you're equipped. George Hayes keeps livestock out on pasture so he puts up a lot of permanent electric fence and some temporary fencing. He has come up with a number of ideas that make fencing easier. A few of his ideas are featured on this page.

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Shed serves as Hayes' mobile fencing headquarters in the field.

Mobile Fencing Shed Houses Supplies

George Hayes keeps all his fencing tools and supplies in a shed that looks like an outhouse. What makes the idea unique is that the fencing shed is designed to be carried on a pair of bale forks so he can take the shed out to the field when putting up fence.

Inside the shed are hooks for rolls of wire, shelves for miscellaneous supplies, racks for posts, and a workbench with vise.

"It serves as my fencing headquarters in the field. I don't have to keep running back to the farm and I can lock up my tools in there at night. Works great for putting up new fence or making repairs. I carry it on the bale forks on my tractor 3-pt.," says Hayes.



Inside of shed is equipped with racks and hooks for fencing supplies.



Shed is carried to the field on a pair of bale forks on Hayes' tractor's 3 pt. hitch.



"Jenny" carries a roll of wire and a pair of 5-gal. pails for carrying supplies.

"Jenny" Carries Heavy Rolls Of Wire

Handling heavy rolls of wire is easier with this rolling "Jenny" that George Hayes made from a small wheel, assorted pipe, threaded rod, and a heavy spring.

It carries a roll of wire and a pair of 5-gal. pails to hold supplies and tools. He can unroll the wire off the Jenny when putting up new fence.

"It handles like a wheelbarrow. I lay it down flat on the ground when unrolling wire. It lies low and is very stable," says Hayes.

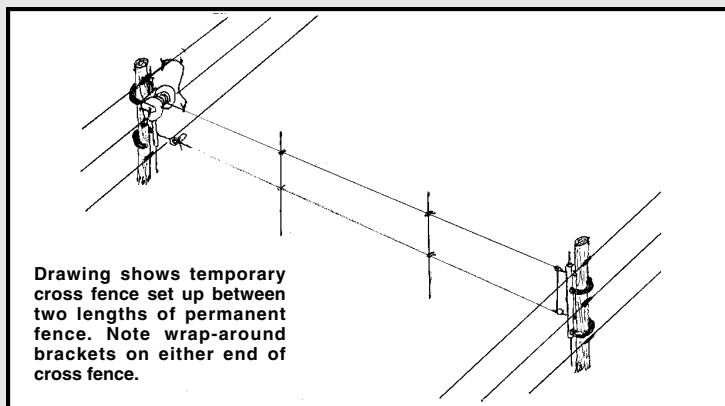
A spring mounts under the wire reel. A locking collar holds the reel in place. The spring pushes up on the wheel, creating friction and acting as a brake so wire does not roll off too fast.

The bracket holding the two pails lifts off



Device rolls along like a wheelbarrow.

easily when loading a new roll of wire onto the Jenny. Hayes parks the Jenny under the workbench in his mobile fencing shed.



Drawing shows temporary cross fence set up between two lengths of permanent fence. Note wrap-around brackets on either end of cross fence.

Slick Way To Put Up Temporary Cross-Fencing

To put up temporary cross-fencing, George Hayes came up with this quick and easy method.

He welded two steel rods to a piece of 3/4-in. pipe and formed the rods into a half circle that fits around wooden fence posts. He covered the rods with rubber hose to insulate them. One end of each rod bends around a fence insulator. Hayes slips fiberglass fence post through the 3/4-in. pipe to hold the assembly in position as he attaches the temporary tape-type electric fence.

A reel hooks onto the bracket and Hayes pulls the fence tape out across the pasture to an identical bracket mounted on another fencepost. Then he puts as many temporary fenceposts as are needed to support the fence between the two anchor posts.

The temporary fence is electrified by simply running a jumper wire from the permanent fence to the temporary fence tape.



Rods in cross fence are covered with rubber hose to insulate them.

In transport, the brackets that wrap around the fenceposts can be used to hold fiberglass fenceposts.