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## Easy-To-Make Tie-Downs For Pickups

“I recently had a need for some tie-down points on my pickup. It wasn’t the first time I wished I had some and I knew it wouldn’t be the last. So I decided to come up with a simple way to make moveable tie-downs that give me a lot of flexibility,” says Bob Hudspeth, Era, Tex.

“I took four common C-clamps and brazed 5/8-in. flat washers to the ‘fixed’ end of the clamp. Then, to prevent paint damage, I covered the open face of the washer with a

circle of plastic using contact cement. To attach ropes and tarp straps, I drilled a hole in each clamp and inserted an S-hook, which I closed into a loop.

“Now I can quickly have from one to four tie-down points anywhere along the pickup bed.”

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Hitch assembly consists of ball hitch and straight drawbar. Note small ball on bumper.



Hitches are carried out of the way, underneath the back edge of bumper.

## Shin-Saving Pickup Hitch

When Bert Kirk, Altus, Okla., bought a new pickup with an extended cab, he decided not to put an across-the-box toolbox in the bed because it would take up too much room in the shortened box.

That meant he would have less storage room for carrying hitches, drawbars, etc. So he hit on a space-saving, shin-saving idea.

He mounted a tube crossways underneath the pickup’s receiver hitch. When not in use, he uses it to carry a hitch assembly that

consists of a ball hitch and straight drawbar. It’s carried out of the way, underneath the back edge of the bumper. A smaller ball mounts on the bumper itself.

The arrangement gives him three towing options that are quickly available whenever he needs them.

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## Belt-Mounted “Gun Rest” Relieves Back Pain And Strain

Carrying a gun while hunting can be hard on your arms, shoulders, and back, says Steve Danielson who invented a belt-mounted “gun rest” to solve his own back problems.

His “Back-Saver Gun Rest” consists of a shock-absorbing elastic cord that forms a loop to support the butt of a rifle or shotgun. The cord attaches to a 2-in. wide leather loop that fits over a belt.

“It takes only about 1/20<sup>th</sup> as much effort to balance a gun in the Back-Saver Gun Rest as it does to actually carry a gun without using one. As a result I can now hunt 10 hours a day non-stop and never feel it in my back,” says Danielson. “When it’s time to shoot and you raise your gun to fire, the Back-Saver Gun Rest drops away as though it’s not even there. We recommend wearing one on each hip so you can switch carrying your gun from side to side occasionally and have better circulation in your arms, shoulders, and back.”

Sells for \$14.95 plus \$3.95 S&H.

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## Corn Cob “Perfume” Keeps Mice Out Of Stored Equipment

“It helps keep mice out of stored equipment and at the same time keeps cabs smelling fresh,” says Kari Warberg, New Town, N. Dak., about her new mice deterrent that’s made from ground-up corn cobs soaked in strong “perfume”.

“Fresh Cab” gets its smell from a blend of oils made from spices, herbs, and flowers. The product comes in 2 1/2-oz. cloth pouches. An average-size cab requires use of all four pouches. You simply place the pouches on the floor or tie them onto shift levers, door handles, etc.

“It works like an air freshener that smells good to humans but is too strong for mice,” says Warberg. “The pouches can also be placed under hoods and in hoppers or trunks. On average, the pouches will last for one season before the smell fades away. If you

place them in the vehicle in early fall you’ll need to replace them sometime during January. However, if the weather is unusually cold the smell may last for up to six months. It took a lot of testing to come up with the right mixture of oils.

“The big advantage over poisons is that you don’t have to worry about dead mice stinking up your vehicle. The advantage over mothballs is that they won’t give you a headache.”

A box of four pouches sells for \$10 plus S&H.

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## Fuel Tank Tool Cabinet

This might be the handiest tool cabinet we’ve ever seen.

Thomas Strasburger built it out of a 500-gal. fuel tank. He cut a rectangular-shaped opening into one side and hinged it to make a door. Then he installed four rotating “Lazy Susan”-type shelves which he made out of rake wheels covered by pieces of particle board. The wheels mount on a shaft that runs down the center of the tank.

“It’s a good place to keep tools and parts that you want to keep clean,” says Strasburger, noting that you must be careful to thoroughly clean out any fuel tank before cutting into it.

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Built out of a 500-gal. fuel tank, tool cabinet contains four rotating “Lazy Susan”-type shelves.