



Deck perches 20 ft. above ground, with a 72-in. dia. spiral staircase leading up to it from below. Support is provided by a 24-in. dia. steel pipe and a pair of steel legs.

“Sky High” Deck Great On Hot Summer Evenings

Picture yourself on a deck that’s 20 ft. above the ground and totally detached from your house, with a spiral staircase leading up to it from below. That’s the kind of deck Randy and Jean Keck recently built in their backyard in Fairview, Oklahoma. They like it so much Randy has started building similar decks for others.

Keck recently sent FARM SHOW photos of the octagonal-shaped deck, which measures 14 ft. wide by 18 ft. long. It’s built from cedar wood with a steel frame. It’s supported by a 24-in. dia. steel pipe and a pair of steel legs. A 72-in. dia. spiral staircase wraps around the pipe. The steps and flooring on the deck are made from Trex - a mix of recycled plastic and wood.

It’s a great way to get away from it all, and the view is fantastic,” says Keck. “We live on the edge of town, with a field on one side so there’s an unobstructed view. It’s re-

ally nice at night because you’re up above all the lights. There’s an LP gas fireplace on the deck as well as lounge chairs and a TV. We wanted a low maintenance deck which is why we used Trex flooring. The frame, support pipe, and staircase are covered by low maintenance DuPont Centari paint.

“We built it in our shop and used a crane to erect it. The pipe is made from 24-in. dia., 3/8-in. thick well casing. The bottom of the pipe has a 1-in. thick steel plate bolted to it and is set in concrete 4 ft. deep in the ground.”

Keck says he’s willing to build a 20-ft. elevated deck for about \$12,000. That price includes installation and about three yards of concrete at the base.

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Octagonal-shaped deck measures 14 ft. wide by 18 ft. long and is nestled into the top of an evergreen tree. Note LP gas fireplace.

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He sells prints and notecards featuring the tractors through ads in collectors’ magazines, and is currently working on pencil drawings of an unstyled John Deere A and a Ford 8N.

Doornbos also does custom drawings of paintings, working from photographs sent to him by customers. He asks that you send him several photos of the object or scene to be illustrated, with at least one picture shot from the angle you’d like to have depicted.

Prices for custom work start at \$150 (for a drawing similar to his WD 45) and go up from there, depending on the amount of detail in the work, the background, etc. Watercolor work is more costly than pencil drawings.

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Doornbos likes to do pencil drawings of agricultural scenes such as this old farmstead.