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Want To Get More Pole Barn For Less? Do It Yourself!

Order a pole barn from DIY Pole Barns, and you get free delivery of a kit to your building site complete with building plans and telephone support, all for much less than a local lumberyard will charge. DIY owner Mike Gilmore believes his firm is one of only two pole barn kit sellers in the U.S. It seems to be a concept that works, because in less than two years in business, he has shipped kits to 42 of the continental 48 states.

"We are a material broker, which saves the customer money," says Gilmore. "We purchase material direct from manufacturers and have them ship it right to the customer. That eliminates the cost of shipping to us, unloading,

storing and then reloading and paying freight to the customer."

Gilmore relies on pre-approved regional suppliers and national suppliers for trusses and metal roofing. Orders for poles and other lumber go through regional networks of lumber yards, with the closest lumber yard handling delivery of poles.

DIY has building plans in stock or will create a customized plan. Once the customer has selected a plan, they place an order and a contract is signed. Payments are made in advance, which also holds down costs.

"We supply building plans, lists for what materials are used where, and blueprints with

delivery," says Gilmore. "Plans are usually sufficient to get building permits. If blueprints are needed, we sell them for \$150 and then credit the purchase against the rest of the package when it is ordered.

"The largest pole barn we have sold to date was 60 by 150 by 14 ft.," says Gilmore. "It cost \$43,000. The smallest was 34 by 32 ft. and cost about \$5,500 with garage door. As an example of how it works, we recently had

a customer place an order, and we had ordered his poles 15 minutes later, his trusses within 45 minutes, and all siding and roofing within two hours."

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4-WD Articulated "Chore Tractor"

Albert Collins, Port Elgin, Ontario, built a 3-wheeled, 2-WD chore tractor that rides on 15-in. wheels and has a 24 1/2 by 22-in. bed on back.

The "Little Red Horse," as he calls it, is powered by a 5 hp Briggs & Stratton engine and has the 4-speed transmission off a Volkswagen Rabbit front wheel drive car. The engine belt-drives a jackshaft that chain-drives the car's transaxle. A driveshaft extends from the transaxle to the pinion shaft on the rear end off a pickup, which was narrowed to about 4 ft.

The tractor doesn't have a steering wheel. Instead, homemade handlebars fit onto a special fork he made out of the suspension strut off an old Ford Tempo. The rig is equipped with a hand-operated brake and gearshift lever.

"It has a lot of pulling power and uses very little gas," says Collins. "I built it for my neighbor, Jackie Stevenson, who has a cow-

calf operation. She likes it so much that she says she'll never sell it, even though people have offered to buy it from her. She uses it for hauling feed to her cattle, for hauling fencing supplies, and for hauling garbage cans to the end of her long driveway. She also uses it for hauling wood from her shed to her house in a 4 by 8-ft., 2-wheeled trailer that I also built for her.

"The bed on back of the tractor is made from sheet metal and has a hinged, wooden tailgate that can be laid down flat."

A barbed wire unroller mounts on brackets that fit inside lengths of vertical sq. tubing at the back corners of the bed. The wire unroller was made by bolting a pair of disk blades to a shaft that runs through the wire roll. "It makes fencing a lot easier and a job that's almost fun," notes Collins.

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Bolt-on guard is designed to fit specific tractor brands.

Add-On Grill Guards For Smaller Tractors

The front ends on most of today's small tractors are made from contoured plastic or fiberglass with built-in lights. They can be easily damaged and they cost a lot to replace. That's why Allen Loveless came up with a new bolt-on grill guard.

"It provides excellent protection against damage when working in the woods, loading bales onto trailers, or doing other jobs around the farm," says Loveless. "Some grills equipped with built-in light assemblies cost upward of \$500. If our guard protects your grill just once it'll more than pay for itself. It also gives you peace of mind."

The guards are designed to fit specific tractor brands and are available in orange, black or grey colors. They simply bolt onto the front

part of the tractor frame. Guards are available for Branson, Kioti, Kubota, Long, Century, Farm Pro, Cub Cadet and Zetor, Montana, and Ford New Holland tractors. "They're designed mainly for tractors with up to 65 horsepower," says Loveless.

For some tractor models the grills are designed to be swiveled down for access to the radiator.

Retail prices range from \$110.99 to \$120.99 plus S&H.

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