

**Karl Oysmueller, Pink Mountain, B.C.:** "I made a tool for knocking tire beads off wheel rims when changing or patching tires. It's quite simple. A solid steel rod fits inside a larger pipe. At the bottom of the pipe, there's a short length of rod flattened to form a wedge. This wedge is free to move up and down about 1 1/2 in. on top of a spring that's held in place by two welded-on collars. The flattened end is pushed between the rim and the tire. Holding the pipe with one hand, I use the inside rod to hammer on the bottom piece which forces the bead off the rim. It usually takes just a few blows to knock the bead off. I've used it on everything from car tires to big truck tires."



**Jackson Webb, Bethune, Colo.:** "The top of our Lincoln MIG welder was always cluttered with tools, gloves, helmets, and so forth, making it impossible to raise the side panels and get into the welder to change wire spools."



Also, whenever the welder was rolled across the shop floor the tools would vibrate off. To solve the problem I designed and built a metal tray that mounts on top of the welder. The tray holds the gloves, tools, etc., yet still allows me to raise the welder's side panels without interference. I also made places to hang the helmet and welder leads."

"The tray measures 12 by 18 in. with 4-in. sides. It's welded to a vertical length of 1-in. sq. tubing that bolts onto a bracket that's clamped to the front side of the welder. The tray mounts high enough above the welder that when the side panels are opened up they will clear it."

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Prices start at \$37 plus S&H for a unit that fits 3/4-in. dia. tubing and goes up to \$700 for a unit that fits 12-in. dia. pipe.

**Neil Ohler, Stavely, Alberta:** "I recently put up a new shop building and decided to build it with an 11-ft. high vaulted ceiling, which allowed me to put in an 8-ft. door. The shop measures 24 by 32 ft. long. To put an 8-ft. high door in a building this size with a flat ceiling, I'd have needed at least 9-ft. high sidewalls and would have had to cut 1 ft. off 8-ft. sheets of plywood to get the 9-ft. height. I bought the shop package from a local building contractor. It didn't cost much more to build a shop with vaulted rafters than it would have to build it with a flat ceiling and 9-ft. sidewalls. I put up the building by myself."

**Jerome Miller, Waucoma, Iowa:** "If you have 5-gal. pails that are stuck together, don't throw them away. Instead, run water along the top of the stuck pail. The water will push the pails apart. Another idea: If you have a bar of soap that has dried out, don't throw it away. Use the soap on wood screws to make them start into the wood easier. It'll save a lot of wear and tear on your wrist."

**Jack Griffith, Arlington, Texas:** "I have a crew cab pickup equipped with a toolbox at the front of the bed. Unfortunately, the toolbox blocks my view of the gooseneck ball. I came up with a simple way to solve

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the problem that makes use of a triangular magnet and a 30-in. length of pipe. I place the magnet on the bed floor and use it to hold the pipe close to the ball. I back up until the pipe is next to the trailer tongue and presto, I'm lined up."

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## Bolt Bin Wall Uses Grain Cups

Gord Stein of Barrhead, Alberta, is a bit of a "neat freak" in his farm shop. He says keeping everything organized and easily accessible helps him get his work done faster and more easily. One of his best ideas was a "bolt bin wall," he created by bolting plastic grain leg cups to a wall.

Stein made a deal with a local feed processor to buy 270 cups for 25 cents each if he removed them from the belting, which they wanted back.

The biggest job, according to Stein, was having to clean out the chaff that had become lodged in the cups. He also ground off the edges of the more damaged cups.

He used the same smooth-headed screws that held the cups on the belting to fasten them to the wall.

To make it easy to reach all the bins on the 8 by 12-ft. wall, Stein built and installed a sliding ladder on a 10-ft. section of barn door track.

He says the project took him a week of evenings to complete and his total cost was under \$250.



**Gord Stein created this "bolt bin wall" by bolting plastic grain leg cups to a wall.**

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