



Two tall A-frame hangers, fitted with a chain and ratchet strap, are used to make sure hanging gate stays level as it's being welded to sleeve on post.



Round metal sleeves on heavy metal post serve as hinges that allow gate to be rotated 360 degrees. Foster attaches a 2-in. channel iron to gate and then welds it to sleeves. Up to 3 gates can be attached to the same post for making pen dividers.



Here's How He Hangs Heavy Barnyard Gates

Hanging heavy barnyard gates can be difficult, especially by yourself. William Foster of Lancaster, Wis., says he figured out a method that makes it a lot easier.

"People often hang gates from posts or railroad ties. But they're bulky, can rot off over time, and eventually hinges come loose," says Foster. "I hang all my gates on heavy metal posts, using round metal sleeves for hinges. I get the posts – and gates made out of fiberglass material - from TJ's Fencing in Harper's Ferry, Iowa (ph 563 586-2023;

www.tjsfencingcompany.com)."

Foster uses a 2 7/8-in. round pipe which he says he can get at almost any length. "Round sleeves on the pipes allow the gate to be rotated 360 degrees as long as there are no obstructions in the way," says Foster. "I attach a length of 2-in. channel iron to the gate and then weld it to the sleeve. With fiberglass gates, I weld the metal hinge directly to the sleeve. Up to 3 gates can be attached to the same post for making pen dividers. The gates spin independently of each other and are

virtually indestructible."

Hanging gates and getting them level can be a challenge. To solve the problem, Foster made simple gate hangers to hold a gate in place while it's being welded to the sleeve on the post. Two hangers are used per gate. Each consists of a tall A-frame structure made from 1-in. tubing that's fitted with a chain and ratchet strap. The gate is lifted into place and secured with a chain. Then the ratchet strap is tightened in order to adjust the gate to its final position.

"The A-frame can be slid on the ground to position the gate against the post," says Foster. "Because of the chains and straps, the ground doesn't have to be level. Another benefit is that the gate hangs plumb, making it easier to hang it both horizontally and vertically with minimal effort."

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Seat Cushions For Older Ram Trucks

Owners of older Ram pickups love the comfort and durability of the new driver side seat cushions for 1994-2009 models designed by Geno's Garage in Cumming, Ga.

"We specialize in hard-to-find parts, especially for older Ram/Cummins diesel trucks. We were getting a lot of requests for replacement cushions which weren't available or were lacking in comfort," Brandon Parks says.

After finding an original cushion, staff at

the Georgia business spent months of trial and error testing.

"We wanted to make one that was even better," Parks says. "It has denser foam to hold up better. We beefed up the side, which is noted for collapsing. And, we reinforced the bottom with a fiberglass layer. It won't sink to the spring, and it bounces back."

Geno's website offers five versions of cushions for Ram pickups at \$125 each, depending on the year and model of pickup. The cushion can be shipped anywhere in the

world and comes with instructions how to install it and reuse the existing seat cover.

"It's been on the market since June and we've had a great response. It's hard to keep it on the shelf," Parks says, noting customers say they like the improved comfort of the seat.

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Owners of older Dodge Ram pickups like the improved comfort and durability of these replacement driver side seat cushions.

Hitch-Mounted Cargo Carrier Reworked To Fit Riding Mowers

"My girlfriend wasn't using her hitch-mounted steel cargo carrier basket any more, so I converted it into a pair of small cargo carriers: one for her Deere riding mower and one for my Sears Craftsman. They really come in handy for hauling 5-gal. buckets of feed and for other small jobs," says Bill Wardell, Avoca, Wis.

Both carriers measure about 2 ft. square and have 8-in. high sides. Wardell occasionally pulls a trailer behind his mower, so he ran a 32-in. long, 3-in. wide metal drawbar through his carrier that extends 6 in. out the back side. Both carriers fit into receiver hitches already on the mowers and are supported by a pair of light chains, which snap onto rings bolted to the mower's frame.

The original cargo carrier was about 5 ft. long by 2 ft. deep. Wardell used an angle grinder to cut 2 ft. off each end, then made a pair of metal brackets with receiver tubes and welded them onto the open side on each carrier. He used 1-in. angle iron to make side braces and bolted them onto the carrier and also the brackets.

"The carrier on my girlfriend's riding mower fit nicely between the rear wheels. However, the rear wheels on my mower are spaced closer together so I had to set my



Bill Wardell cut up his girlfriend's hitch-mounted cargo carrier to make a pair of smaller cargo carriers that fit riding mowers.

carrier farther back," says Wardell. "I also had to make a pair of metal knee braces to keep my carrier from swaying sideways.

"To remove the carrier I just unstrap the two chains and pull a pin from the receiver hitch."

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5-Gal. Jug Fitted With Two Handles

The 5-gallon utility jug sold by Pit Posse fits the needs of the Florida company's off-road customers. But it's also catching the attention of consumers for use with lawn mowers and chainsaws.

"We like it because the double handle makes it easy to handle," says Barrett Smith, of Pit Posse's sales department.

The square base makes it more stable and takes up less room to transport. A vent improves how liquid pours out of it. The inverted rib design prevents swelling and expansion.

Smith emphasizes that it is not considered a fuel can and that customers should know their area's laws regarding storage and transportation of fuel.

The utility jug sells for \$45. A 14-in. filler hose kit is an additional \$7. Both are available on Pit Posse's website.

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Pit Posse's 5-gal. jug has a double handle that makes it easy to pour. A 14-in. long filler hose is available to screw on top.

