



Clip was originally designed to create trellises and low tunnels for gardening, but can also be used to make other types of structures. Specially designed spring clip is used as a fastener for 1/2-in. metal conduit, allowing you to put up greenhouses and storage sheds without using tools.

## Spring Clip Helps Build “Tool-Free” Structures

“It’s like building with an erector set,” says Wez Ligon about her patent-pending spring clip that makes it possible to put up greenhouses or storage sheds with 1/2-in. metal conduit without using tools.

Her initial use for the clip was to create trellises and low tunnels for gardening. It soon became apparent that the spring clip can be used to create all types of structures as well as for everyday use around the house.

Simply squeeze the ends of the metal clip to slip in pieces of conduit; then release. The tension of the spring tightly holds the conduit in place.

The Almont, Mich., hay farmer got the idea while looking for ways to market hay that had been rained on.

“I found the solution in hay bale gardening and I’ve been teaching the technique for several years,” she says. With no

weeding and very little labor, it’s ideal for people who physically can’t do traditional gardening.

To improve hay bale gardens, Ligon wanted to add trellises for tall and climbing vegetable plants and low tunnels to extend the season. That was the impetus for developing the spring clip to connect pieces of conduit to build frames.

“Not only does the clip act as a fastener, it acts as a hinge as well. It’s great for building foldable structures that can tip up and have scissor doors,” Ligon says.

The structures run the gamut from a mobile chicken pen to a covered dog run to a school bus shelter for children. The clips can also be used for hanging plastic tubing or holding wire reinforcement in place when pouring cement.

She has created plans for several projects including a hangar for a grow light, a garden



To use the clip you squeeze both ends and slip in pieces of conduit, and then release. Spring tension holds conduit tightly in place.

arch, and a low tunnel, which she plans to share on an open forum.

In the future, she plans to manufacture larger metal clips for bigger diameter tubing. Check out a video of the clips in use at [www.farmshow.com](http://www.farmshow.com).

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## No More Bales That Are Too Tight Or Too Loose

On-the-go density control is a big plus for small square baler owners who now must either stop and adjust tension at the bale chamber or put up with making bales that are often too tight or too loose. Bales of consistent size and weight stack and ship better providing hay buyers with added value.

The Airbaler is a complete bale density control system for small square balers that replaces spring or hydraulic systems. It uses air pressure instead of springs or hydraulics to ensure tension applied to the bale chamber remains nearly constant. The Airbaler also includes an optional Density Adjustor mounted in the tractor cab that allows the operator to increase or decrease the density of bales without even slowing down.

The Airbaler is used by hay growers

all across North America. A survey showed that 98 percent of customers report they would recommend the Airbaler to others. These are just some of the benefits reported by hay growers across North America:

- Bales are more uniform and consistent
- Bales are easier to collect with a hay stacker
- Bales stack better in the barn and during transportation
- Less time spent checking and adjusting bale density
- Fewer bales that are too loose or too tight



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