

YouTube video from "OldGuyDIY" details how to build a loader mount.



3-Pt. Boom Pole Gets Boost With Loader Mount

Editor's Note: When a reader suggested we check out YouTube videos by OldGuyDIY, we looked into it. The channel is loaded with low-cost, common-sense ideas. While we couldn't get in touch with OldGuyDIY himself, we wanted to share the project our reader highlighted.

Youtuber OldGuyDIY posted a video on how

to make a low-cost 3-pt. boom pole easier to use and more effective. He did this by creating a no-weld, wood-and-log chain mount to attach it to his loader bucket. You can check it out through the YouTube link posted below or follow these suggestions.

1. If you don't have one, pick up a 3-pt. mount boom pole.

2. Measure the inside width of your loader bucket. Cut a 4 by 4 to fit and lay it in the bucket.
3. Set the 3-pt. boom frame in the bucket with the top link against the back of the bucket. Secure it in place with a ratchet strap.
4. Measure from one side of the boom post to the corresponding side of the bucket. Cut a 2 by 4 to fit, then attach it to the 4 by 4 with structural screws.
5. Repeat on the other side.
6. Measure the distance between the boom post and the rails, then cut 2 by 4s accordingly and screw them to the 2 by 4s in steps four and five. They serve as locators to keep the boom centered and prevent it from moving side to side.
7. Hook a logging chain to the bucket edge. Run it underneath the bucket, moving from the back side to the top link pin, then back down and around to the front of the bucket edge. Continue with the chain up to, but just below, the top link pin and around it before hooking it back to itself.

According to OldGuyDIY, the boom won't move towards the front of the bucket or slip to either side.



Loader mount chain wrap and wood stabilizers.

"Putting the boom on the loader gives additional height," he says. "In the case of my loader, I have a reach of 12 ft. high and 8 ft. out."

He recommends using a counterweight, like a heavy implement, on the back of the tractor. He also cautions not to exceed the boom's rated capacity.

"It makes life easier, especially if you're working by yourself," he adds. "I can pull up to a lawn mower, slip a chain into the boom end, and pick it up to work on it or move it. I can reach across a fence with it and pick up an implement. It's a cheap way to expand the uses of your tractor and loader."

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Horses For Work And Play

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Although the ABA was established in 1999, the official registry only started six years ago. One of its primary goals is to eliminate confusion for buyers.

"There's no such breed as a 'Brabant,'" Julian says. "The American Brabant is its own breed, totally separate from the European Brabant. That's really confusing to people. Marketing is a challenge."

He says that American Brabants are a mix of old-style Persian, stout short Suffolk, and stocky American and Canadian Belgians. Breeders aim, in part, to restore livestock standards from a different era.

"Everyone used to farm with horses, but not everyone was a horseman," Julian says.

"People prioritized good-tempered, docile horses. What we're doing is recreating what breeders were doing 80 to 90 years ago."

Julian states that they won't tolerate aggressive horses and are focused on breeding gentle, good-tempered animals.

"They have a special, calm temperament from the European Belgian stock, not the excitable energy of the show ring."

The breed standard is 15.2 to 17 hands, and breeders select for a solid hoof and sturdy feet.

"We want as much body depth as height to the ground," Julian says. "We don't want long legs. It's a short, stocky horse. That makes it an easier worker, an easier feeder."

The result is a truly versatile animal, great for logging, wagon pulling and trail riding.

"This is a breed best suited for everyone," Julian says. "But especially anyone who wants to be in control of their power, not reliant on fuel sourced from other countries or tractor parts that take six weeks to arrive. American Brabants offer truly green energy."

Julian's put this belief into practice on his own property, a 50-head Wisconsin dairy farm with Fleckvieh, a dual-purpose cow similar to a chunky Guernsey.

"We use horse multipliers like tillers, but

the horses pull all the weight. I'm getting my farmwork done with a \$10,000 tool, not a half-million tractor."

Horse owners are beginning to recognize the appeal of the American Brabant, which is why Julian stresses the importance of caution.

"Don't go to a sale and buy a 'Brabant.' Don't buy them off Facebook Marketplace. Instead, join the ABA, go to events, and connect with reputable breeders. The animals won't be more expensive than you'd find elsewhere, but their lineage is guaranteed."

He recommends reaching out directly to the ABA.

"All our board members have their numbers on the website."

He thinks the extra research will be worth the effort.

"These animals are 16 hands, and 1,600 lbs. You can ride one on Sunday and put it on a cultivator on Monday. Truly multi-purpose."

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Old swather beam used as the key piece of a trailer that holds nine round bales. Haubrich added metal bale cradles and hooked them up to dump hydraulically.

Retired Farmer Creates Handy Innovations

By Bruce Derksen, Contributing Editor

Retired farmer Brian Haubrich enjoyed planning and developing new ideas while he was still actively farming.

Haubrich had a large shop with plenty of space for equipment repairs, but it was a curved-wall Quonset without straight sur-

faces to mount and hang his large assortment of tools.

"Because of the curved walls, I didn't have anywhere to keep my tools organized, so I had to come up with another solution," he says. "I decided to build a type of tool 'tree'

where everything could go, and I could just walk to a central spot in the shop to grab what I needed."

The tool tree was built with an old New Holland baler flywheel as its base. Haubrich attached a length of 2-in. square tubing as a support post and added what he needed around the center.

"I had a lot of stuff around the shop, so I made some trays to hold the smaller tools and added hooks and mounts to hang all the bigger pieces," he says. "It weighs over 1,000 lbs., and was just what I needed. I made five of them in total."

Another innovation involved Haubrich transforming an old Co-op 26-ft. swather into a draper header for his combine. After using it that way for over eight years, he decided to park it. Tired of walking around it in his yard, he then built a round bale hauler from the main beam.

"I had my shop and nothing to do in it at the time, so I decided to turn this into a trailer as I needed something to haul my bales home from all over the countryside," Haubrich says.

The result was repurposing the old swather beam as the central part of a trailer that holds nine round bales. He added strong metal bale



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cradles and hooked them up to dump hydraulically. For the axles, he bought 6-bolt rims and 16-in. tires to support the lengthy load.

"It's heavy-duty and sitting in the back of my yard," Haubrich says. "I might want to sell it if someone is interested, as I don't need it anymore."

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