

Clipper Caddy

At the first cross-tie in the gray barn, there had always been a horse clipper or two—not great ones, but handy—for people to trim a muzzle or bridle path. And the clippers would rest on the near edge of some metal shelving that faces the aisle, or the clippers would be balanced on the top of a 4x4 that is a combination railing and saddle stand. When I say “balanced,” I mean precariously. So, this caddy is a response to those factors.

It’s three-quarter-inch plywood (overkill, use quarter or half-inch), 20 inches tall, and 6 1/2 inches wide (plus the snap that hangs it). This particular design is one of the few that went almost at once to a revised version (this one), as I had first made the shelves only wide enough to hold the clipper motor/bodies, and not wide enough to store clippers with cords wrapped around them.

Here, the two shelves for clippers turn out to be nominal 1x4 (3/4 by 3 1/2), lengths cut to match the 6 1/2 wide plywood. Glue and 1 5/8 inch drywall screws hold these strips. Quarter-inch plywood makes a tray front, cut 2 3/4 inches, so that 2 inches are above the one-by. Glue and three-penny nails hold it to the 1x4.



Shorter pieces of this thin plywood make back ends to these trays, keeping the extended cord from pulling the clipper motors off the caddy. Four inches of open space exist between each of the clipper trays.

Above these two trays is one, closed on all three outer sides, to hold replacement blades. Note the nail through the near plywood that goes into the upright plywood back: the plywood at the far ends of the clipper trays also (glue and) nail to this upright once, twice into the shelf.

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