

Hose Reel

The barns had had metal hose holders. They're insane hazards: sheet metal corners, U-channel teeth, all pointing into the aisle. And they rust.

I made two wooden brackets for the barns, to hold hoses of two different lengths, a seventy-foot, and the one-hundred foot that's shown here (illus. 1). They're about as horse-safe for main-aisle hose storage as is possible. They don't care about winter or direct sunlight, as plastic eventually does. They don't rust. In fact, as I look at them, the little guys look as if they belong. And they'll last longer than the pole-barns they're in.

Materials are scraps of 2x6, of 3/4 inch plywood, nails, glue, screws. Probably these were mounted with two-inch number 10 or 12 pan-head sheet-metal screws.

In both cases, the support core is five inches in height by eight in length (I must have mimicked the metal holder's sheet metal's curve). Three pieces of 2x6 (4 1/2 inches actual) form the core of this larger holder. I had cut the pieces with a saber-saw, glued them together, used the nails, and sanded them sort-of-smooth-to-each-other with a disk sander.



For both holders, plywood dimensions are within half-an-inch of each other, so here are the plywood measures for the “larger” one: Wall-mount plywood (as is the core) is eight inches wide (illus. 2), and is 9 1/2 inches high. The front plywood is ten inches wide by eight inches high (illus. 3). I don’t know what I’d used to set the “curve” for the top of its wall plywood (not much, it looks like), but probably the bottom of a muck bucket for the front.

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