

Manure Fork Holder

The youth fork, the rake (illus. 1), are hung on nails driven into ½-inch plywood. And that's ok, as there's just one of each.



Trying to keep wall space open to store four or five (or more) manure forks like the flags of all nations gets to be a mess.

This design is based on an upright strip of 3-inch actual width, and some triangles of ¼-inch plywood to help support two arms of 3-inch material. Glue, some small nails, two of 2-inch drywall screws, that's about it. Then the two screws to mount the holder to your wall (illus. 2).

Parts as illustrated are;

One of 20-inch (1x3) upright (in a pole building, use about 26 inches)

Two of 12-inch (1x3) arms (holds about five forks)

One 8 by 12 by 1/4 inch plywood, cut once from corner to corner

Glue and nail the plywood to each arm (arranged so that the plywood can be sandwiched between the arms and the upright).

Drill pilot holes in the arms (and one smaller into the upright a few inches down from its top).

Glue, and screw down the arm with the additional pilot hole. Check that the arm's at 90-degrees to the support, and then nail down the plywood brace to the side of the support.

Make the second arm parallel across from the first one, and drill its smaller pilot hole into the support. Glue, and screw down this second arm, and nail-off the brace to the support so that the arms are still parallel.

Set "stops" at the outer/upper ends of the arms. I use some 3/8-inch dowel-pegs, drilled and glued, and set to stand up 3/4-inch. But use nails, or whatever, to give a sense of "security" to the forks stored on the arms.

If it's winter, let the glue set-up overnight in the house.

Drill pilots, top and bottom in the support, for screws to mount the holder to the wall, and do so.

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