HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN GREENHEAD TRAP

Materials You Will Need to Build 2 Traps

- (1) 4' x 8' sheet of 1/2" CDX exterior plywood
- (8) 1 5/8" x 1 5/8" x 42" pressure treated spindles
- (1) box (50) 1 5/8" deck screws
- (12) 8' pieces 1" x 2" #2 pine
- (6) yds. 36" wide aluminum screening
- (1) qt. Benjamin Moore "Blueberry Hill" paint or equivalent
- (1) box 1/4" staples

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(1) 72" x 36" x 1/4" x 1/4" hardware cloth (galvanized screening) optional

SCREEN

(2) packages of Octenol (insect attractant)

TOP VIEW (SHOWN WITHOUT COVER)

SCREEN

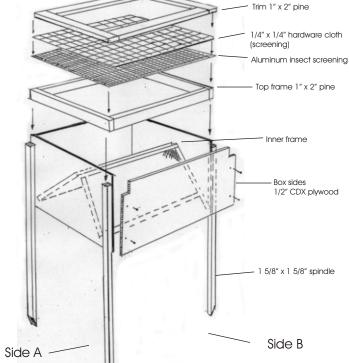
Tools You Will Need

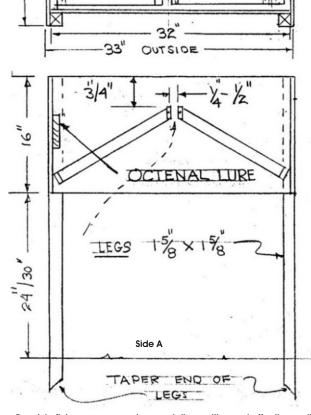
Saw - jig saw or hand saw Electric drill/screw driver

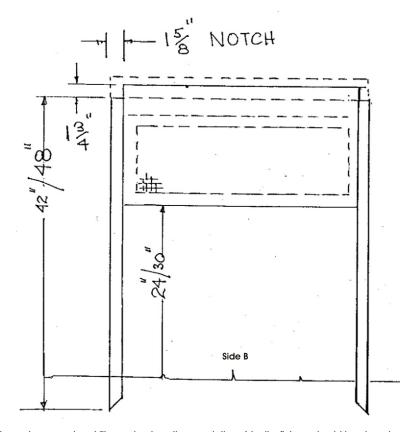
Staple gun Paint brush











Box style flytraps are an environmentally sensitive and effective method to capture greenhead flies and reduce the population. Ideally, flytraps should be placed where the flies breed, along the edges of the salt marsh at 200 feet intervals. Placement of fly traps in back yards can be quite effective but keep in mind that moving a trap just two or three feet could significantly improve the capture rate. Flytraps should consist of a removable top screen and two internal bottom screens. Blue seems to be the best color for attracting greenhead flies and is approximately 50% more effective than black. Octenol is an attractant that enhances the capture rate by a factor of three. See reverse side for step by step instructions