

## The Cataloochee Pasture Hay Feeder

The hay feeder for my pasture is based on the “Big Boy” hay feeder (at right) that I saw on Ove Lind’s website, [swedishhoofschool.com](http://swedishhoofschool.com).

My neighbor, Mike Jones, is very clever and handy. He also has a lot of tools.



The Original Big Boy Hay Feeder

I showed him Ove’s website and he built my beautiful feeder, which I call the **Cataloochee Pasture Hay Feeder**, because we live on the Cataloochee Ridge in beautiful Western North Carolina. Our property is located at about 3800 feet.

## The materials

I purchased the following supplies at Lowe's, our local home improvement store.

- 4 (8 foot) panels of Knotty Barnwood house siding
- 8 (8 foot) pressure treated 2' x 4's
- 2 (8 foot) pressure treated 2' x 6's
- 3 inch galvanized steel screws
- 2 sets of hinges
- 1 latch



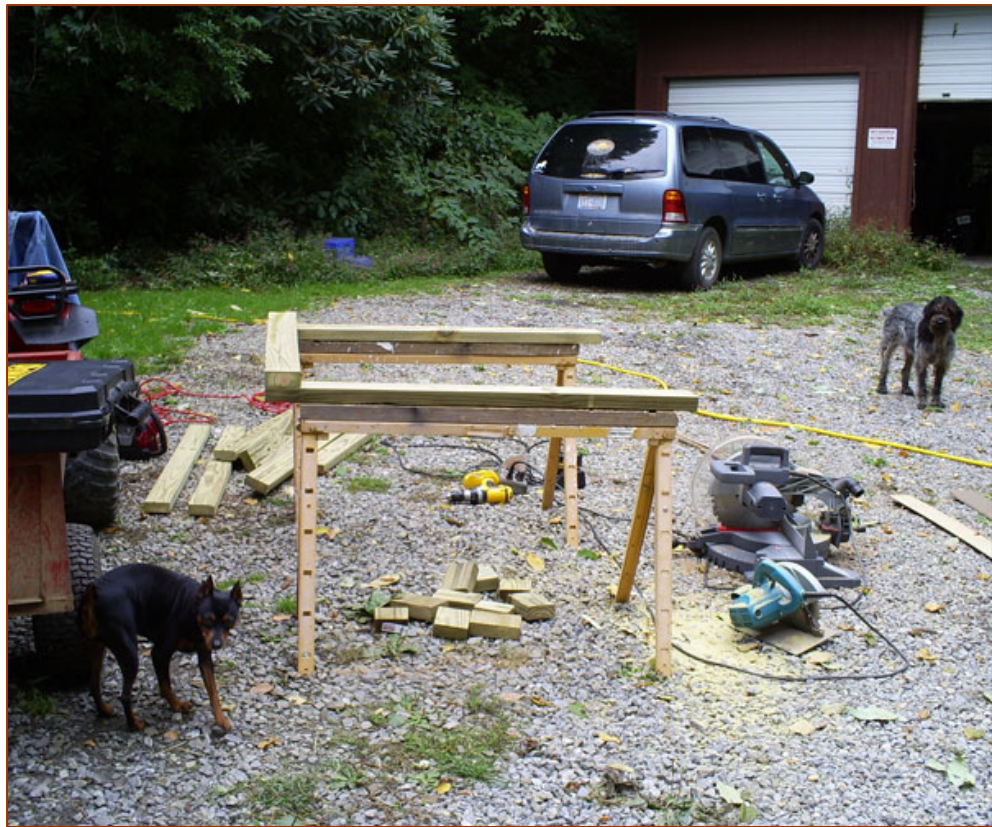
Lowe's was kind enough to cut everything in half to fit into my mini-van.

We ended up with one unused 2'x4', and half a panel of siding leftover.

## The CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

Mike set up shop in my driveway using common tools such as a skill saw, a chop saw, tape measure, and electric drill / screwdriver.

It took him 9 hours to construct the feeder.



# TRICK N GLICK

First Mike created the feeder floor and feeder side panels.



We had some welded wire leftover from a fencing project which he used for the feeding grids.



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At this point Mike carried the panels up to the pasture to complete the construction project.



Otherwise it would have been difficult to move.



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Mike screwed strips of wood on the inside of the side panels and added those panels to the feeder.



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Then Mike added slanted panels on the inside to guide the hay down to the grids.



He found it was easy to screw the panels in place by flipping the feeder on its side.



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We buy big 45 pound bales of hay. Mike made the feeder so that two bales fit perfectly in the feeder.



After cutting the baling twine, we pushed the hay down.



# TRICK N GLICK

Beau figured it out right away!



Jubee watched Beau and learned!



# TRICK N GLICK



I bought the wrong hinges the first day so the second day we added different hinges and a latch.

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This feeder has turned out to be everything it was promised to be, and more!

- The horses no longer fight or eat too fast because they are worried about missing out.
- Keeping their head near the ground and eating for hours and hours is more natural, like grazing.
- Horses can eat whenever they get hungry instead of waiting by the gate hoping we'll bring them hay.
- They eat less and save me money.
- I don't have to go out and feed first thing in the morning!

