



One-third scale baler is built to resemble a 1922 Case Hay Press.

MAKE 7 AND 14-IN. LONG BALES

Business Is Booming For Mini Balers

An Oklahoma man says people can't get enough of the working mini balers he builds that are based on a full-size 1922 Case Hay Press.

Two models built by Ron Schulz, of Enid, Okla., each make about 30 bales per hour. One model, a 1/3-scale baler, makes 5 by 7 by 14-in. bales and is powered by a 1/3 hp electric motor. The other is a 1/6-scale baler that makes 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 by 7-in. bales and is powered by a 1/5 hp electric motor.

"They're big crowd pleasers," says Schulz. "I got interested in building them when I took early retirement in the late 1980s and started going to old engine shows. While attending a show in Oklahoma I saw a 1922 Case Hay Press that had been restored. I took a lot of photos and measurements, then started building the 1/3-scale model. It took about 360 hours to build. I took it to threshing shows where many people recalled operating a full-size Case Hay Press baler years ago. Some of them had tears in their eyes as they recalled all the hardships back in the Depression years and Dust Bowl era.

"The 1/3-scale baler is 60 in. long and weighs about 160 lbs. After a year of hauling it around, I decided to make the 1/6-scale model. It's 30 in. long and weighs about 35 lbs. and can fit in a car trunk, allowing my wife and I to take it to shows much farther away.

"I've built some 1/6 scale balers for other people. Some of my earlier customers have used their working models to make 3,000 to 5,000 bales. I had so much interest in my mini balers that I finally had detailed blueprints drawn up to offer for sale."

Schulz also makes 1/16 and 1/8 scale hand-operated, portable antique balers that can make bales from lawn clippings, wood shavings, shredded paper, corn husks, wheat straw, alfalfa, etc. The balers have a wooden plunger and are operated by pushing on a wooden lever. Material is pushed into a hole on top of the chamber, then the lever is pushed forward. It takes about five "loads" of material to make a complete bale. The 1/16-scale baler makes 7/8 by 1 3/8 by 3-in. bales while the 1/8-scale baler makes 1 7/8 by 2 7/8 by 6-in. bales.

The 1/3-scale baler sells for \$2,400 plus S&H. The motor - electric or gas - sells for



Schulz also builds 1/6 and 1/8 scale portable, hand-operated antique balers equipped with wooden plungers. They can make bales from lawn clippings, wood shavings, etc.



These custom-built pedal tractors are modeled after Deere L, LA, and LI tractors. Bodies are made from fiberglass, with three layers of resin and two layers of matting.

\$200 extra. The 1/6 scale baler sells for \$2,200 plus S&H. An electric motor kit sells for \$200. The 1/16 scale baler sells for \$100 plus S&H and the 1/8 scale baler sells for \$125 plus S&H.

"All balers are available in IH red, Deere green, Ford blue, and Case Flambeau red colors," says Schulz.

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NO FUR, JUST SKIN

Chinese "Hairless" Dogs

"People often ask me if I shaved my dog," says Michelle Shannon, Toledo, Wash., who's a breeder of rare Chinese Crested "hairless" dogs.

They stand only 11 to 13 in. high and weigh 8 to 12 lbs. It's an ancient breed that dates as far back as the 1500's. The breed's name is attributed to Chinese tea trading sailors who, during the 16th century, took the dogs with them on journeys. The dogs were used to catch mice on ships and were often eaten themselves by the crew. The breed began appearing at dog shows in the 1800s but it wasn't until 1979 that the American Chinese Crested Club was founded in the U.S.

Although the dogs have no hair on their body, they have a "crest" of hair on top of their heads, "socks" of hair on their feet, and a "plume" of hair on the end of their tails. The hairless skin is smooth to the touch but can be easily sunburned. The dogs often change their color as they grow, often being born light or mottled and turning darker or solid as they mature.

"Chinese Crested dogs love people and are very cuddly, much preferring your lap or a couch to the floor. Being highly intelligent and playful, they're fond of children and can play games for hours. They become so devoted to their owners that they may die of a broken heart when parted, such as by a death in the family," says Shannon.

"Chinese Cresteds make excellent house



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pets and are a great choice for very tidy homemakers, for older people and for people who live in apartments. The hairless variety is a great choice for people with allergies to dogs because they have very little fur to harbor fleas or dandruff."

There is a second variety of Chinese Cresteds that is identical to the hairless except that it has a long fluffy coat. Shannon raises both varieties.

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