

Reusable credit card keys work just like the real thing.

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"Credit Card Keys" Fit In Your Billfold

If you've got a key that keeps getting lost or locked inside your car or truck, you'll like these new credit card keys that fit inside your wallet.

Inventor Robert Almblad came up with the idea several years ago but he wasn't able to manufacture them until he discovered a special plastic made by DuPont that's both tough and durable. The keys hang from the card by small threads of plastic and work just like regular metal keys. Once the door is open, the keys bend back flat into the card to be placed back in your wallet.

Credit card keys are available for all domestic cars and trucks and will soon be also be available for foreign-made models as well. You simply buy the blanks for your year and model car or truck and make a copy of the key on a regular key machine. In the future, the company also plans to produce blanks for house and other types of keys.

Credit card keys sell for \$5.00 per card plus \$1.00 shipping and handling. Just send the year, make and model of your car or pickup. If you make a photocopy of both sides of your keys on a copy machine and send it along with your order, the company will cut the keys out for you. Or you can take the blanks to a local locksmith and have them made.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Credit Card Keys, 9631 N. 22nd Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. 85021 (ph 800 248-0034 or 602 371-0948).



Grain Auger "Giraffe" Supports Basketball Hoop

Old grain augers work great to support a basketball backboard and hoop, according to North Dakota farmer Keith Sethen who even took the idea one step further. He used yellow and black paint to cover the auger with the markings of a giraffe and then painted the head of a giraffe- in bright yellow - just above the hoop on the backboard.

Sethen, who farms near Garrison, says the advantage of using an auger as a basketball hoop support is that you can wheel it around anywhere, as needed. Also, the height of the hoop can be easily changed by raising and lowering the auger. That lets him adjust it upward for his young sons as they grow.

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Photo shows livestock-hauling model with wood slat sides.

HAND-CRAFTED WOOD REPLICA

Buckboard Wagon Great Fun For Kids

Whenever Doug Van Arnam goes to a farm show, crowds of people follow him around trying to get a close-up look at the buckboard wagons that carry his kids.

At the recent Farm Science Review in Columbus, Ohio, Van Arnam stopped every so often to let people gather round to inspect the wagons which he builds in his Wadsworth, Ohio shop. He answers questions but he doesn't give a sales pitch because he says the wagons sell themselves.

"We got kicked out of one show because we had so much interest in the wagons but hadn't bought a booth. We didn't think that was fair because we can't help it if people are interested. Now we're pretty low key about it," Van Arnam told FARM SHOW as he stood among a sight-seeing crowd of showgoers.

Van Arnam builds four different styles of "buckboard" wagons, all based on antique horse-drawn models. The replica buckboard is 42 in, long and 28 in, wide. Constructed with treated lumber, it has a buckboard seat mounted up above the bed of the wagon. Even the wheels and spokes were built with wood and then wrapped with a steel band. Steel roller bearings make the oversize wheels easy to pull.

"I built the first one for my own kids but there was so much interest, we started building them for sale," says Van Arnam. The buckboard wagon sells for \$249. Van Arnam also builds a "livestock" hauling model with wood-slat sides (\$269), a "vegetable" hauling wagon without the buckboard seat (\$229), and a "delivery" wagon with totally enclosed sides and rear-opening sides (\$459).

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