



Reel Rack

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Space in the shop is always been at a premium and we're continually trying to "find" more room. With an increase in topdressing we were changing out reels more than ever. Unfortunately some of our racks held reels 6 high, which got to be a bit much. In an effort to lessen the strain of moving the reels around we cut the racks in half. Which now meant nothing would be higher than ones shoulders.

When we did that we ended up with 2 sets of reels with no place to put them. I'd seen several reel racks at different shops and we made one for ourself. The base is made out of 2 X 2 square tubing as is the upright. The arms that hold the reels are made from roller shafts. The 1 X 1 angle iron bracing cradles the rear rollers. This helps keep everything stable.



The lower set of reels lay flat on angle iron crossmembers with 1/4 inch keystock as stops to keep them from rolling. I started with 4 swivel casters but we changed 2 to fixed position ones and added a towbar similar to what a kids wagon would have. When we change out reels we take it out, swap the reels, roll it back in with the old reels ready for service. Saves some time and makes things easier to boot.

I think there's quite a few variations of this around. Makes life a lot easier.