

"FRIPP SIMPLE GHOST CRAB TRAP"

Materials

- 1 ea. - 1 gl. plastic jug (windshield washer fluid or eq.)
- 1 ea. - 1 qt. tall plastic bottle (isopropyl alcohol or eq.)
- 1 ea. - sheet of coarse sandpaper
- 2 ea. - #64 rubber bands

Assembly Instructions

- Cut a hole in the bottom of the gl. jug to the circumference of the qt. bottle sized to fit snugly.
- Cut the ends OUT OF the qt. bottle leaving a 1/8" curved inside lip.
- Double the two rubber bands and place them side by side around the qt. bottle ~ 2" from one end.
- Trim the sheet of sandpaper to 1/4" shorter than the height of the qt. bottle.
- Roll the sandpaper sheet into a tube with the smooth side out sized to fit snugly into the qt. bottle and staple or glue (hot glue works best) the seam.
- Slide this rolled tube into the qt. bottle.
- Slide the long end of the qt. bottle into the hole in the bottom of the jug and lock it in place between the two rubber bands.

OPERATION

- Discard the jug's cap to permit the free exchange of fresh air.
- Place the traps 2" projection inside a "fresh" ghost crab hole and lock the trap in place with packed beach sand.
- To remove the crab from the trap turn the jug upside down, slide the small container out, place your hand in the opening with the index finger extended, pull your finger out and the crab should be firmly attached.
- Dispose of the crab as you see fit.

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INSTRUCTIONS ON BUILDING A CRAB TRAP

To build a crab trap follow these steps:

1. Cut four pieces of hardware cloth in the following dimensions. See Figure 1 for help.

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| piece #1 | length 25" | width 11" |
| piece #2 | length 6" | width 4 1/2" |
| piece #3 | same as piece #2 | |
| piece #4 | length 9-10" | width 4" |

2. Fold piece #1 into a dome shaped cylinder with a flat bottom (to sit on the sand). See Figure 2.

3. Fold piece #4 into a tube using bendable wire to adhere sides.

4. Cut a circle at the bottom of the domed trap to fit the tube from step #3. The tube may either protrude from the bottom (about 1-2") so it can be inserted in a crab hole or it can be bent at the floor of the trap so it will sit completely flat on the sand. You may want to try both and see what works best.

5. Attach pieces #2 and #3 to each side of the trap. You may use the same wire and bend it around the trap (in which case you should cut about an extra inch on each side), or you may adhere the sides with bendable wire clips. In either case, be sure to use a clip on at least one side so you will be able to open and close the door when you catch a crab.

Place the center of the trap (where the tube is) directly over any crab hole in or around a sea turtle nest.

Figure 1.

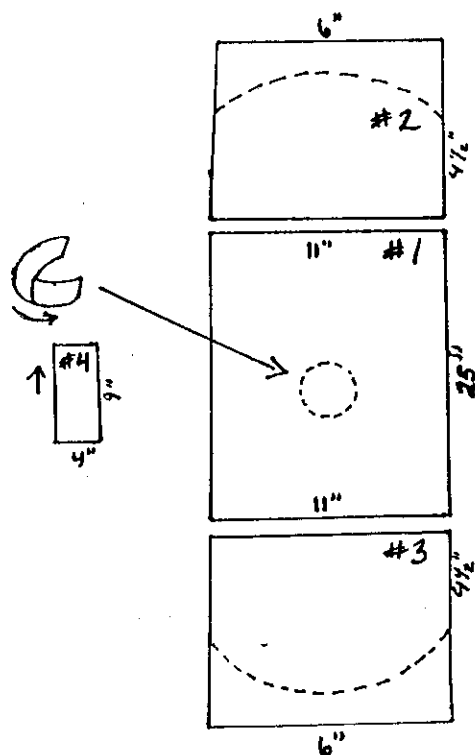


Figure 2.

