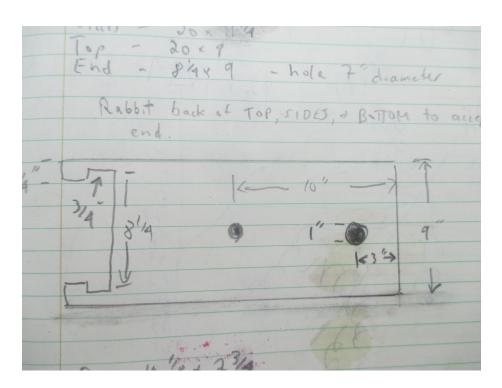
Chipinator Plans



This Chipinator is similar to one my father made to catch rabbits. You could downsize if you're only interested in catching chipmunks. Beware, if you catch a squirrel, remove it quickly or it will chew things up badly.

The dimensions of the top piece (20" x 9") are shown below. (Front is to the left)



Other pieces are:

Bottom - 22" x 9"

Sides - 20 "x 9 1/4"

End – 8 1/4" x 9" (hole cut 7" diameter)

Door - 10 1/8" x 7 3/4"

Trigger stick (going into box) – 17" with notch 9 1/8" from top

Fulcrum (broom handle or dowel and top cut to ^ shape) – 9 1/4"
Top bar (connects to door top and trigger top), balances on fulcrum in center

Other photos are below.

View of back - Note trigger stick has a piece of velcrow glued to it. A piece of cardboard has matching velcrow. This allows easy attachment of cardboard to trigger once trigger inside the box. The cardboard piece increases catching efficiency, i.e., chipmunk bumps it to get the seeds (sunflower work great) behind it.

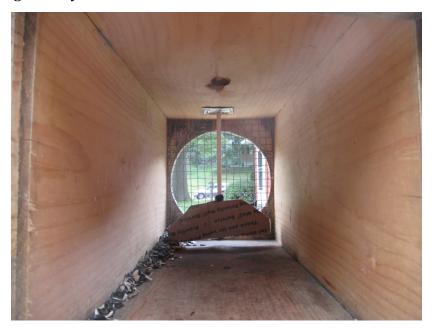


Below is close up of notch in the trigger. Photo below on right shows trigger in place. A piece of flashing or food can across the opening (nailed to inside of top piece) catches the trigger's notch.





What the chipmunk sees when looking into the box. Note the cardboard piece blocking the way.



Below are photos of the hook and eyes connecting top bar to door and trigger



