

BILL OF MATERIALS

No. of Pieces	Material	Dimensions	Part Name
1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Sheet metal Pipe Pipe Pipe Pipe Pipe Flat iron Wedge Flat iron	3/8" x 12" x 18" 2" x 42" 2 1/2" x 5" 2 1/2" x 4" 3" x 4" 5/8" x 4" x 9" 2" x 2 3/4" x 8" 1/4" x 2" dia.	Base Column Pipe stop Inside collar Outside collar Wedge bracket Wedge Cap on main column

Note: Many types of splitters can be built depending on material available and personal preference. Some people prefer using I-beam instead of pipe for the main column. Different dimensions can be used depending on the size of wood you want to split.

CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURE

BASE ASSEMBLY:

- Cut one piece of 3/8" sheet metal 12" x 18". Cut a 7 1/2" radius on one end which will be the front.
- 2. Cut one piece of 2" pipe 42" long and one piece of 2 1/2" pipe 5" long. Place the long piece inside the short one and weld together with them flush on the bottom; also weld around the top of the short pipe.
- Place the pipe assembly perpendicular to the 3/8" sheet metal,
 from the back and centered. Square and weld.
- 4. Using 1/4" flat metal, cut a circular piece with a 2" diameter and weld to the top of the pipe.

WEDGE ASSEMBLY:

- 5. Cut one piece of 2 1/2" pipe 4" long and one piece of 3" pipe 4" long. Place the 2 1/2" pipe inside the 3" pipe and weld solid on top and bottom.
- 6. Cut a piece of 5/8" x 4" flat iron 9" long and sharpen the bottom side. Weld this piece to the 4" pipe.
- 7. The wedge may be purchased or it can be made if the builder has a power saw or torch. Notice measurements on drawings if you decide to make the wedge. If a commercial wedge is used, it should be welded with low hydrogen rods and cooled slowly. Weld the wedge to the 5/8" flat iron.
- 8. Remove all slag and clean properly with a grease and oil remover if needed. Prime with a rust-inhibiting paint.
- 9. After primer coat of paint has dried, paint with a suitable metal enamel paint.

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