Student's Simulated Fence Training Aid

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Ever wish there was a better way to teach your students the proper way to cross obstacles such as a fence with a firearm or bow? Well, this simple fence building idea may be the answer to teaching an important lesson in hunter education. The fence can be easily assembled and disassembled and stored or transported. You can modify it with a POSTED sign or paint-blaze if your state uses a paint marking to warn trespassers about property boundaries.

At the beginning of the lesson and before class starts, place the POSTED sign on the fence and see if a student goes through the fence without gaining permission or questioning about the sign. This teaches a valuable lesson for all students.

Materials List:
- 2 - 4 x 4 x 48” wooden posts
- 3 - 1 x 4 x 72” boards
- 8 - 3/8 x 3” carriage bolts with washers and wingnuts
- Handful of 10d nails or No. 8 x 3” flathead wood screws
- Coarse sandpaper

Assembly:
Drill two holes near the top of each post and matching holes through the ends of each board. Attach one board to the posts with four bolts, washers and wingnuts. Place a second board two feet below the edge of the top board, drill holes to match through the post and end of board. Attach the second board with remaining four bolts, washers and wingnuts. To act as feet, cut the final 1 x 4 board into 2-foot lengths and attach evenly to the outside of each post with the nails or screws. Sand as needed to remove splinters.

Optional:
To make a simulated barbed wire fence you can use a third 4 x 4 x 48” post and build feet at right angles for this post from any remaining 1 x 4 lumber. Place three eye-screws on the inside of the third post and outside of one of the wooden fence posts. Place the freestanding post about six feet away from the end of the wooden fence. Run heavy string through the six eye-screws to make a simulated barbed-wire fence.

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