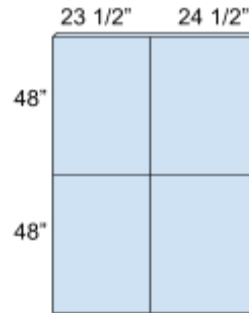


Track Box | Instructions

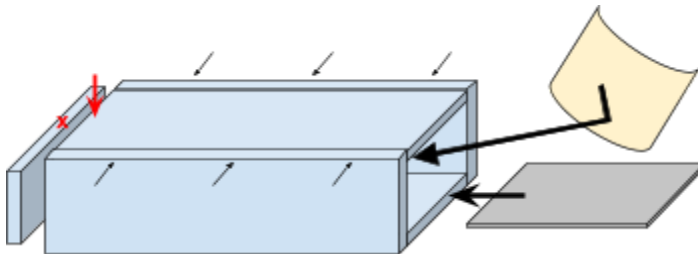
Mammals can be 8-25)

1. Scrap of plywood ~23"x24 1/2"
2. One sheet of 24"x36" sheet metal (~\$10)
3. One sheet of Con-Tact paper ([link](#)) (~\$5)
4. Newspaper
5. Lighter



Building the track box:

1. Cut the plywood into the top and bottom (2 @ 48"x24 1/2") and the sides (2 @ 48"x23 1/2")
 - a. If you go to Lowes, they will cut the plywood sheet for you (see diagram above)
2. Attach the top and bottom to the sides as shown (imagine the arrows as screws, see note below).
3. Take newspaper and light it on fire.
 - a. Hold the metal sheet above the flame so it gets covered in soot
4. Slide the sheet metal at front edge of the track box, leaving a few inches so it doesn't get wet.
5. Place the contact in the back section of the track box and tape it down
6. Place bait in the back of the trap
 - a. Use peanut butter + oats, tuna, or experiment and see what works best for different species
7. Attach the back of the trap by screwing down where the arrow is into the x of the back sheet
 - a. Use a short screw that can easily be removed. This makes it easy to place new sheets of contact paper in the box. The contact paper should be placed sticky side up. The critters' feet will pick up the soot and then transfer their footprints beautifully onto the contact paper.
8. Leave the trap out and check daily to refresh bait and replace Con-Tact paper as needed



Notes:

I'd ideally want the top to overhang the sides to keep water from dripping in from the sides, but was constrained by materials. The sheet metal needed to slide easily into the track box, but it comes in 24" wide sheets at the hardware store and I wanted to make the box out of just 1 sheet of plywood. Since the plywood is 48" wide I cut it into a 24 1/2 wide section (to accommodate the width of the sheet metal) and used the remaining 23 1/2" wide sections for the walls. You can also use a hard plastic sheet bent over the top to shield out rain/snow. Rain and snow will also blur the tracks, so the tracks show up more clearly in dry conditions.

