More Than a Rat Trap
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Rat traps are often used only to solve your pest problems within your own home. “Ahhh! It it’s a rat,” loudly cries the woman. Henceforth, you go and purchase a rat trap, to make that woman shut up. Oh yah, and to humanly kill that rat. I almost forgot about that reason. You trap that rat and throw it away with the trap. Let me stop you there! That rat trap can be used to trap small game animals of all kinds. Not just a rat. So if you enjoy the outdoors and pro trapping, as do I, then you’re going to want to keep that trap! Pull out that rat out of that trap, get going to real trapping, and make that money from your furs and meats!

Setting a Rat Trap:
1. Release the Arm bar by removing the staple and hang the arm bar of the back of the rat trap.
2. Add bait to the trigger (we will talk about that later as well)
3. Pull back the kill bar and hold it well. Put the arm bar over the 3 cont. - kill bar and place it in the groove (tab) on the trigger. It is now set.

How it works:
The animal will go up to the bait that is on the trigger and bite onto it. It will cause the trigger to be pushed down, which will release the arm bar. Making the kill bar come crashing the animal’s skull or neck. It is clean and humane kill.

Baiting:
Rat traps do need to be baited. Here are some baits you can use.

- **Birds** – Bread
- **Chipmunks** – Sunflower Seeds, bread, cheerios, and acorns.
- **Squirrels** – Popcorn (my favorite), sunflower seeds, peanut butter, peanuts, almond, pecans, cheerios, flower bulbs, raw spaghetti noodles, fungi, and corns.
- **Rabbits** – Veggies
- **Opossums** – Processed meat such as hot dogs.
- **Mink** – Fish such as sardines (yum!)
- **Groundhogs** – Sweet Apples
- **Moles & Gophers** – Earthworms
- **Rats** – Any Food
**Camouflaging a Rat Trap:**

You are going to need brown spray paint, your rat trap, and a place to spray paint at.

1. Shake the brown spray paint for 30 seconds.
2. Place the rat trap in desired location to spray at. The Rat trap should be facing up.
3. Hold the kill bar up and spray the area where the trigger is at. Release the kill bar.
4. Spray all over the trap, the sides of the board, the kill bar, arm bar, and the base (board).
5. Once the upper side’s paint dries, turn the trap to it lower side, and spray all over.

After you spray paint your trap, you have a problem! The rat trap now smells like spray paint, of which is not natural either. So now you need to remove that paint’s scent.

**Removing the Scent:**

You going to need a shovel, the dirt of the ground, and your spray painted rat trap.

1. Dig a hole to fit your rat trap in completely with your shovel in the dirt.
2. Place your rat trap in the hole and put the dirt back over the rat trap
3. Leave from anywhere to 3 days to 2 weeks.
4. After waiting, pull your rat trap out and sniff it to see if the scent still remains.
5. If the scent still remains leave for another 3 days, continue till scent is gone.

If this step is not done, the animal will smell the unnatural smell of the paint and will not mess with it. You might want to do more than one rat trap at a time, to save time. Now your trap is semi-camouflaged. You can now use it for your next meal, furbearer, or pest control problem, but there is so much more to learn to make the rat trap so much more than just a rat trap.

**Adding more Power to the Rat Trap:**

**Teeth**

In some states, if not most, it is illegal to add or have teeth on a trap. So please, check your local laws before adding teeth (staples).

**You Need:**

- Long Staples (1 inch or so)
- A strong stapler that can go through a half of an inch of wood
- Your Camouflaged Rat Trap
Steps:
1. Take your rat trap and place it upside down, having the trigger side face toward you.
2. Having the rat trap upside down and the trigger side toward you, add three staples above where the kill bar rests. Add 3 staples.
3. If the staples come out too long, you can cut them down with a sharp pair of pliers. When the animal releases the trigger, the kill bar comes down and crashes them onto the staple or teeth. Now your trap can kill larger animal like opossums, mink, weasels, and groundhogs.

The Neck Cruncher
Having the same power as teeth, the neck cruncher can crack and crunch bones within the animal’s skull or neck. For those who reside in a state that teeth are illegal this is the way to go instead.

You need:
- Staples, nails, or screws
- Stapler, Hammer, or Drill
- A small piece of wood about the same width of your rat trap, 3 inches.
- A rat trap

Steps:
1. In the same location where you would add the teeth, by the kill bar, place your small piece of wood at.
2. Hammer, staple, or drill your piece of wood onto the trap.
3. Make sure it stays on well.
4. If your staple, screw, or nail sticks out of the wood, you can bend it over or cut it (if not too thick).
This mod as well can kill large animal. The neck cruncher is completely legal, as long as you cut off or bend over the extra length of the staple, screw, or nail.

**More Kill Bar Strength**

Adding more kill bar power and strength is very simple and requires very little. If you don’t have a stapler, not a problem. All you need is a screw driver, your rat trap, and some duct tape (or any tape).

**Steps:**
1. Make a small, squared wad of duct tape.
2. Using your screw driver, lift up the extra length of the two springs.
3. While holding the springs up, shove the wad of duct tape under the springs.
4. Pull out the screw driver.
5. Lift up the kill bar and it should be semi-difficult to lift, which means it is more powerful.

The duct tape lifts up the springs, making the springs tighter. Hence the kill bar will be much more powerful.

Next… How to bed a rat trap like a foothold trap.

*Squirrel*  
*Chipmunk*  
*Rabbit*  
*Bird*
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