MAKING UBUNTU-BLOX (RECYCLED BUILDING BLOCKS)



UBUNTU INFO PART 2

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Ubuntu is an African word with a rich meaning that encompasses cooperation, humanity, and group solidarity for survival in situations with scarce resources. It is a good name for a self-help technology that can turn a problem into a resource.

Inventor and welder Harvey Lacey of Dallas, Texas invisioned the press and system to build with trash in response to the housing crisis after the Haitian earthquakes. Owen Geiger provided advice about how to reinforce the wall. Harvey has been hard at work refining and promoting and teaching ever since.

See other files in the Ubuntu Block Info series also available online soon to learn more about building with Ubuntu blocks.

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Make a press



11 GAUGE SQUARE STEEL TUBING 2x2 INCH/ 5x5 cm

STEEL PLATE HALF x 8 INCHES/ 1x20 cm

Weld or bolt



WITH CHANNELS FOR BALING WIRE



Add a strong screw SCAFFOLDING SCREW JACKS OR AN ACME SCREW



And a wheel



CAR STEERING WHEEL OR CUSTOM-MADE



M2" Plate for Top (not shown) 12"X36"

Notches in rare for wires, in line with spacing between bottom and end tubes.

1/2" Plate 8"X8" for drive plate

1" out 4171

1" ACME threaded rod 4TPI 36" long

2"X2"X8" angle for mounting 2 needed (second not visible) 2" square tubing 11 ga 9" above floor of press, 4 required

2"3.2" angle 8" long for bracing of end behind tubing (not visible)

2"X2" angle 48-1/2" long for top of sides secures lid and prevents bowing of sides

1/4" spacing between tabing to allow for tie wires to pass through

1/4" plate 8"X49-1/2" 2 required

1/4"X2 bar for securing base together under base pieces, 3 required (not visible)

> 2" square tubing 11ga, 52" long 4 required for floor

15/16" bolt head welded to threaded rod for driving with socket and ratchet

Make the right tools

§ A JIG FOR MAKING LOOPS IN THE BALING WIRE WILL SAVE A LOT OF TIME





MAKE UBUNTU-BLOX



Gather supplies

GET TRASH AND CLEAN IN A CHLORINE DIP



Break up stiff packing foam



BY HAND OR USE A MECHANICAL CHOPPER



Cut wire and loop 1 end



LONG ENOUGH FOR THE FINISHED BLOCK

Lay wires in grooves of press



Put clean trash in bags

MESH BAGS WILL BE EASIER TO PLASTER







Load recyclable trash without a bag

§ BUT THIS BLOCK MAY BE WORTH \$5



5 bags for each block



Close the door (IF IT HAS ONE)





Turn the wheel to compress

§ IT DOES NOT TAKE A LOT OF STRENGTH



Twist baling wire through the loops



YOUR UBUNTU-BLOX



Weigh 2- 5 lb./ 1- 2.5 kg

FOR 8x8x16 INCH/ 20x20x40 cm BLOCKS



Easiest to build with neat blocks



Different kinds of blocks

RECYCLABLE BLOCKS STRONG BUT NOT INSULATING FOAM AND FILM BLOCKS HIGHLY INSULATING NOT QUITE AS STRONG





Mesh makes plastering easy

ADD CHEAP MESH TUBING TO HOLD PLASTER

BUNCHED GARBAGE OR RICE BAGS WILL NOT HOLD PLASTER WELL



BUILD THE ECONOMY AS WELL AS HOMES

AVAILABLE MATERIALS, EASY TO LEARN



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