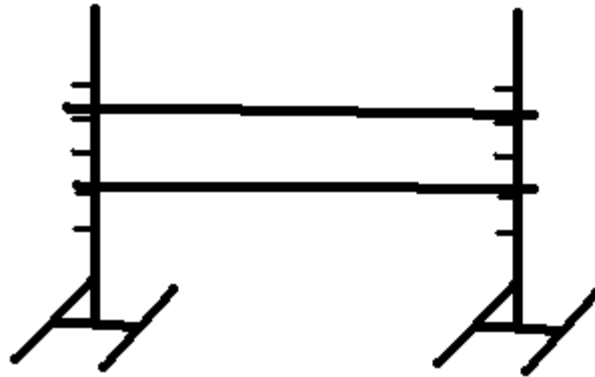


Easy to Make PVC Jumps for at Home

Approximate Cost \$15

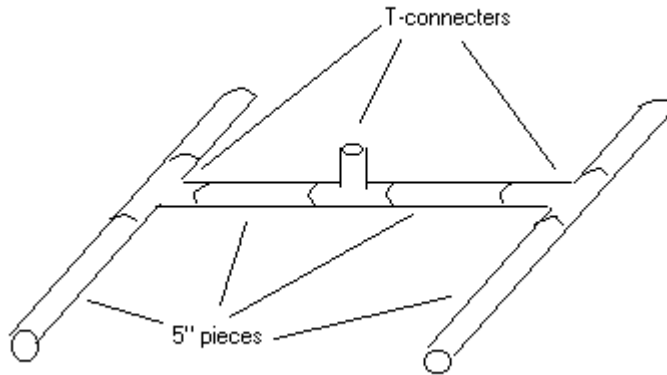
Use Schedule 40, 1" PVC

- 2 30" pieces (for uprights)
- 6 T Connectors
- 2 48" pieces (for crossbars)
- 10 End Caps
- 12 5" pieces (for base)
- 10 1/4" x 4" Bolts
- 20 1/4" Nuts and washers



Note: The PVC may be cut with a hack saw or PVC cutting tool.

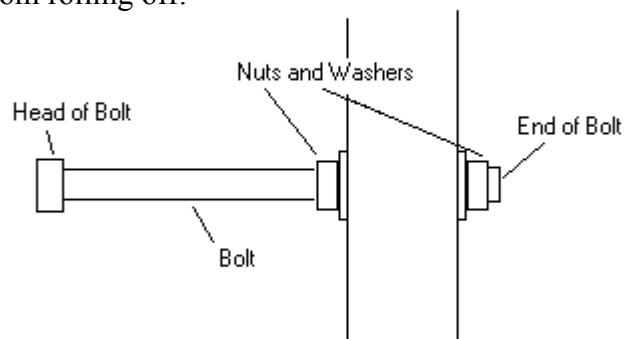
Assemble two bases as in picture:



Put the uprights into the base and measure from the ground to mark holes for the jump heights. **BE SURE TO TAKE THE DIAMETER OF THE CROSSBAR INTO ACCOUNT!** The height from the ground to the TOP of the crossbars should be: 8", 12", 16", 20" and 24" for AKC Jump heights. If you want to use three jumps in combination for triple jumps, you may want jumps at 4" and 6" as well (you'll need more bolts).

Using a 1/4" bit, drill entirely through the upright, making sure your holes are all in alignment down the pipe.

Attach the bolts with nuts and washers so that they stick out from the pipe to support the crossbars. Attach them like this, so the head of the bolt will keep the crossbar from rolling off:



SOTC Agility Target & Ground Board Work

Teaching Dog to Nose Touch a Target

1. Hold your dog by the collar. Place the target on ground with your finger on the target. Release the dog's collar and wait until dog touches his nose to the target. As soon as this happens, say "Yes" to mark the nose touch and then immediately give a small treat to dog on target. Pull dog away from target & repeat.
2. As soon as possible, have your dog do the nose touch without you having to put your finger on the target. When dog is reliably touching his nose to the target (without your finger there), add a word as a command, such as "touch" or "target" for the nose touch. Say the word at the exact time your dog touches his nose to the target. Do not forget to mark the behavior with "Yes," and reward on the target.
3. When sending your dog to a target, always wait for the dog to offer the first nose touch without the "touch" command. Always mark and reward the first touch. Then, ask for secondary touches using your "touch" command, also marking and rewarding. Vary the number (1 – 4) of secondary touches from each time.
4. Practice sending your dog to the target from a short distance away. Make sure your dog sees you put the target out, then pull dog back several feet and release the dog. A good way to do this is to say "Ready" then "Go!", releasing the dog. Wait for the dog to do a nose touch, mark "Yes" and reward on target. Say your target command and wait for the dog to do a second touch, then mark & reward. Have dog do 2-5 additional nose touches each time. Always wait for an offered nose touch for the first touch.
5. Work on being able to send your dog to the target from up to 30 feet away. Wait to the dog gets to the target and offers a nose touch before you run up to reward. When dog is able to do this distance with reliable nose touches, you can proceed to the board.

Ground Board Work

1. Place board on ground with target several inches in front of one end of the board so that your dog has enough room to stop with two feet off of the board and his nose to the target. Place wire fences along-side of board so that your will easily fit on the board. Their purpose is to keep the dog straight on the board.
2. With dog on-leash, make sure dog sees target and say "Ready, Go!" and run with dog to board. Help your dog to stop on the board in the correct position. Some dogs may need help getting used to the new set-up. Be patient. Release dog from board with "OK!" or whatever release word you use.
3. When dog is comfortable on-lead, take off lead and send from a few feet back from the board. As soon as the dog stops at the target and does the nose touch, mark & reward on the target. Always end by releasing dog off board with your command. Tossing a toy after you say "OK" is a great way to release your dog with speed.
4. Practice sending your dog from further and further distances. Also practice running along with your dog on both his left and right side. Always wait for dog to offer the first nose touch. Then ask for 1-4 additional touches, marking and rewarding each time. Finally, work on being able to run with dog increasing your lateral distance from the dog. Practice all three variations regularly.

Problems that may occur:

- Dog does not stop after offering nose touch – mark nose touch but reward back on the target. Repeat exercise.
- Dog stops but does not offer nose touch – ask for the touch, mark and reward on target. Repeat exercise.
- Dog does not stop or offer nose touch – place another screen or blocking device in front of target to help dog be successful. You may also need to do more work with your dog on-leash and with the target alone.