



# The Gorilla SSP<sup>®</sup> Enrichment Database

**Name of Item:** Fire Hose Bags

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## Items Needed:

1. Drill with ¼ inch drill bit
2. Knife to cut hose
3. 1- 4 inch eyebolt for hanging
4. 1- 3 inch carriage bolt to secure the bottom
5. 10- 1.5 inch stainless steel carriage bolts
6. 12- stainless steel washers
7. 12- stainless steel lock nut
8. 1 lock
9. Fire hose

## Construction Directions:

1. Decide how large you want the bag to be.
2. Cut 4 pieces of hose to the desired length. These pieces will be secured in the middle, so cut them double the length of the overall desired height of the bag.
3. Lay the 4 pieces in an asterisk formation and secure all pieces together in the middle with the 3 inch carriage bolt.



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4. Cut 2-3 more pieces of hose (the more pieces, the smaller the forage holes),  $\frac{2}{3}$  the length of the first 4 pieces.
5. One at a time, take each  $\frac{2}{3}$  piece and weave it through the asterisk, forming a circle with the  $\frac{2}{3}$  piece. You can bolt each hose overlap in place or every other one depending on how easy/difficult you want it to be to get the treats out. Also, you will affect the ease/difficulty of getting treats out of the bag by how far apart you space the  $\frac{2}{3}$  pieces within the asterisk.
6. When you are out of hose pieces, secure the top with the eye bolt and a wing-nut (if you want to be able to easily open the bag to fill/clean) or a lock nut (if you have animals that are handy and may help you take the bag apart). If you use a lock nut, you can still fill the bag through the forage hold.
7. Once completed, fill with a variety of bedding to hold the treats in place so they don't all sink to the bottom. Then fill with food treats, browse, toys, etc.
8. Hang at various heights or leave loose.

**Supplies can be purchased at a hardware store. The firehouse can be purchased online or donated by a local fire station.**