Make Your Own BRDs

Materials
To make your own BRDs, you will need for each crab pot:

- 11-gauge galvanized wire - 4 pieces x 14 ¾" length
- 24 hog rings [(2 to form each BRD + 4 to attach BRD to pot) x4]
- Marker
- Needle-nose pliers
- Wire cutters (optional)

Instructions
1. Take a single length of wire and, measuring from one end, mark at lengths 1 ¾", 6 ½", 8 ¼", and 13" from the end.
2. Using the pliers, bend the wire to a 90° angle upward at each mark. The first and last lengths of 1 ¾" will overlap forming a rectangle of 1 ¾" x 4 ¾".
3. Securely close the overlapping side with 2 hog rings.
4. Repeat for remaining 3 lengths of wire.

To install on a crab pot, position one BRD within each funnel opening and securely fasten to funnel with 4 hog rings per BRD; 1 at each corner of the BRD.

Install BRDs on the funnel openings of your crab pots.
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