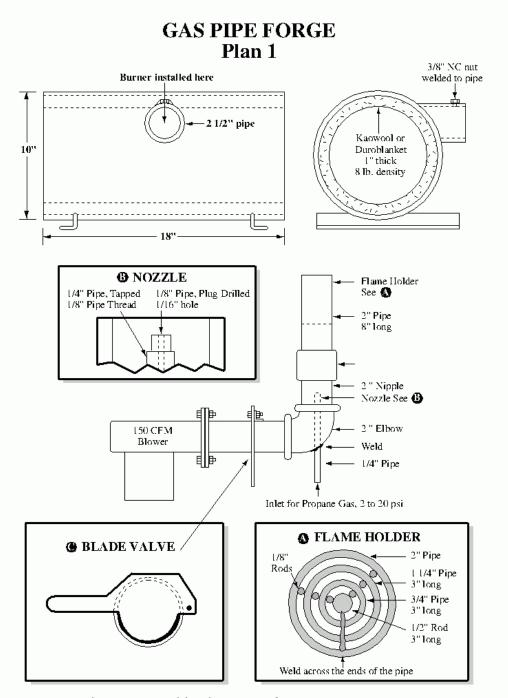
## Tip Of The Month Gas Forge Plans October 1999

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For instructions on the construction of this plan, see page 2.

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## CONSTRUCTION OF THE GAS PIPE FORGE PLAN 1

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This forge is made of a 10" x 18" pipe. It has a hole cut near the top. A 2 1/2" pipe is welded to the hole with a 3/8" NC nut welded to the top, the nut will accept a set screw to hold the burner assembly. This will allow the burner flame to barely touch the top of the Durablanket. The Durablanket is trimed with a long knife to create a hole where the burner is placed. To close the ends of the forge, a simple door can be made with fire bricks placed at the ends. To protect the Durablanket from damage, fire bricks may also be placed on the bottom of the forge. The gas should be controlled with a gas regulator that provides pressure from 2 to 20 psi.

## Starting the Gas Pipe Forge

- 1. Close off one end with fire bricks.
- 2. With the blade valve closed, turn on the electric blower.
- 3. Open the blade valve slightly.
- 4. **Stand away from the open end of the forge.** Light a piece of paper and with tongs, hold it in front of the flame holder.
- 5. Turn on the gas.
- 6. When the burner starts, adjust the air flow with the blade valve for minimum noise level.

After the forge has been operating for a few minutes, adjust the air and gas levels for maximum heat. This can be judged by observing the brightness of the Durablanket. An increase in gas pressure will increase the heat level.

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