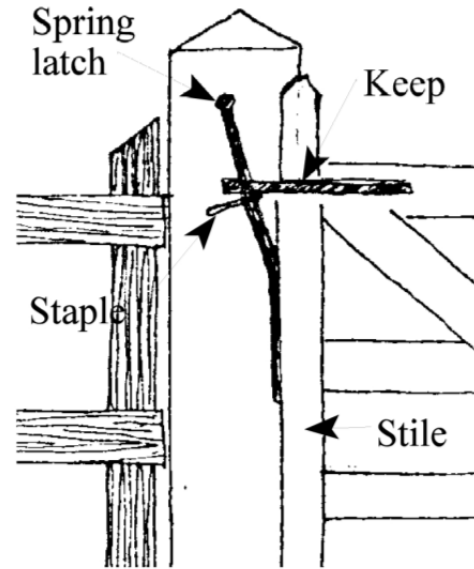


# 8326 Field Gate Spring Fastener Set Installation Instructions (Hung "Behind" Posts Installation)

1. Hang the gate on the hinge post prior to installing the spring latch set. Ensure the gate is in the desired position and swings properly. **The gate should be 2" wider than the distance between the posts if using 8" x 8" posts, or 1" wider if using 6" x 6" posts (gate should overlap both posts evenly)**
2. Install the latch bar keep (designed for gates 2 ¼" to 3" thick) so that it is aligned with the top rail of the gate. Use the screws provided to fasten. (Note: Pre-Drill for the screws to avoid splitting the wood)
3. Place the spring latch bar through the keep and align it centrally on the gate stile. Align the top of the bar to allow adequate finger access above the bar keep. Secure the latch bar to the gate stile using the 2" x #12 wood screw (supplied) and a lag screw (supplied) or carriage bolt. (Pre-drill for the screws to avoid splitting the wood)
4. Push the gate to the closed position and align the staple catch so that it is ½" to 1" below the bottom of the bar keep and so the long prong of the staple is 1/8" to ¼" from the spring latch bar. Mark the staple catch's point position on the post. Mark another hole for the second and shorter leg of the staple the desired location. Determine the position of this hole by measuring the distance between the two staple legs and by angling the staple catch to the position you believe will give it the best contact with the latching bar.
5. Drill two 3/8" perpendicular holes in the post for the staple legs at the points you marked. Drive the staple into the post with a hammer until it engages the spring latch bar at the desired location.



## Important Precaution!!!

**If this latch is being installed on fields used for livestock, the top of the spring latch should be at least 1" below the edge of the post.** Periodic checks to ensure proper fit and function of the latch should be carried out regularly as the movement of either post could result in catch failure. Although accidental opening by an animal is unlikely, for optimum protection a chain and clip should also be installed.

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