

# SimLa Innovations

**Project:** Fake Trachs (and Communication Board)

**Materials:** Plastic tracheostomy tube, trach tube holder, hack-saw, communication board.

**Cost:** \$1.00 - \$2.00 (with a caveat)

**Time:** One hour

**Details:** This project is for use with an embedded (live) patient. Dig through your old trach tubes (buying a new one will set you back \$40 – \$100.00, can you believe that?) and find one with a clip-in inner cannula. Use a sharp device (I used a hack-saw, better than attempting with a box-cutter). Cut the trach just behind the flange (leave the balloon in place for show). Cut the inner cannula, as well (Image ‘A’). Use a tracheostomy tube holder and place on a live patient with a fenestrated gauze (helps prevent scratching their neck) (Image ‘B’). Use a communication board/note-pad for communication (Image ‘C’). Add some slime to the 4x4 for ‘aesthetics.’



Image ‘A’

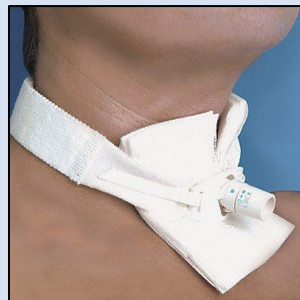


Image ‘B’



Image ‘C’

Image source –

communication board: [http://www.healthcareinspirations.com/product\\_images/EZBOARDPICTURE/large/EZ-Picture-Communication-Board-main.jpg](http://www.healthcareinspirations.com/product_images/EZBOARDPICTURE/large/EZ-Picture-Communication-Board-main.jpg)

Trachea: <https://www.mountain-side-medical.com/collections/feeding-tubes>