

UniqueTek “Tips” File #11: “Using Clay Target Hangers with a Target Stand”

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Sure Site™ Clay Target Hangers are a handy and fun product. But at some outdoor shooting areas there aren't any trees or fence posts conveniently located on which to tie a rope for hanging the clay targets. Below is a description of how you use a standard target stand to get the job done.

What You'll Need

- 3/8" Braided Rope (9 ft per target stand)
- Staple Gun with 1/2" staples
- 2, 1"x2"x8' Furring Strips
- Target Stand
- Sure Site™ Clay Target Hangers, 10pk (Get 2 packages)
- Clay Targets (Get a full case as you'll shoot your way through them quickly!)

Assembly

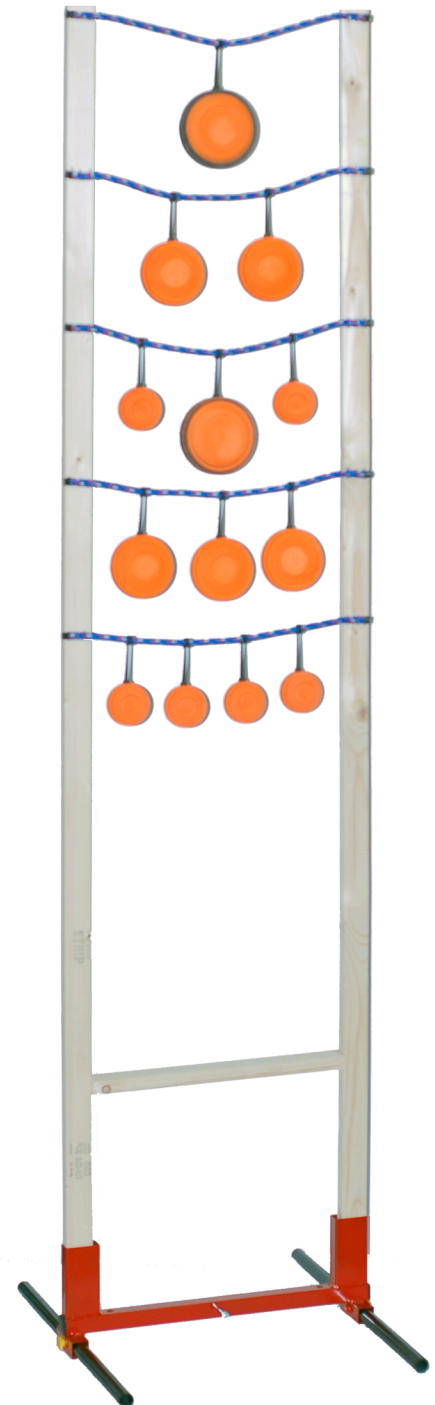
1. Cut the furring strips into 6' lengths. This is longer than standard and will allow you to position the top row of clay targets at about the same height as the upper A-zone on a USPSA target.
Also cut a 15" length of furring strip to use as a spreader bar to keep the uprights from leaning inward under the weight of the clay targets.
2. Cut five lengths of 3/8" rope to the width of the target stand you are using (18" for standard USPSA/IPSC/IDPA/NRA D-1 targets). Seal the ends of the rope in a flame, or wrap with electrical tape before cutting and cut through the tape. This will prevent the rope ends from unraveling.
3. Staple each end of the rope to the furring strips to make a ladder arrangement. Use at least 3 staples on each side. Staple the first rope at the very top of the furring strips. Staple the next rope at least 8" below the first so there is room for the hangers and standard size (108mm) clay targets. You will be able to place 5 to 6 ropes on 6' tall furring strips depending on the spacing. In the photo at right, all the ropes are spaced at 8".

NOTES:

- If you plan to use only midi (90mm) or mini (60mm) size clay targets, you can space the ropes a little closer together. But increased spacing will minimize the possibility of ropes being shot.
- Depending on the height of your backstop, you may need to shorten the furring strips. Just trim at the bottom as needed.

Target Setup

1. Set up the target stand then insert the furring strips with ropes attached into the target stand. Wedge the 15" spreader bar about 12" from the bottom of the uprights to keep the ropes taut.
2. Place Clay Target Hangers on ropes and hang a clay target from each hanger.
3. Shoot.
4. Repeat until you are out of clay targets or out of ammo!



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