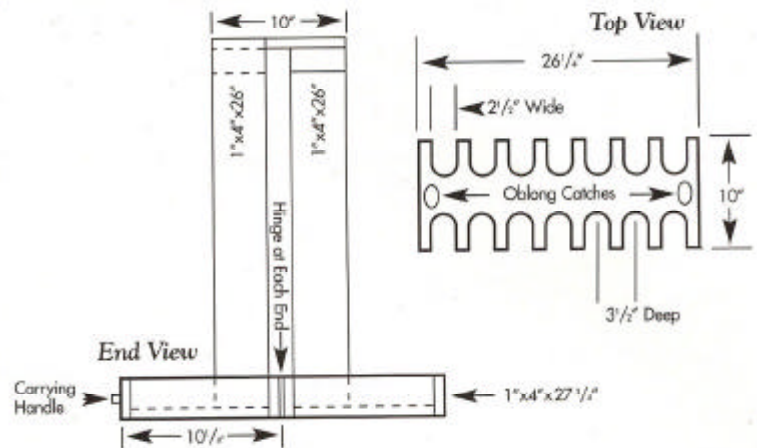




Rack 'em Anywhere

By Howard Lenz, Thermopolis, WY

This portable gun rack allows you to properly and securely store firearms (up to 14) at the range or in the classroom. The rack closes like a suitcase and is easy to transport and store. The legs fold down into each side of the wooden box after unlatching the oblong catches on the slotted rack surface. The slotted surface fits into one side of the box before it is closed. You can cover the inside of the box and upper surface with short carpeting scraps to protect the firearms.



Hardware Needed:

- 1-4'x8'x3/4" sheet of plywood
- 1-1"x4"x8' hardwood board
- 8-corner protectors
- 4-2 1/2" brass butt hinges
- 1-brass chest handle
- 3-oblong catches
- 8' of 3/4" rubber padding or carpet.

ASK THE



EXPERTS

Is Firearms Familiarity Possible?

Q: How can instructors best prepare so they are reasonably knowledgeable about all the different types of firearms that students might use and ask about?

Grant Childers
Steamboat Springs, Colorado

A: You can't. You should refer the student to the owner's manual for his or her particular firearm. Firearms vary greatly, and the safety on one model might be different from the safety on the same model that was produced by the manufacturer at a different time.

Steve White
GA Hunter Education Administrator



A visit to a gun dealer's shop will help build your knowledge base.

A: Your goal as an instructor is not to be a firearms expert, but you can become better informed than the average firearms handler with a little work. Nothing is more embarrassing than discovering you cannot find the model number or operate the action on a firearm while in front of the class. If possible, become familiar with the

firearm before class. There are also two good places to learn about the finer details of numerous firearm models—gun shops and gun shows. Fortunately, you are encouraged to handle guns at both of these places, and numerous models are available.

You should tell the owner that you are an instructor and are becoming familiar with firearms. A gunshop owner who I know gave me access to his storage room where I spent several hours pouring over several hundred guns with an employee. You can also tell your students that most firearms manufacturers have websites or toll-free numbers and will gladly send them a free or low-cost booklet for their particular firearm.

Michael Faw, Senior Editor,
Hunter Education Journal

Ask The Experts: You can have your most perplexing hunter education classroom questions answered by a shooting sports industry expert. Topics can include firearms, archery, safety, game management and teaching techniques. Send your question to: Ask The Experts, c/o Hunter Education Journal, P.O. Box 3443, Minnetonka, MN 55343.