

Vise-Grips and C Clamp Rack, version 1.0

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Once in a while it is good to step back from my shop and think about what is annoying. One such minor sore point with me is the way I keep my Vise-Grips and C Clamps in a drawer. They stand on edge in slotted blocks of wood. Some of the time they are easy to retrieve. But eventually one or more fall over and make a tangle. Occasionally they all fall over in such a way that I can't open the drawer. Of course, this only happens when I am totally focused on getting a task done so just put up with it.

Well, today I had a little bit of time to reflect on this bad design. I don't like having to open a drawer to get these tools and I certainly don't like it when they fall over.



My solution was to hang them on a nearby wall. I cut a slot in a piece of light gage aluminum angle that was a close fit to each adjustment screw extending out of the back of each Vise Grip. The two Kant Twist clamps are hang from this bar.

Note that my Vise-Grips are in the unlocked position. I never liked the Vise Grip storage option of clamping them to a bar. The jaw are never in the right position. By hanging them from their adjustment screws, it doesn't matter if they Vise Grip is open or closed.

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The first Vise Grip had a tendency to turn so I added a short length of channel on the bottom. It, in turn, gives a little support to the rest of them so none turn very much.



The C clamp rack is much simpler. I used another length of light weight angle and just hang the clamps on it. As long as they are open enough to get over the bar, there is no fuss.



The two C clamps on the left were rather large and heavy. They tend to rotate so I cut notches for them.

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