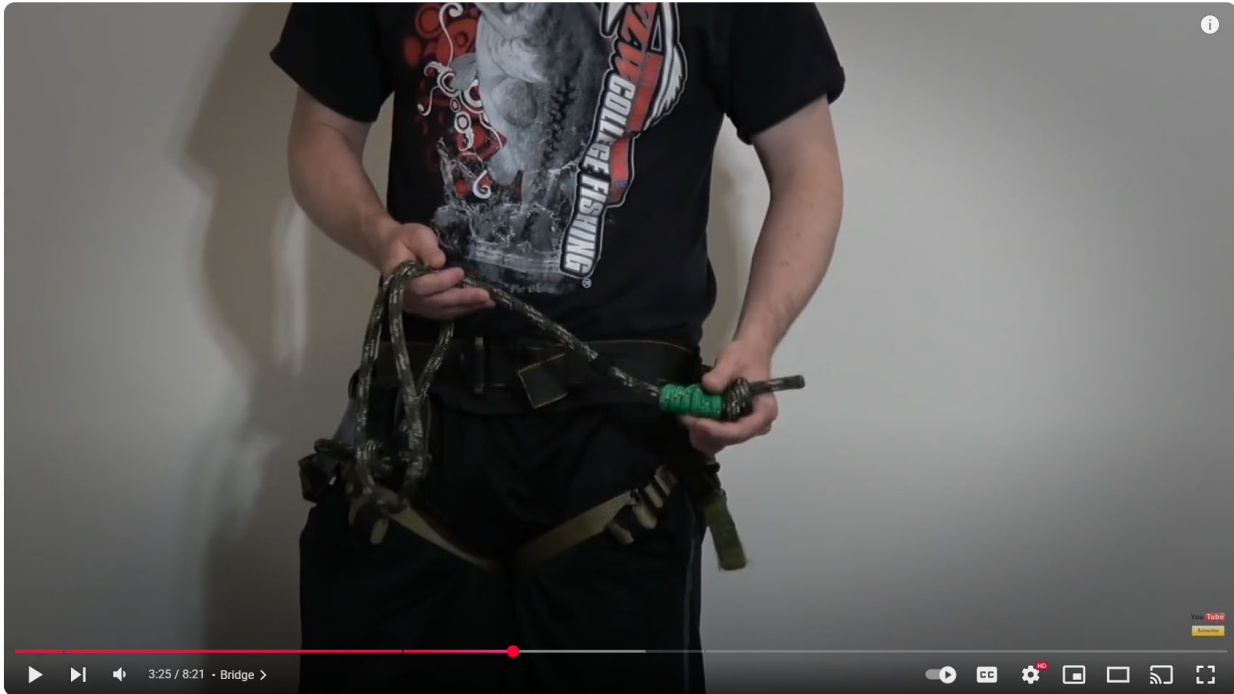


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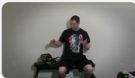
These are the modifications I've made to my hunting saddle. ***Please note: doing certain modifications can increase risk, particularly if not done correctly (i.e. wrong knots) and can void any warranty from the manufacturer.

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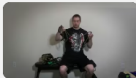
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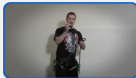
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Intro



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Tree Tether



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Bridge



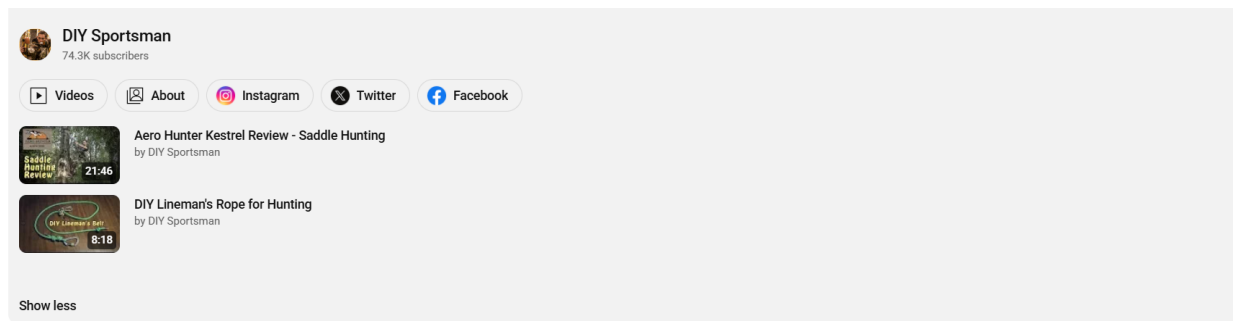
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Intro

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so I just uploaded my video review of

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the arrow hunter Kestrel and

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intentionally I kept everything pretty

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much stock as you would receive it from

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air hunter so people are looking to buy

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one they know exactly what they're gonna

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get I also love to modify stuff

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obviously so in this video I want to

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talk more about some of the modification

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specifically regarding the ropes so

Tree Tether

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first one would be the tree tether or

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the tree strap what I basically did even

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before I got my arrow hunter Kestrel was

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I bought some Samson predator rope and I

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spliced an eye into one end of it so a

0:35
splice tie is gonna be a little bit
0:37
stronger than a knot but in this case I
0:40
mean it's not a grad we're gonna realize
0:41
the difference because they're both
0:43
gonna be more than strong enough with
0:45
this rope splicing the I was a total
0:48
pain in the butt and I would not do it
0:50
again however if you were gonna do this
0:52
I would say just order it spliced from
0:55
like Westberg put in the notes how big
0:57
you want the eye to be and go that rope
0:58
pay the extra 20 30 bucks or whatever it
1:00
is because this thing literally took me
1:02
like two or three hours to finally get
1:04
it done and it was hard work and I also
1:07
put a rope man one ascender on that rope
1:10
with the carabiner so why be ascender
1:14
why the rope man well the friction hitch
1:16
is totally adequate for the tree tether
1:18
you'll save 40 bucks or whatever this
1:21
cost by not going with the rope man the
1:24
only downside to a friction hitch is

1:26
that after you really load that rope and
1:29
load that hitch I can bind down onto the
1:31
rope and that makes it kind of hard to
1:32
get it to start moving again whereas
1:34
with the ascender it really doesn't
1:35
matter how much you use it it's really
1:38
easy to get that thing to move back up
1:39
and down the rope again the next thing I
1:42
want to touch on is Lyman's belt I did a
1:44
video not too long ago showing my
1:46
lineman's belt that I kind of put
1:48
together using this pencil vector 8
1:50
millimeter chord and the Rope man 2
1:53
ascender and I will never probably go
1:55
back to a Lyman's belt that doesn't have
1:57
an ascender on it versus a friction
2:00
niche it's just so much easier to use
2:02
the only downside to this rope in my
2:04
opinion is that the green is a little
2:06
bit on the brighter side realistically
2:08
it's probably not going to make any
2:09
difference in the world a doubt that

2:11
you're going to see this quicker than
2:12
they would
2:12
my movement it's just kind of one of
2:14
those things that always sticks into my
2:15
head I guess I'm a little bit OCD about
2:17
this kind of stuff and I've tried ropes
2:19
that are a little bit more neutral
2:21
colored or camouflage but I haven't
2:23
found anything that really holds up to
2:25
the small teeth and that wrote me into
2:27
quite as well so this is still a
2:29
preferred rope I think for this ascender
2:30
but it has had me considering whether or
2:33
not I want to just go with a rope man
2:35
one and use that Samson predator rope so
2:37
I might end up just switching to that
Bridge
2:41
the last thing I want to talk about is
2:43
the bridge so I'm just gonna put the
2:45
saddle on real quick so I can show you
2:46
what I'm talking about
2:48
so the bridge that comes with the arrow

2:50
hunter Kestrel is a Samson predator rope
2:53
it comes tied onto the saddle on one
2:55
side the other side is tied to a
2:57
carabiner that you could use to clip on
2:59
or off of the other side of the saddle
3:01
so I've chosen to remove that carabiner
3:04
just to eliminate the metal and I really
3:07
don't feel a need to detach the bridge
3:10
one downside with a bridge it's a little
3:12
bit too short is that you need to
3:15
basically tuck it into the waist loop to
3:19
be able to walk and kind of keep it from
3:20
flopping around so what I've done is
3:23
I've tied a friction hitch this was just
3:25
a prusik onto the other side of my
3:28
saddle so I got the free end tight end
3:32
of the saddle and then the actual
3:33
sliding portion of it is on that bridge
3:35
rope and what this basically gives me is
3:38
it gives me an adjustable length for
3:41
that bridge so when I'm walking into the
3:43
woods I can loosen that thing up all the

3:45
way it's long enough to throw over my
3:47
shoulders so then when I'm walking I'll
3:51
not only have the bridge over my
3:53
shoulders but I can also have the
3:56
Lyman's belt draped over my shoulders so
4:00
I can walk in like this
4:01
then when I get to the tree you can use
4:03
the lime as well to start climbing and
4:06
then I transfer the bridge clip it into
4:11
the tree strap cocolate into that tether
4:13
and that I can go ahead and tighten it
4:16
up to the actual length that I want to
4:17
hunt out of for that bridge now at one
4:21
point I did have a rope man on here I
4:23
wrote man in a carabiner
4:25
and I thought well I really need a 45
4:27
dollar piece of equipment tied to this
4:30
bridge right here which gives me another
4:32
two pieces of metal that could
4:34
potentially make noise or die just want
4:36
to go to the friction hitch and I
4:38
decided for this it doesn't bind up

4:40
quite as much as that tether does so I'm
4:42
totally fine just using the prusik here
Other Materials
4:45
a couple of other materials that I've
4:47
tried for the bridge I've tried the
4:49
one-inch tubular webbing I've tried am
4:51
steel quarter-inch honestly it all works
4:54
it's just a matter of personal
4:55
preference a little bit one of the
4:57
downsides to the tubular webbing is that
5:00
if you wanted to use a back band you
5:02
can't really use those little mini proof
5:03
six to slide a back band up or down with
5:06
the am steel the advantage of the amp
5:09
feels is crazy light it's a lot lighter
5:11
than the Samson predator rope is that's
5:15
also not quite as camouflaged
5:16
whether or not that's of any concern to
5:18
you I guess it's a personal opinion I've
5:21
done the am still two ways I've done it
5:22
fixed length which I basically spliced
5:25
it on one side with a lock Brummel and I

5:28
did a lock stitch splice on the other
5:30
side and that worked pretty fine the
5:32
only thing is of a short enough that I
5:33
had to tuck it into the waistband on my
5:36
saddle I've also done it with a Whoopie
5:39
sling so basically I had spliced onto
5:41
one side I had a Whoopie sling
5:43
adjustment system so I can make that
5:45
bridge really long or I could make it
5:47
really short so then again throw it over
5:49
my shoulders like this to be able to
5:51
walk with the Whoopie sling by the time
5:55
I took it off and I pull out that slack
5:59
that tag in to adjust it shorter that
6:01
tag in got so long with that Whoopie
6:03
sling I kind of got annoyed by it so I
6:05
went back to a fixed length with the am
6:08
steel anyway I don't see it I still
6:11
really like the Samson predator one of
6:13
the advantages of the Samson predator
6:15
versus the am steel obviously the
6:17
Samson's going to be a little bit

6:19
heavier than the M steel is if you're in
6:21
the saddle and you're just kind of
6:24
leaning to head up against the bridge
6:25
and just kind of resting or taking a
6:26
catnap or whatever this is fairly
6:29
comfortable this nice wide 7/16 inch
6:31
rope whereas if you have an AM steel
6:34
bridge there and you try and rest your
6:36
head against it really digs into your
6:37
forehead a lot harder
6:38
so I'll probably end up keep using this
6:43
Samson predator but I will just use it
6:45
with the adjustable length using this
6:48
friction hitch here on the other side of
6:50
my saddle and then I've talked about
6:52
this little pouch and some of my other
6:54
videos it's a kuyou hip belt pouch and I
6:56
basically take that and I put it on the
6:58
front of my saddle right here on the
7:01
inside of that pouch I have my utility
7:03
strap and sets us right here I'd have to
7:06
go digging or out of my backpack to be

7:08
able to get it out I can just take it
7:10
right out put it on the tree then I can
7:11
take my backpack off and hook that out
7:13
and then finally the only other mod I
7:15
guess are really done to this and it's
7:17
not really that even that much of a mod
7:18
is just that I like to use zip ties in
7:21
conjunction with the molle webbing so as
7:24
is the molle webbing can be kind of hard
7:26
to fit an accessory through if you're
7:29
attaching something like a dump pouch
7:30
it's not that big of a deal where it's
7:31
pretty much always on but for stuff that
7:33
you're constantly clipping in and out
7:34
like a tether or like a bow pull-up rope
7:38
clipping that in and out I found that if
7:41
you take a little zip tie and you feed
7:43
that through the molle webbing it gives
7:46
you a little bit bigger hook to actually
7:48
grab so I like doing that personally the
7:51
great thing about saddles and saddle
7:53
hunting in general is that it's very

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modification friendly if you go on the
7:56
saddle hunter forum you'll see dozens
7:58
and dozens of mods that people have done
8:00
with dozens and dozens of saddles and
8:02
even made their own saddles so it's a
8:06
very appealing hunting system for people
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who like to do it themselves however you
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can also like with the case of the
8:11
Castrol you can buy one completely stock
8:13
and still make it work for you if you've
8:15
got any questions or if you have any
8:16
cool mods you've done yourself please
8:18
leave in the comments down below I'd
8:20
love to read them