

Lead Dipper

This is an easily made item which is very useful to anyone who cast their own balls and bullets.

It is made from a CO2 cartridge, a nail and a small file handle. There are two cartridges available. 12 gram and 16 gram. If you are using a 12 g, then you need a 4" nail and a 6" nail for the 16g.



Drill the nozzle out to 1/8" or 3mm and hacksaw a quadrant from the opposite end.



With a half round file cut a groove in the head of the nail to suit the diameter of your cartridge.



Clamp the nail upright in a vice with a little silver solder (NOT LEAD TIN SOLDER) and flux in the groove.

Place the cartridge in the groove and bring to dull red heat. When the silver solder runs remove heat and allow it to cool.

It only remains to drive the file handle onto the nail. (Do not use a large handle. It could outweigh the dipperful of molten lead).



Or, if you don't fancy doing all of that you can always buy one for £5.00

<http://www.ballmoulds.com/accessories.html>

Happy shooting!

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