

Praise for the Helmet Hooker

Form and function come together in a dandy new made-in-Canada product that holds your helmet in a fun and inoffensive embrace.

Every once in a while a new product comes along that is practical, fun to look at, easy to live with and devoid of any moving parts that might break or otherwise cause grief. This pretty much describes the Helmet Hooker, a made-in-Canada item that is very much the answer to a question you hadn't thought of asking before.

But if you had thought of the question, it might very well have been framed something like this:

"Where am I going to hang my best helmet that won't be in the way, where it can dry quickly and where it doesn't have to drape off a hook like grandad's sweater?"

It's a question I've often come up against. I hate sticking my helmets on the top rack of the hallway closet because they're invariably "in the way," according to my wife, who has been known to toss things like umbrellas and dog leashes on top of the peacefully resting lids.

Nor do I like leaving my helmets in the garage or shed because I dread the thought of spiders and other horrors crawling inside. Go ahead, make fun of me for that if you like.

And I simply won't leave my helmets in unspecified places to dry out after a rainy day ride because there are just too many things that can go wrong.

This is the beauty of the inoffensive easy-on-the-eyes Helmet Hooker. It looks great, works terrific and can be mounted on

any wall where you can find a stud. Essentially, it lives up to its reputation for being "a blend of artistry and functionality."

The Helmet Hooker is the handiwork of steel fabricator Mark Wong, who runs a gallery on his farm in southern British Columbia, the lucky bastard.

A motosports guy himself, Wong obviously asked the very same question posed in the paragraphs above. Y'know, the one about grandad's sweater and all.

What he came up with was a length of cold drawn steel bent into stylish loops upon which the helmet is mounted and suspended, and where it can dry from your exertions, store conveniently out of the way, "present" like a room decoration, or simply be itself once the powdercoated helmet hangar is bolted to the wall—a simple two-screw process that even the biggest, dumbest, clumsiest oaf could not possibly botch. I guess. Did I mention that it's fun to look at? Well, it is.

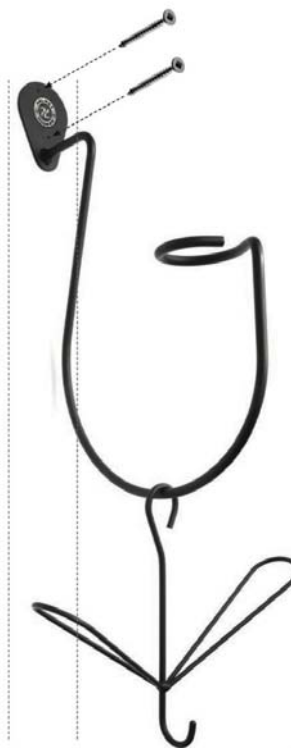
But technically speaking, it may not be entirely accurate so say there are no moving parts over which to weep.

The Helmet Hooker comes with a separate twisty Chinese puzzle bit (also powdercoated) that dangles on a hook from the main hangar. Its main purpose is to support your gloves which, presumably, are also wet or in the way when they shouldn't be.

The Helmet Hooker is only available in a few dealerships at the moment, though I'm not sure where. There's a web site though (helmethooker.com). So, go on, get one.

To recap, it's fun, inoffensive and won't cause you grief. For \$50, name another motorcycle part about which the same claim could be made. **B**

~ John Campbell



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