

Build a Cable Hanger for your Work Area or Ham Shack

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I have a number of BNC, UHF and N test cables that I frequently use in my home lab. I've been keeping these cables in a box by my workbench which is not only inconvenient, but it also makes for an untidy work area. While wandering through my local home improvement store, I found a 4-foot length of 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" x 1/16" aluminum right-angle stock (about \$8). This looked perfect for building a cable hanger.

Photo A shows a section of the original right-angle stock (top) next to my finished cable hanger (bottom). I nibbled 0.25" wide by 0.7" deep slots using an inexpensive nibbling tool, spacing the slots 0.9" from each other. The 0.25" slot width is perfect for coax cables up to RG8X. If you want, you can double the width of some of the slots so they can handle RG213-size coax cables. I also drilled two 3/16" diameter holes for attaching the cable hanger to the wall. As you can see, I painted my finished cable hanger brown so it would look better when attached to the wall. Photo B shows the home-made cable hanger in place.

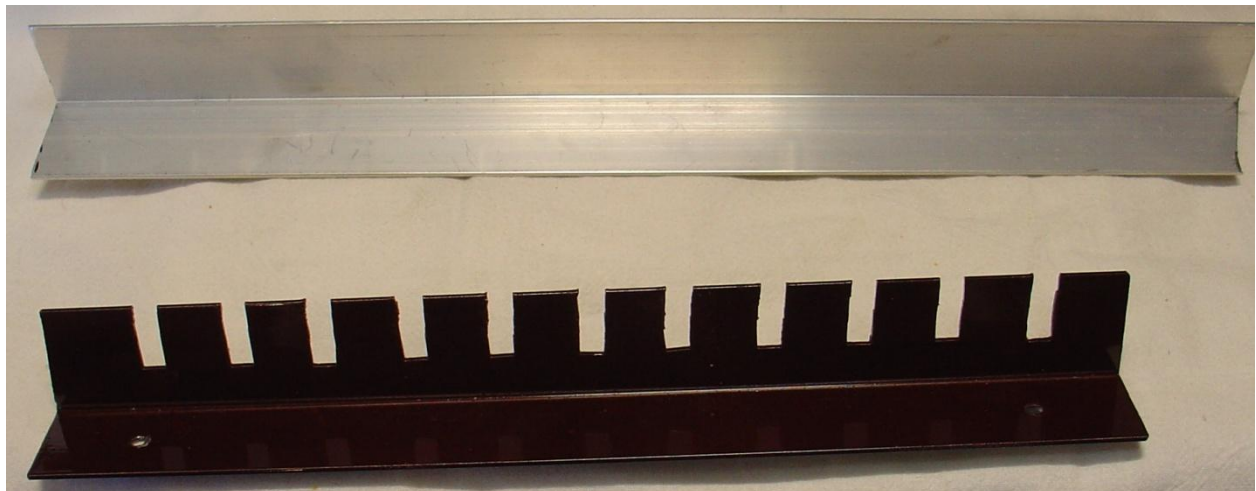


Photo A: Raw aluminum angle stock (top) and finished cable hanger (bottom)



Photo B: Cable hanger in place on wall

For very little money, this home-made cable hanger really cleaned-up my coax cable and test cable assortment. And I still have more of the aluminum angle bracket left for other projects.