

SET UP LIKE A SUPERSTAR

It takes only a few minutes to organise your kit in a way that takes the strain out of angling and helps you catch more fish

THE AVERAGE pleasure angler will plunk kit down anywhere when they get to their swim.... and then spend the rest of the session jumping up and down to fetch bits and bobs they need.

If you watch the 'professionals' carefully, you'll notice how methodical they are in constructing a fishing station set-up where every essential item of tackle is within easy hands' reach.

This perfect set-up means they rarely have to take their eye off the float or quivertip because they know instinctively where everything is, and they can reach it without turning round. That

translates into more fish in the net at the end.

Whether you fish off a wicker basket or a state of the art seatbox, you should know how to set up like a pro as this knowledge will help you to become a better fisherman and could also assist with the prevention of some common fishing ailments.

No end of anglers have suffered bad backs or neck strains from fishing for hours with an incorrect posture, or by twisting round to grab bits of kits that should have been easily to hand.

Crack Preston Innovations-backed open matchman and former England Youth International Lee Kerry shows how.



“Setting up so you know where everything is helps you keep an eye on the float or quivertip”

Pole roost

This clever device enables you to keep all your valuable top kits safe off the ground and close to hand ready for instant use should you decide to change rigs or lines

Top kits

Good anglers always have a number of different top kits to suit the venue and swim set up ready to go. The ability to quickly swap between different depths, baits and tactics is often the key to catching more fish

Bait waiter

This should be set up at the correct height so you can simply drop your hand straight on to the bait or tools required. The bait you use most should be closest with spare hooks and essentials like disgorgers behind

Pole roller

Your roller should be comfortably positioned to the rear and slightly off-set to enable you to ship back cleanly and instinctively with only a brief glance back to your target area. Failure to position the roller correctly will result in poor fishing position

Pole sock

Once you have shipped the pole back and broken down to your top kit to play the fish out, the end of the pole is dropped in the 'sock' where it is held securely so the wind cannot blow it around causing possible damage

Pole grip

This device sometimes also known as a 'tulip' is designed to clamp a cupping kit or a pole top kit firmly in place and ready to hand for the next put-in

Keepnets

Fixed to the front legs of your platform match anglers use two nets as standard to comply with fishery rules. Big carp will go in one net and more delicate silverfish and small carp in the other to avoid fish damage

Pole support bar

Sometimes known as a 'spray bar' this gadget takes the weight of a pole when fishing long or when fishing in windy conditions to help give your arms a break and also to help keep the pole tip steady

Landing net

This essential piece of kit needs to be kept close to hand for quick use without interfering in the hectic fishing routine of a modern match angler

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