

The Hatteras Hammock

With the economy frightening and belts tightening, many are finding themselves eschewing trends, forgoing the latest technology and instead reexamining simple classics of the past. And you can't get more classic than the good old hammock. With but a piece of straw in your mouth you can contemplate the universe, count all the stars in the sky and imagine yourself a young Tom Sawyer. The problem is getting a good one. Spend too little and you're likely to either A) flip over and crash or B) fall right through the shoddy material and crash. Spend too much and you feel hung out to dry. The Hammock Source, out of Greenville, N.C., is your first and last destination for finding your cloud nine of backyard suspension, and those in the know will choose the Hatteras model—the BMW of hammocks.

Being located in Southern California means we can lay in a hammock most of the year, but the sun can be brutal on that most comfortable of fabrics: cotton. Thankfully for us who suffer so much in paradise there's DuraCord. Feels like cotton, wears like Iron. If you don't have two trees to attach the Hatteras to, try the Roman Arc stand—it's both chic and a design winner. If you're feeling more like giving the hammock a real workout, the 12-gauge steel Tri-Beam hammock stand. Either way it's a swingin' good time. (Paul Zimmerman) thehammocksource.com/



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