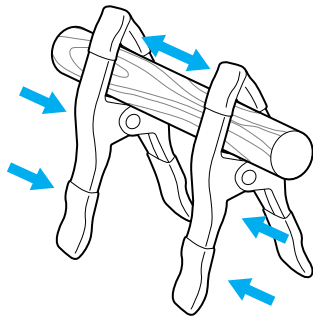


## Question: What are more quick and clever 'life hacks' for CCTV installers?

**Answer:** Here are some more clever hacks using tools and odd bits lying around to make your CCTV installation simpler. Thinking outside the box can save you time and money. (see also tip no. 326)

A selection of some of our clever hacks using tools and odd bits you may find lying around. Thinking outside the box to save you time and money.

### 1 How to Make Mini Sawhorse



Out on a job and don't have a sawhorse? You can quickly and easily create your own mini sawhorse using items from the back of your van. With only 2x spring clamps and a wooden rod cut to the required length you can make a mini sawhorse which can be adjusted to secure your work.

### 2 Quickly Locate Your Cables



Dymo Label Printer  
Order Code: SER107

The Dymo label printer will keep your cables organised. It allows you to create labels to help quickly identify your tools and cables indicating what the different cables are used for; whether it's a networking cable, a cross over cable or your composite CCTV Cable. Label your cables and you can avoid having to trace indistinguishable cable back to their devices.

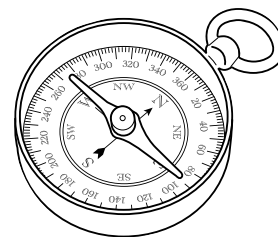
### 3 Quickly Pick Up Screws



Horseshoe Magnet  
Order Code: SER021

So you've spilt a whole tub of screws on the floor, what do you do? Instead of picking them all up individually use a magnet inside a plastic bag so you can pick up multiple screws at once, then simply turn the plastic bag inside out to leave the screws inside the bag! Quick, simple and effective.

### 4 Find Cables With A Compass



You go to a job and discover that all the cables have been buried under a drywalling panel and you don't have a wire detector. By switching the circuit on and passing the compass over roughly where you think the cable will be, the compass needle will guide you to the location of the cable because of the electromagnetic force created when the circuit is switched on.

This CCTV installation tip is aimed at helping you to install CCTV equipment. If you are looking for answers on "how to fit CCTV" or perhaps "how to network a DVR or NVR" or even "how to get CCTV on your mobile phone" why not check out our full range of CCTV installation tips at: [www.systemq.com](http://www.systemq.com)

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