



Kneeling Thwart Installation

Measure 19 inches back from the centre of the yoke (or thwart) and mark this on both gunwales. The hanging blocks should be placed so that their centres are at the marked spots. Drill the holes appropriately on either side of the marked spots.

There are 2 angles on the hanging blocks to consider when installing the kneeling thwart. If you hold the block so that the drilled holes are vertical and you are looking at it from its narrow edge, you'll see that one side is longer than the other. The longer edges should be toward the inside of the canoe, to pull the actual kneeling thwart away from the sides of the canoe. The second angle on the hanging blocks is much more obvious and is the one that makes the kneeling thwart angle down. The hanging blocks must be installed so that the lowered edge of the kneeling thwart angles down toward the bow.

Remember, the thwart may affect the balance of your yoke and you may want to compensate by adding a little extra weight to the bow of the boat. Also, as long as no other thwart is necessary or an existing thwart is already in place, it can be easily removed if you need extra space for gear.

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