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Thread: [Loving this lockpicking hobby](#)

Doc - October 12, 2021, 7:29 am

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Sigma - October 12, 2021, 7:31 am

I used to have that hobby for a long time. Tough to master.

skull - October 12, 2021, 7:39 am

I have wanted to get into this for years, just never really got the time for it.

I did actually buy a lockpicking set, but so far I only used it when I lost my mailbox key, and that lock is fairly simple.

Demize - October 12, 2021, 7:40 am

Interesting I might have to look into this, looks like a fun hobby

Dog. - October 12, 2021, 7:52 am

One of my friends got into lockpicking over the past couple of years. Thought it was just a cool hobby but then he started picking locks that we forgot to bring the key for which was a lifesaver sometimes. Got us into this dusty cabin in a park as well which was great.

shakur123 - October 12, 2021, 7:54 am

Looks cool bro, i never had any experience with lockpicking but it sure sounds dope

Doc - October 12, 2021, 7:56 am

(Oct 12, 2021 07:42 AM)Focus Broken Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice. Is there a risk of you breaking or jamming the lock?

The general rule is to not practice on a lock that's already in use. That said, I've gotten experienced enough to where I'm not just blindly fiddling around with a lock anymore, so I'm not real worried about any of that happening. When you're first starting out it's best to practice on the practice see-through locks that come with a lot of beginner kits so you can actually see what's going on when you're picking a lock.

Koyote - October 12, 2021, 7:58 am

I got into it myself through locking myself out of my university house so many times lol, and since I've been able to help loads of friends who've either got locked out or lost keys to their sheds etc. Quite fun to do, but also very difficult at times. The worst is in the cold, trying to get into a shed that's icy and wet, while your friend just stands there and watches you the whole time lol.

grainy - October 12, 2021, 8:05 am

u can break into my house any time now

Doc - October 12, 2021, 8:15 am

(Oct 12, 2021 07:58 AM)Focus Broken Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Cool. Given what you've learned so far, do you think there is a way to design an "unpickable" lock?

If you asked me a few days ago, I might've said yes, but now, after watching professional lockpickers effortlessly break into some of the most securely designed locks available, I don't think it's feasible to go for "unpickable". The fact of the matter is the vast majority of criminals aren't very persistent, they are just looking for the easiest opportunity, so in all honesty a regular master padlock (which, these are VERY easy to pick, I picked my first one the other day within seconds of trying) will be enough to deter the vast majority of people looking to break into or steal something. Most thieves may try to pick up lockpicking, but ultimately I expect there are very few that actually become proficient with it.

Prettykitty - October 12, 2021, 10:06 am

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oRequiem - October 12, 2021, 10:23 am

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I was the same way, I remember years ago I saw some threads involving this and was interested.

wiz - October 12, 2021, 10:39 am

Heyyyy are you thepickinglawyer!

Proof - October 12, 2021, 10:42 am

So I bought a set, played around with the clear lock, picked a few-- ended up returning it. Couldn't manage to pick cuffs though.

device - October 12, 2021, 10:57 am

That's a very cool hobby. I remember seeing a guy on YouTube opening bank vaults with his bare hands, the guy could feel the mechanism and unlock the door.

Bastille - October 12, 2021, 10:58 am

I bought a kit on Amazon to try too, it was cheap but I understood how lock picking works. I wish I have more free time to practice ?

There is a YT Channel about lockpicking, really famous guys, I'm amazed each time when I see how easy is for him to crack those padlocks <https://www.youtube.com/c/lockpickinglawyer>

Blazin - October 12, 2021, 11:00 am

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Nice! I always thought about getting a set for when I get locked out of something or any friends/family. Looks like a high quality kit.

Xen - October 12, 2021, 12:46 pm

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That's a pretty decent kit. I had a practice kit before and it was terrible.

I might pick up a new one though, it's quite fun.

blackrose_x0x0 - October 12, 2021, 12:56 pm

I had a cheap practice kit from a few years ago and messed around with it for a little bit and then never used it again. It's definitely a cool hobby to have though and can be useful in situations where you're locked out of your own home or similar predicaments.

SIM-2502833 - October 12, 2021, 1:06 pm

I used to be into it a fair bit. My advice would be to buy a bunch of deadbolts for cheap off ebay from an old building, sit in front of your tv, dont watched subbed anime, and pick them in changing order repeatedly. Once you've mastered this, do the same with a lot of common masterlocks. These are the first two major steps people usually take when they intend to become an enthusiast.

Personally myself, although I can pick a lock after fidgeting for several minutes, never found myself once in a situation where it would be useful where I at the same time had the appropriate tools, which is when I decided its probably for criminals, or you need a lock picking grab bag.

Tjm - October 12, 2021, 1:08 pm

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Pretty cool, awhile back I thought about buying one of the toolsets online that comes with practice ones. Plan a heist now. ?

TB12 - October 12, 2021, 1:31 pm

Pfffttt I learned how to lockpick years ago in Fallout and Elder Scrolls ?. On a serious note that's really cool! Practice makes perfect

Cap - October 12, 2021, 1:37 pm

I bought a lock picking set a long time ago. I was all about learning how to properly do it if needed. I struggle with it still.

Cyam - October 12, 2021, 1:41 pm

Can you actually become a master at this and lockpick most of locks? :)

Lindros - October 12, 2021, 2:10 pm

I got a lockpicking kit awhile back also. It has a clear lock so that you can see all of the tumblers or whatever moving.

(Oct 12, 2021 10:39 AM)wiz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Heyyyy are you thepickinglawyer!
That dude is legit!

Pikzul - October 12, 2021, 2:13 pm

This seems like an interesting hobby :P

Meowth - October 12, 2021, 2:15 pm

I had gotten into the hobby for a bit. I bought a cheap set and got pretty decent at it. I gave the hobby up when I messed up my front doors deadbolt by bending a pin.

iNviZ - October 12, 2021, 2:23 pm

That's bad ass bro. I've seen videos on YouTube showing how these can be used and what each tool is for.

Velma - October 12, 2021, 2:28 pm

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Doc - October 12, 2021, 3:20 pm

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I have a friend who is now a locksmith, he's always helping me out. He learned it all from YouTube and started his own business with a nice van now. He did have a mentor to help him but he's done well for himself and shit, locksmithing is something everyone has needed at some point.

Smexy - October 12, 2021, 4:18 pm

I might pick this up as a hobby lol, I forgot I was genuinely interested in picking locks.

Louis Vuitton - October 12, 2021, 11:23 pm

Seems like a cool hobby to get into.

Michael - October 13, 2021, 2:11 am

Nice you found a new hobby [Doc](#)
Enjoy and have fun.

Tor - October 13, 2021, 2:45 am

Looks awesome man, really interesting hobby you made there. I don't do lockpicking but I heard it is really hard until you get the hang of it.
GL with your adventure and stay safe don't do anything stupid now hehe.

DogeBoyFresh - October 13, 2021, 10:59 am

I've done some simple tumblers but that's about it

rSM- - October 13, 2021, 11:06 am

My uncle had a lockpicking set from the 90's. Dude used to be a pro at it and tried to teach me when I was real young but I never took to it. Such a shame I didn't because I'm really interested in learning now. Still have those tools too. Thanks unc, i'ma learn now :)

Palestine - October 13, 2021, 11:07 am

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That's pretty dope actually! I started picking locks myself some years back and has come in handy many many times in emergencies so i was definitely pretty accomplished knowing i was able to do it myself

Prettykitty - October 13, 2021, 1:36 pm

I've seen those see through padlocks so you can learn easily.. many different types of locks out there.. interesting hobby you have.

xPower - October 13, 2021, 3:53 pm

I saw that guy lockpickinglawyer on youtube and it's definitely an interesting hobby to say the least.

[(5)] - October 13, 2021, 9:38 pm

How long have you been doing this [Doc](#) ?

Monero-chan - October 13, 2021, 10:25 pm

This looks like fun, seems like you choose an interesting hobby.

Maxorg - October 14, 2021, 10:52 am

What are you going to be using this new 'Hobby' for?

Zero - October 14, 2021, 11:41 am

That's awesome!

You're welcome to break into my house anytime bud!

Envy - October 14, 2021, 11:46 am

That's really cool honestly. I haven't been around lockpicking very much but thanks to Bethesda I've had some experience with it.

Always thought it was kind of crazy you could just bring something to your locksmith and he'd crack it open.

Doc - October 15, 2021, 10:25 am

(Oct 13, 2021 09:38 PM)[(5)] Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How long have you been doing this [Doc](#) ?

I first started maybe a year ago or so when I got my first lockpicking set but like I said in the OP it was really flimsy and hard to use because of it, I've been doing it just about every day for the past couple weeks or so though

(Oct 14, 2021 10:52 AM)Maxorg Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What are you going to be using this new 'Hobby' for? Nothing illegal, I've been fascinated with lockpicking ever since I played my first RPG game with lockpicking as a feature and I really enjoy it, although yesterday I tried picking open my backdoor again and, while I got the door lock open, I couldn't quite get the deadbolt this time, deadbolts are kind of a pain in the ass

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Bet

Yin Yang - October 15, 2021, 12:59 pm

Dam this that next level splinter cell type sh!t

Kittenz4life - *October 23, 2021, 10:33 am*

wish I had this back in the day when my mom locked me out of the house.

Vibe - *October 23, 2021, 10:34 am*

Interesting hobby it's always seemed like a neat skill to learn though

Juoku - *October 23, 2021, 10:43 am*

Noice, that's a pretty cool hobby!

I actually never considered it as something to do in my free time but I guess it can be exciting to work on a hard difficult lock and managing to pick it