

4-H Shooting Sports



Shotgun Projects

Trap
Skeet

Shotgun Supplies

Supplies you will need now include:

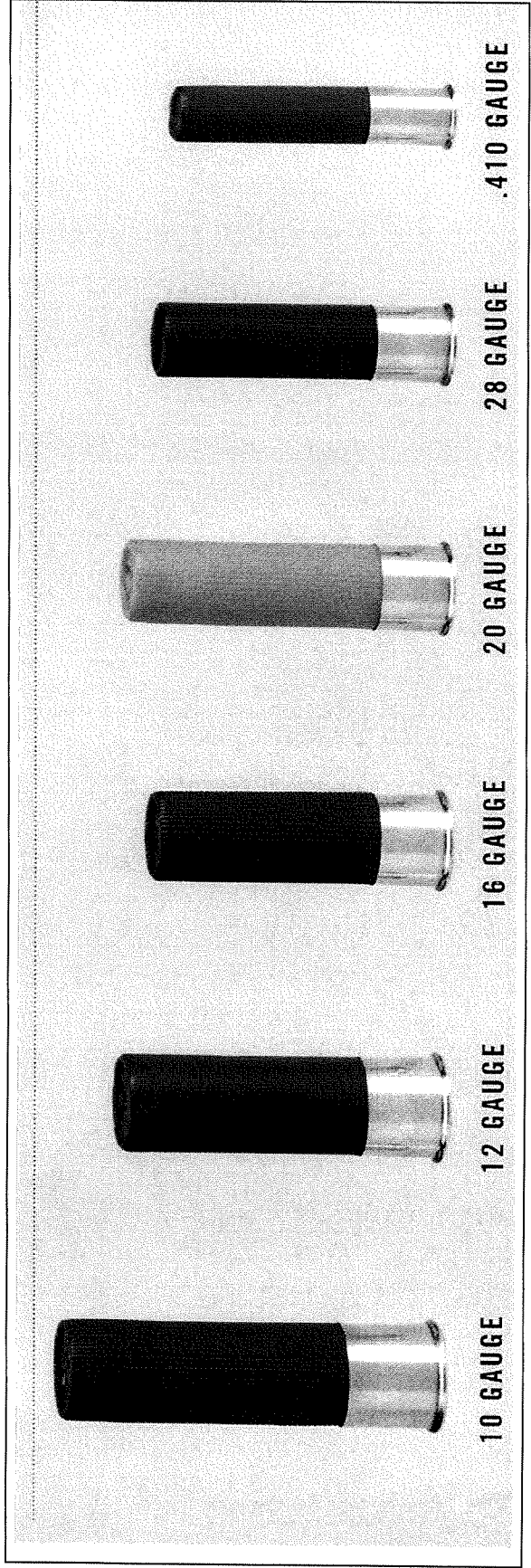
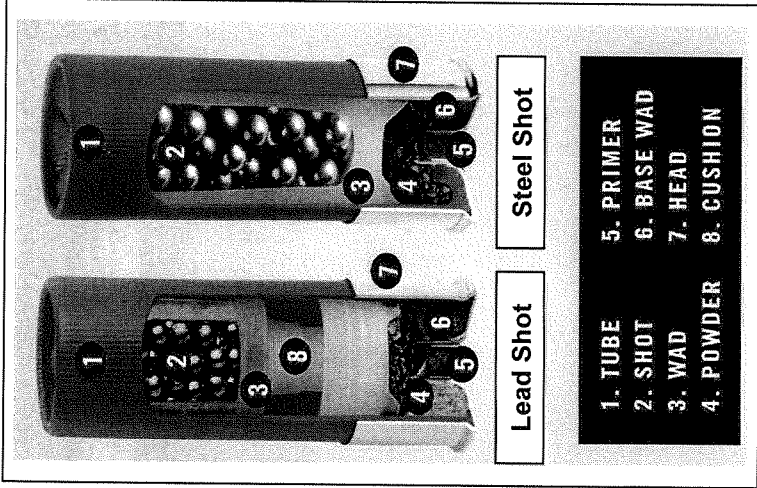
- A container to keep shotgun equipment in - small tackle box
- Safety glasses
- Shell bag or pouch
- Vest (optional)
- Pencil
- Pad of paper to make notes on (Shooter's Log)

When it is time to get your own equipment add:

- Gun
- Gun case
- Ammunition, transport separate from your shotgun
NOTE: It is illegal to transport your ammo in the same case you transport your shotgun.
- Choke Tube tool, if needed
- Empty Chamber Indicator (Optional)
- Shotgun cleaning rod
- Cleaning supplies (cotton patches, cotton cloth, oil, solvent, tooth brush)

Shotgun Ammunition

Components & Sizes



Diagrams used by permission, Federal Premium Ammunition, Ammunition Basics

Safety Rules

YOU alone are responsible for gun safety!

RULES FOR SAFE GUN HANDLING

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

(NOTE: This rule is considered the “GOLDEN RULE”.)

2. **Always** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
3. **Always** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

RULES FOR SAFE RIFLE USE AND STORAGE

1. Know your target and what is beyond.
2. Know how to safely use the gun.
3. Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
4. Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
5. Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
6. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
7. Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.

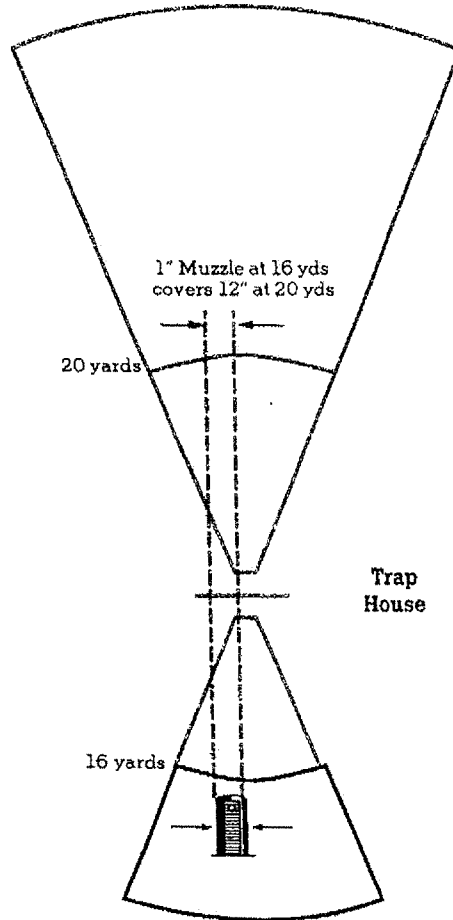
Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions not listed above.

The first thing you should do when arriving at a new shooting range is to learn the range rules for that range.

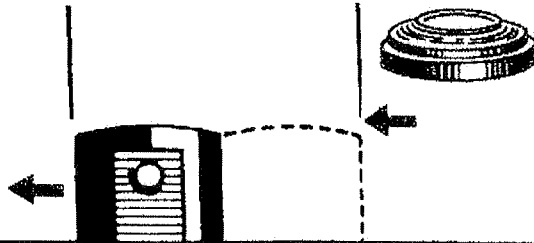
ASK: Attitude – Skill - Knowledge

It is important to have the proper **ATTITUDE**, develop the **skills** and gain the necessary **knowledge** to be a safe shooter. Each shooter must be in control of his/her emotions and actions at all times.

LEAD



A 12 gauge gun muzzle is approximately one inch in diameter, and when your gun is mounted, is about 36 inches from your eye. When you are standing on the 16 yard line, and therefore 35 or 36 yards from the average target breaking point, the gun muzzle covers a space of 12 inches at that distance.



SIGHT PICTURE

When a 24 inch lead is called for, your sight picture would be two gun muzzles ahead of the target.

FOLLOW THROUGH

A stopped gun is probably a lost target. Keep your swing smooth and follow through after the trigger is pulled on every target.

ARC OF TARGET FLIGHT

A profile view of a normal target path shows the distances at which targets are shot in singles, doubles and handicap. In singles, targets are usually broken about 20 yards from the house, or 36 yards from the shooter. The first doubles target is broken at shorter range, the second about 25 yards out. At handicap, you're a long way from your work.

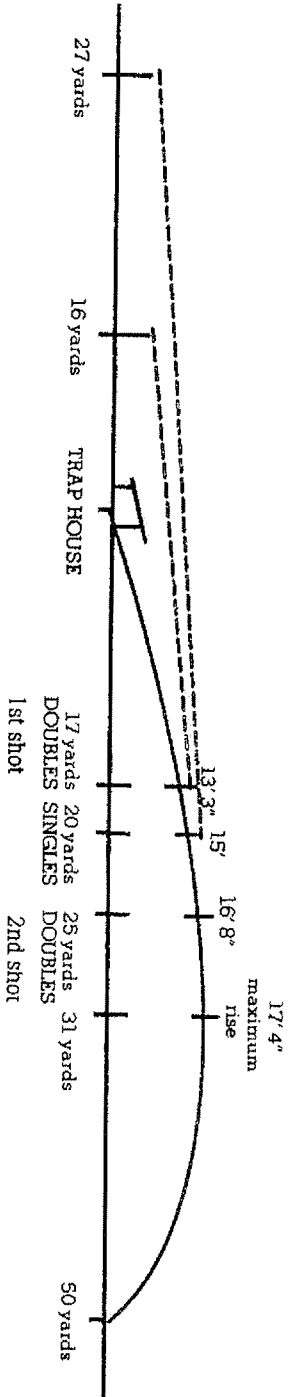


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16-YARD SINGLES

- - - - Line of Fire * Where Gun Points at Instant of Fire
 - - - - Path of Target ● Target

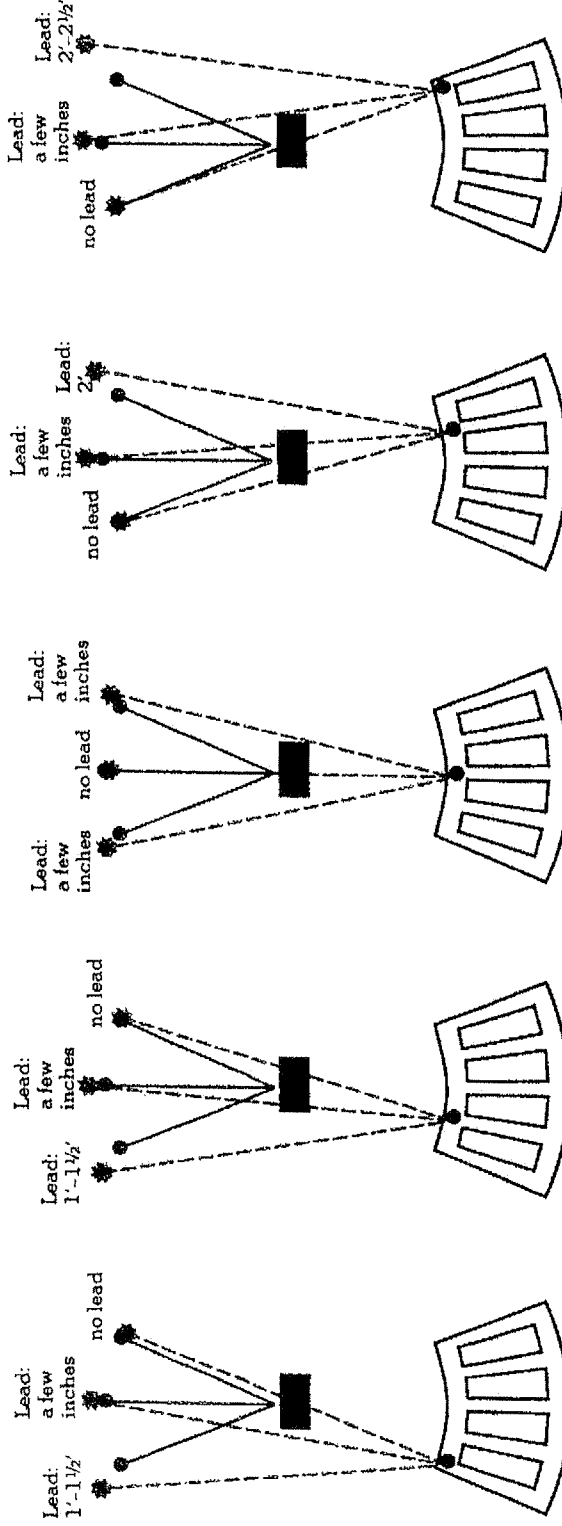
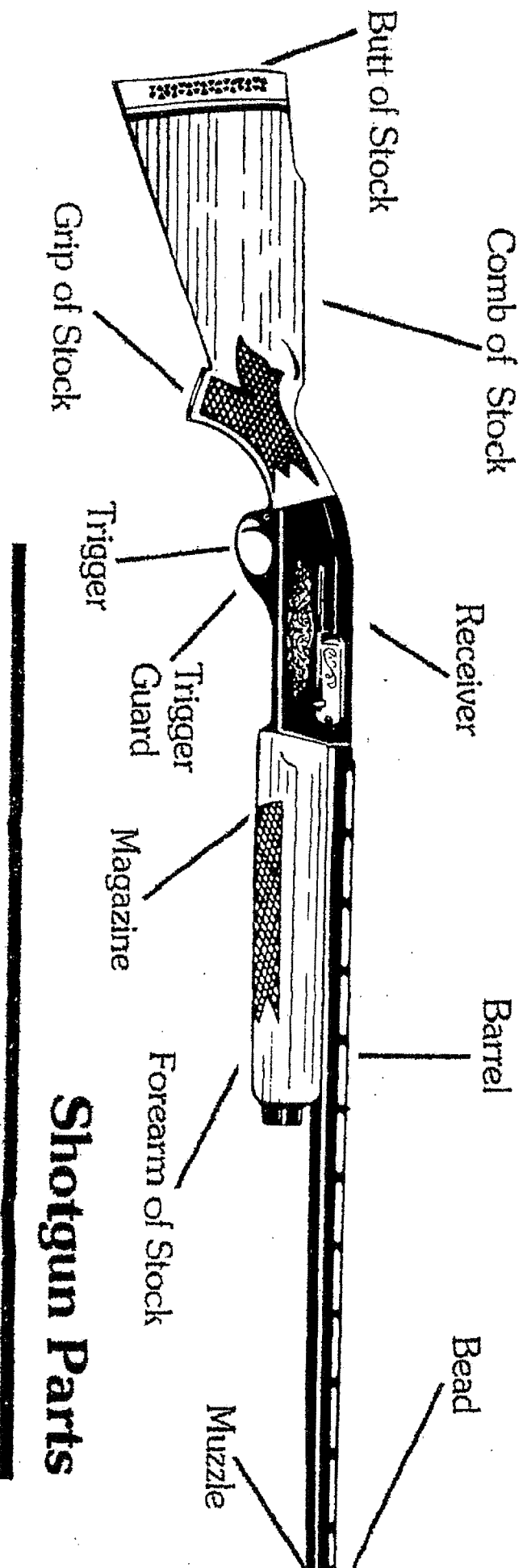


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Shotgun Parts

Ingham County 4-H Shooting Sports Annual Shotgun Project Participation Form

Shooter's Name:	4-H Age ____ Beg. Jr. Sr.
4-H Club Name:	Date Started Course:
Certified Shotgun Instructor's Name:	Phone:
Equipment Used:	

Shotgun Knowledge Requirements	Completion Date	Shooter's Initials	Instructor's Initials	Comments
Safe Gun Handling Rules <small>(Any time a gun is handled.)</small>				
Parts of the Shotgun and their functions				
Types of Shotgun Actions & their operations				
Ammunition Basics				
Types of Sights & their uses				
Dominate Eye Exercise				Left/Right (Circle One)
Transporting Firearms				
Safe Gun Handling Practical Exercise				
Shotgun Knowledge Verification			Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Signature:	

Shooting Fundamental Requirements	Completion Date	Shooter's Initials	Instructor's Initials	Comments
Range Safety Rules <small>(Eye & ear protection)</small>				
Basic Range Commands <small>(Used to control range)</small>				
Six Fundamentals of Shotgun				
Point & Follow Exercise				
Proper Stock & Cheek Placement				
Shooter's Log				
Self Control				
Shooting Fundamental Verification			Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Signature:	

This form must be completed and signed by a Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports "Certified Shotgun Instructor". The instructor must be registered with the Ingham County 4-H Office. Completed forms must be presented to fair registrar each year.

By signing this form the instructor is verifying that the above named shooter has successfully completed the "4-H Basic Shotgun Course" as outlined in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Curriculum and the training provided has been in compliance with the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Program "Safety Practices and Policies" document.