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## Keeping Your Dartboard Clean

By Joshua Miller

Anything you buy always requires at least a minimal amount of maintenance. You have to do your

laundry, clean your house, and wash your dishes. Well, the same goes for furniture and accessories in your home. When using a dartboard, whether it is electronic or cork, it is extremely important to keep an eye on it and make sure it stays clean.

Let's start with an electronic dartboard

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, since they have easy upkeep. If

you have your dartboard in your game room or basement, you have to take into account the things it comes in contact with. Whatever is on the tips of your darts and your fingers, will get on your board. Also, keep in mind that things in the air such as cigarette smoke will cling to your board, creating a film over the face. In order to maintain your dartboard, you will simply need to wipe it down with a dry cloth. Make sure the cloth is clean and completely dry, as water could damage the board. This will get any dirt from you, your friends, and the air off the board and give your dartboard a fresh new look.

Now, onto a regular dartboard made with cork. There is a myth floating around that it is good to spray the cork with water to keep it hydrated. This myth is completely FALSE! Water will severely damage your board and could also cause bubbling which will completely ruin your game. The best thing you can do about dirt on your board is to blot the surface with only a slightly damp cloth. Now when I say damp, this means make sure if you push on the cloth or twist it, absolutely NO liquid gets squeezed out of it.

Dried up cork is another common problem with dartboards. This also has a similar, quick fix. Take the board off the wall and lay it flat. Remember that damp cloth you previously had? Well, get it again and lay it out over the dartboard. Leave it sit overnight, and your problems will be fixed!

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As always, if your dartboard is dirty or dry beyond repair, you may have to consider parting ways with it and purchasing a new one. After implementing these tips your game will be back to where it should be. If you need any further information about dartboards or similar products, please feel free to visit my website.

For further information from Joshua Miller, please visit

<http://www.gameroompimps.com/Cue-Racks-and-Game-Room-Cabinets.html>

## **Get The Perfect Dartboard And Install It Properly**

**By John Morris**

Dartboards are typically made of sisal fiber and a slim metal wire lines every section. The numbers showing the scoring sections in the board is usually made of wire. The dartboard is divided into twenty sections, each with a scoring of one to twenty points, by wires that extend from the small inner circle to the outer circular wire.

### 1. Hanging Procedure:

A dartboard should be hung in such a manner that the distance, using the center of the bullseye as a point of reference, is five feet and eight inches parallel to the hockey line. Hang the dartboard on a backing, such as a backboard or any type, such as plywood, to prevent occasional wild darts from ruining your wall. Ideally, the backing is twice the size of the board and you could cover it with either felt paper or cloth so that it looks neat. Make sure too, that the backing is secured firmly to the wall and should not sway or vibrate, when hit by darts. The hockey, or the line measurement has to be 7 feet 9.25 inches from the board's face horizontally to the floor. To obtain a precise measurement, start from the line from the bullseye going down to the floor, measuring 9 feet 7 3/8 inches.

### 2. Lighting

Install some lighting. Shadows can be created due to poor lighting. Put up a bright light, making sure that it is concentrated and aimed to the board. Place a cover to keep off incoming darts as well as to hold back the light, away from the thrower's eyes. Your lighting should be set up in a way that it radiates to the entire area of the board, not causing any shadow and not interrupting your throw. The location of the scoreboard should be on either side of the board and not to interfere with the next player's shot when one is scoring. The scoreboard's size will be up to you. If you plan on having a lot of people over, a wide scoreboard may be the best choice so you can write challenges aside from the score. There are many kinds of scoreboard available, so choose the one that you are comfortable with. While others prefer the classic blackboard and chalk, you may not, as it does create chalk dust that gets on to your hands and fingers, and you might also be allergic to chalk particles. If you are, there are many alternatives.

### 3. Scoring:

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Traditionally, sections of the dartboard is numbered and colored black and yellow. By hitting one of the large numbered sections, you score according to the value of that section. By hitting the thin outer portion of the board which are red and green, you score a double point, whatever the value of that certain section. Likewise, when you hit the thin inner portion of these sections, halfway between the central circle, colored red or green and the outer wire, your score is triple the points of whatever value that is imbedded in that section. Hitting the bullseye or the inner red area scores fifty points and hitting the green outer ring scores twenty five points. There is no score when you hit outside the outer wire. Any dart that is thrown on the board but does not remain on the board, such as a bouncing dart or a dart that fell after it has been thrown, scores nothing. Some rules, however, allow scoring if a dart hits an obvious scoring section and then drops and is caught before it reaches the ground or floor.

### 4. Dartboard Types:

Traditional bristled dartboard Bristles has the function of holding on to the darts so that it cud not fall easily to the surface and puncture it. It naturally heals itself if cleaned and dust is removed.

Magnetic dartboard A dart with no needle, it uses high energy magnets in making the darts stick to the board. This board is made from rubberized iron to attract magnet. This is a great practice game for kids. Very safe and attractive, as cartoon characters are displayed on the face of the board.

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