

visual, so the picture helps me a ton. Believe it or not, I suck at puzzles. Mainly by choice. I have no interest.... Moving on.

I looked at angles, orientation, lines, and connection points. I've reloaded for years for shotgun, pistol, and rifle cartridges so I have a rudimentary grasp of the flow of what needs to happen to accomplish a desired result but have never set up a reloading system all on my own.

The first thing I noticed from the picture was how neatly nestled all the parts and pieces appeared to be. "Nestled" is really the only word that comes to mind aside from "snuggled." Snuggled doesn't really sound very bad ass, though, and we are dealing with a pretty sweet piece of equipment. Sticking with "nestled."

All components appeared to perfectly fit in latitude and longitude with one another. There was no wasted space. All components fit beside, above or below one another like the notes in a symphony. Separately, the notes sound out of place, but, when employed in concert create a magnificent and fluid work of art. That's what the SL900 reminds me of. At least in the picture. I haven't put mine together yet, so we'll see.

I've got a grasp of what I'm supposed to come away with. Now, how do I get there? Is this a multi-lingual IKEA nightmare or a clean assembly?

I open the cover. A parts list by number, exploded diagrams of each segment of the loader, how to assemble and how to adjust all burst forth in black and white beauty from the pages.

Sitting cross legged on the

floor of my office, Mr. Moose snoring softly, I walk through the exploded diagrams trying to absorb each configuration, so I understand the function. This is all in faint hope that I can put it together without calling in reinforcements.

Got a grasp, now let's put it together. I grew up on classical music, opera, and musical theater. "The Sound of Music" is (and always will be) one of my absolute favorites. "My Fair Lady" runs a close second. As Julie Andrews tells us, you must begin at the beginning. Do, Re, Mi....

Bolts. Hex nuts. Washers. Slowly, carefully, painstakingly I followed each piece. The directions were FLAWLESS. And I mean PERFECT. The cross reference by part number was impeccable. The pictures and exploded diagrams were spot on and organized beautifully.

Each individual step had pictures (Figures) and referenced part numbers. For someone who struggles with directions, this was priceless. There were figures/pictures outlining each step with part numbers in parentheses. Set up is complete. The next step is adapting settings to begin loading. Based on the ease of set up, I'm anticipating a fun and simple loading process.

While many companies possess great engineering capabilities, very few can communicate usage and execution as well as Dillon Precision has thus far. Give me a Dillon press over an IKEA bookshelf any day.... Stay tuned!

