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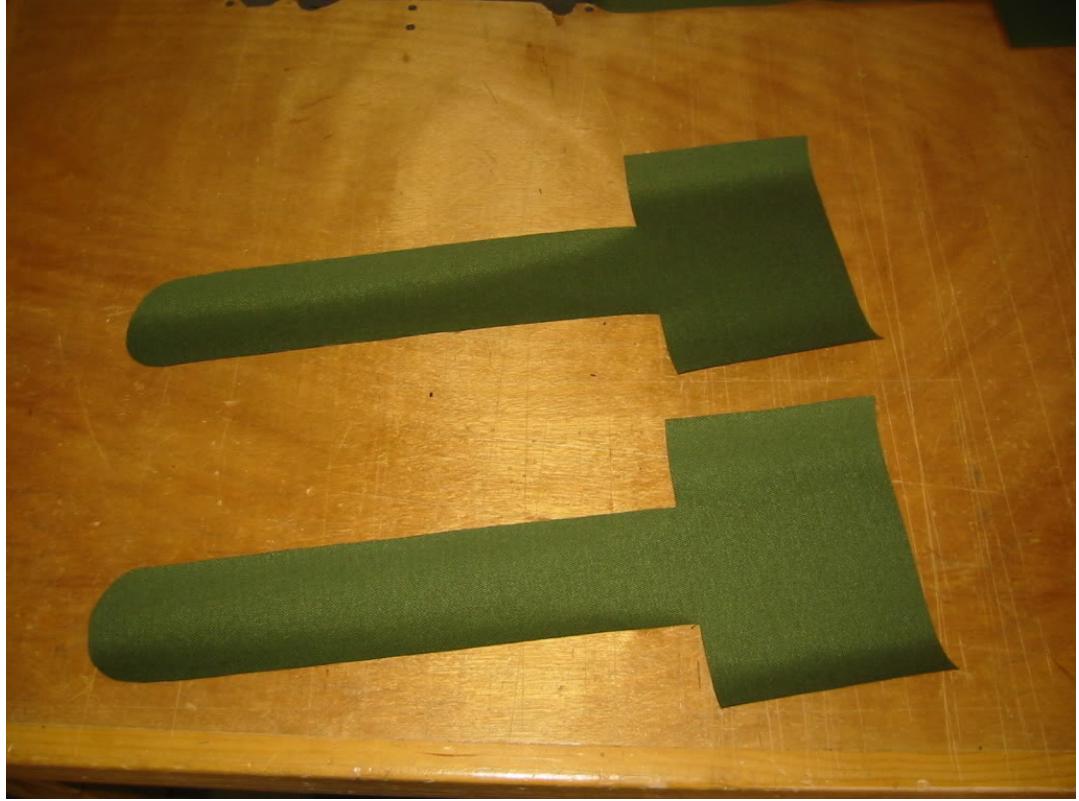
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 How to make a "T" style pouch. (Picture Heavy! 56K Beware!)

« on: January 07, 2010, 12:03:05 AM »

This is what I call a "T" style pouch (because the cut out piece of fabric is a big T). It is a fairly simple and durable style of pouch that can be modified to almost any size, from a small compass to full blown 200 round 7.62 linked belt pouch (or bigger!). This is a great style of pouch to make if you are going to sew them directly to something like a tac vest. This is the basic PALS version. This style can be done double or single layered depending on your preference.

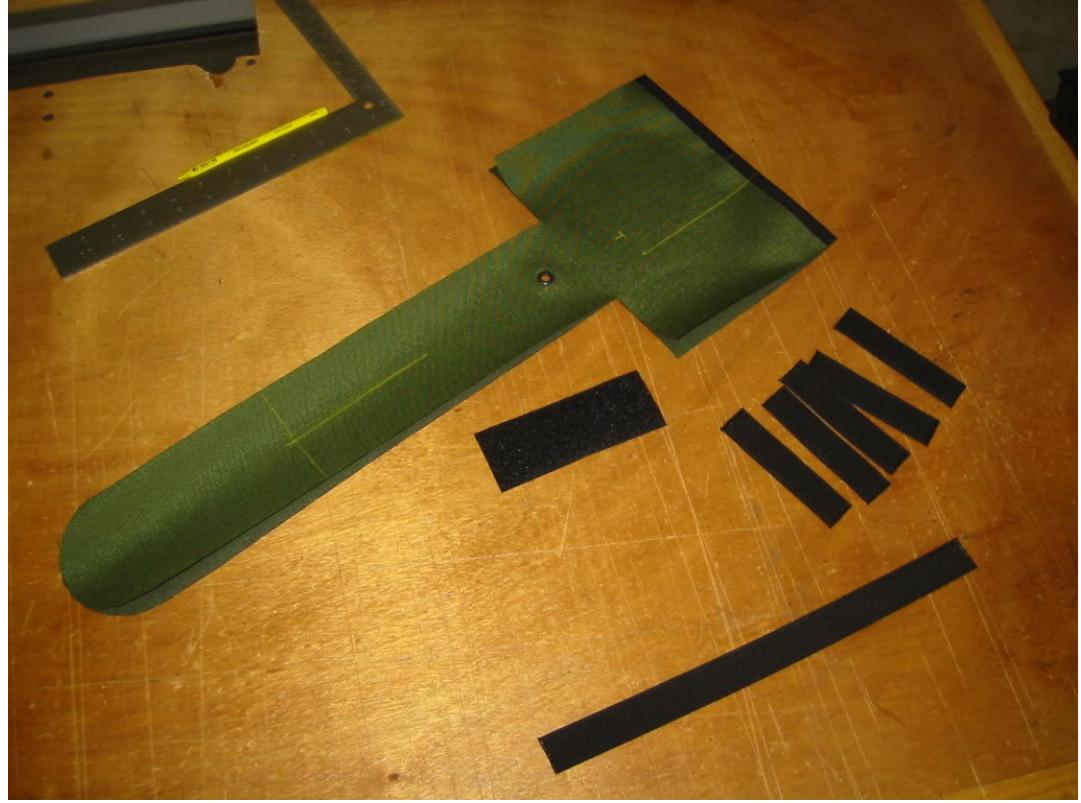
Start with your cut out fabric (you get to figure out your dimensions on this one).



I did it as a double layered pouch so I edge bound the two layers together.



Then you cut all your pieces, set your grommet and do your layout.



Sew on all the PALS, Velcro or other goodies.



Sew the bottom inside out leaving a half inch seam allowance. I tend to do a back and forth stitch then a small "Z" in the stitch to keep fraying at a minimum.





Then turn right side out.....



Sew the sides together so that they are aligned and the bottom is not bunched.





Once you have both side sewn together it should look like this.



Edge bind.



Cut your edge binding long enough to double fold.



Double fold and sew.



Sew on the rest of you goodies, Velcro, buckles, ect.,ect...

And your done!



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« Reply #1 on: January 07, 2010, 07:42:27 AM »

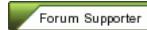
Great tutorial, thanks!

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« Reply #2 on: January 07, 2010, 07:53:33 PM »

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It depends on how good you are at keeping the two layers together? If you can keep the two layers together without them slipping, go straight to binding. Otherwise stitch them together first, then bind. I just don't sew them together before binding because the stitch line would show under the binding.

If your using a home machine I would recommend doing a single layer pouch. But yes, this style is quick and fairly easy on you machine AND brain.....

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[« Reply #4 on: January 07, 2010, 10:25:19 PM »](#)

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Interestingly this pouch is nearly identical to your messenger bag, except with 0 offset for the side seam and assembled right side out.

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Bingo!

There are really only a couple different style pouches out there and once you figure out how to make them all, you can make anything. May sound cliché, but it's true.

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[« Reply #6 on: January 08, 2010, 12:08:37 AM »](#)

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Nice pouch, thanks for sharing.

Side note: Dude you have some seriously hairy hands, are you the missing link between man and ape?

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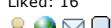


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Funny, my dad always called me the missing link! And yes I'm very hairy, top to bottom, front and back. And there you have it..... 😊

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« Reply #9 on: January 08, 2010, 11:19:06 PM »

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« Reply #10 on: January 09, 2010, 12:19:10 PM »

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Great tutorial Bikeguru!

But... do you think it's possible to write down dimensions of the fabric? I assume that this is double M4 pouch, but i got little bit problem with converting all dimensions on this board to metric system (i know, i know *2,54 cm , but if you can help garmaking beginner (me) with these dimensions (especially the curved part), i would be very grateful.

(Sorry for my english, I haven't use it for couple of years)

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**Re: How to make a "T" style pouch. (Picture Heavy! 56K Beware!)**

« Reply #11 on: January 09, 2010, 02:40:14 PM »

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I'm not BikeGuru, but I believe he didn't post dimensions because this type of pouch can be used in a variety of sizes to make everything from a mag pouch to a GP pouch to a messenger bag. Also, this is **DIY** Tactical-as in DO IT YOURSELF. His purpose was to teach you one way to make a pouch. Figuring out the measurements based on what you want to make should be simple. Basically, the flap length will be the depth of the pouch times 2, plus the height of the pouch (or your mags), plus the length of the flap on the face of the pouch. The width of the "T" will be the width of the pouch plus 2 times the depth of the pouch. Don't forget to add seam allowances. Most of us here use a 1/2 inch or about 15mm seam allowance, but you can use what ever you want. I suggest experimenting with heavy paper or some light cardboard to check your pattern before cutting fabric. As for the curved end of the flap, if you want a perfect curve, get yourself a compass to draw circles of any diameter. Welcome to the forum and take the time to read here. You will learn a lot.

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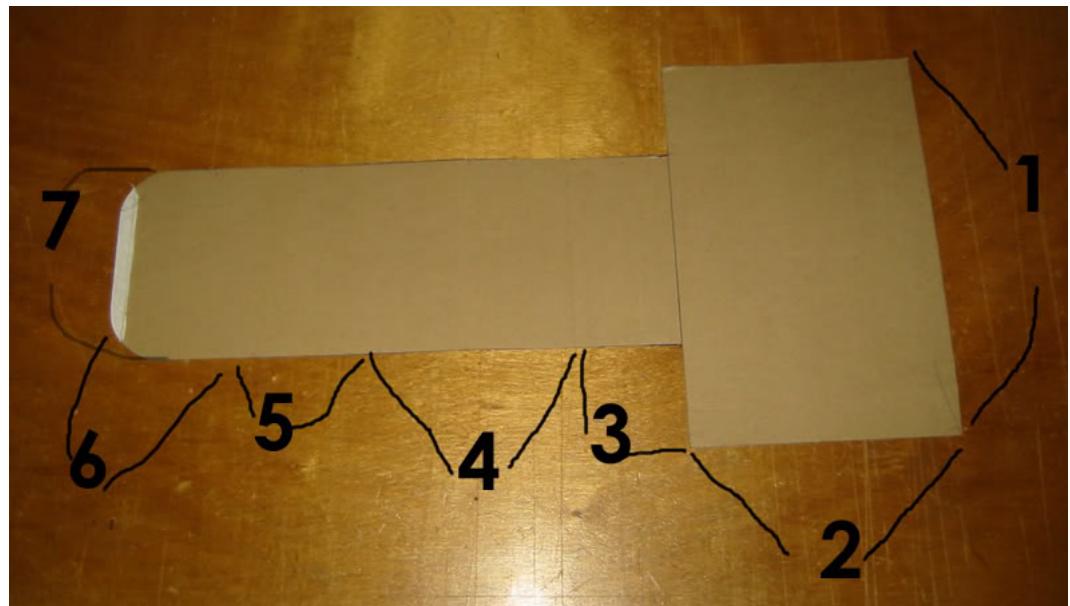
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« Reply #12 on: January 09, 2010, 03:46:02 PM »

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Part of this tutorial is not intended to "give" you a pouch design. It is to give you scalable pattern that you can use to figure out how to make a pouch to fit your needs. I'll give you the rundown on how to figure dimensions, but ultimately you will have to do the fine details of sizing.

In picture #1



- 1: The total width of the mouth of the pouch with seam allowances. I use 1/2", metric that is 12mm-13mm (12.7mm to be exact).
 2: The total height of the pouch plus seam allowance.
 3: Total depth of pouch.
 4: Is equal to the #2 (the total height of the pouch).
 5: Is the length needed to cover the intended item. I.E. if it's a SAW type box pouch this length would be equal to the depth of the pouch (same as #3) OR if it's a magazine pouch, the length would need to go over the top of the magazine/s. And may need to be combined with #6.
 6: Is the length needed for velcro.
 7: Is the total width of the pouch. If your item is 6" wide then with seam allowances the total width would be 7".

Example: If you are going to make a pouch for an item that is 6" wide by 8" tall by 3" deep, the mouth of the pouch (#1) would be 13" ($6+3+3+1/2+1/2=13$). The depth is the total height plus seam allowance (#2).

As for radiiuses. You should be able to find things around the house that work well. I use a beer glass for 3.5" radiiuses and a small glass from Ikea for 3".





When making templates, draw them out on paper first to test the pattern. I make them out of shipping boxes for short term templates. Here are some and their representative pouches.



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« Reply #13 on: January 09, 2010, 04:45:16 PM »

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Bikeguru: Awesome! Thank you very much! I think that now I'm little bit closer to "plunge-a-needle-check-everything"-time :-)

Misadventure Gear: Thanks! And believe me, that I spent many nights through past few weeks reading this superb forum.

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« Reply #14 on: January 09, 2010, 07:55:38 PM »

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Holy info overload! 😊

phoque, I am also used to use cm instead of inches, but try to covert! Get a ruler with only inches or cm and inches. To say that 1 PALS channel is 1,5" is a lot better than 3,81cm.

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