

## Tim Stows

I found a thread [here](#) on dz.com telling how to make tube stows. It looked easy, so I bought a bunch of surgical tubing and tried. It took an hour and a half to figure out how to make the first one then I made 11 in a half hour.

First, I put the hemos inside the tube about 3/8". The tube is 4" long.



Then I put the needle nose pliers in to match. It would be easier with two hemostats but I only have one.

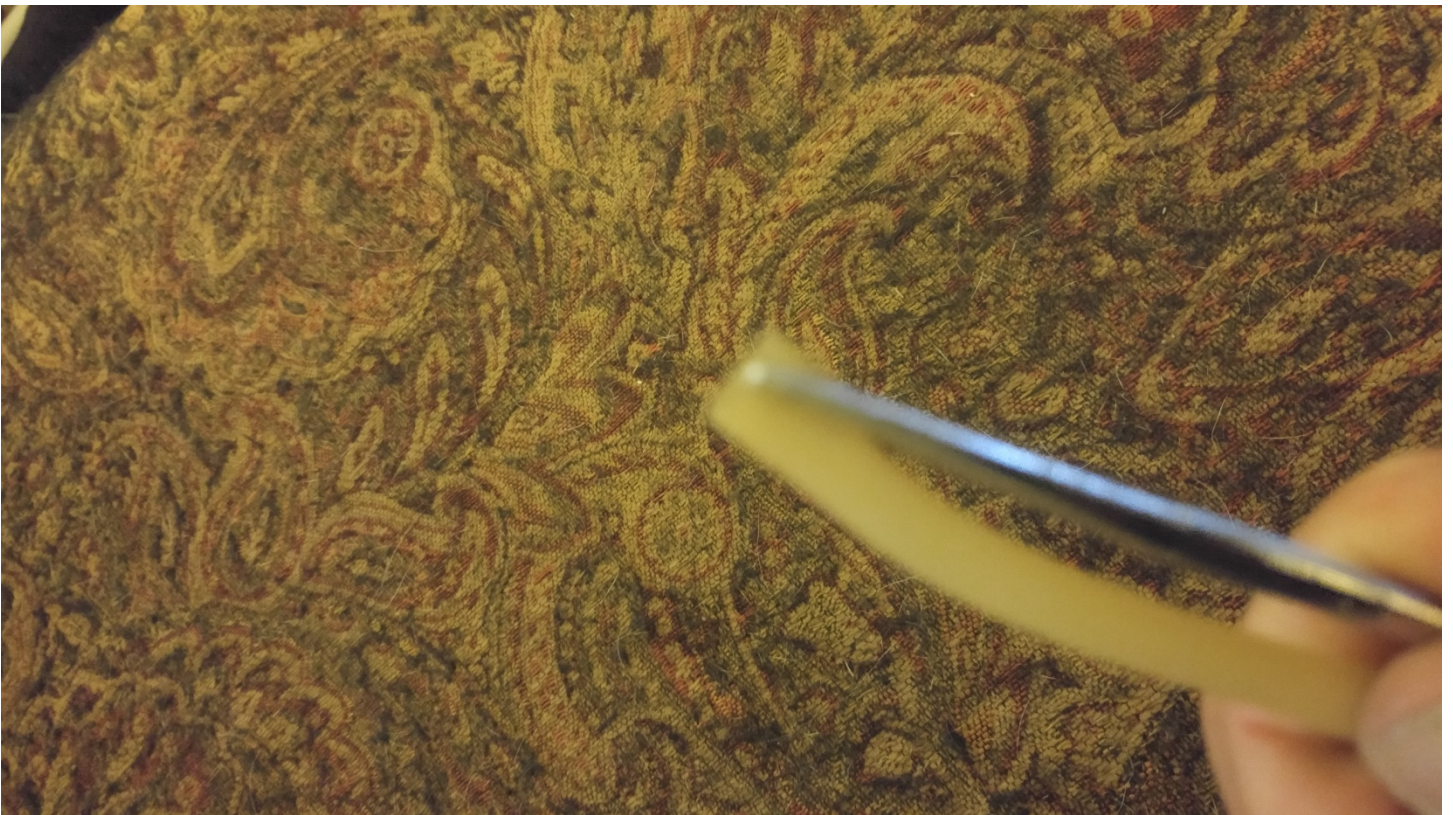




Then you flip both of them to turn the tube inside out and take them both out.



Then grab the other end of the tube with the hemos on the edge.



Then shove the end of the hemos into the hole and slide the tubing back down around it.





When you get the tubing back over the hemos, make sure to open them wide so you don't pull the tube out.





Next use the hemos to pull the lip out and make the seam flat.



I put the seam on my finger and pulled them all and they stretched about three times their original size and didn't pull loose. I put them with the seam on the outside and they pulled loose after about an inch. I haven't tested them yet but they look like any other tube stows I've seen and appear to be at least as strong as the one rubber band I had that I used as a size reference. Use at your own risk.