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Tutorial: backpack carry strap from 1" webbing

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Here's a technique that i use every now and then. I hope that this helps someone.

Why/when i use it?

a) If i don't have enough space to make the carry strap from 2" webbing (for example, smaller assault packs)

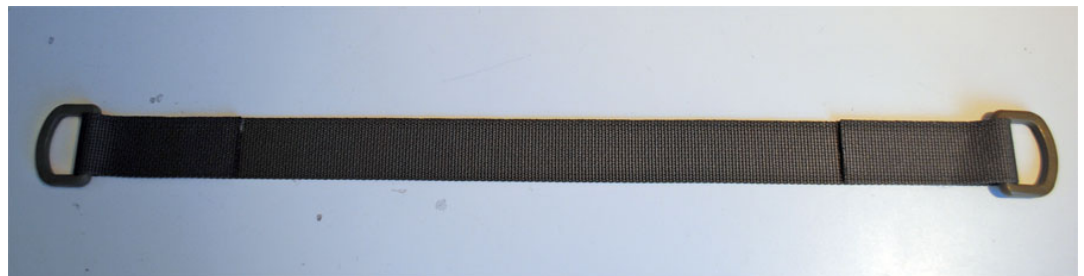
b) If i absolutely want all the webbing in the pack that i'm making, to match in color. And if the 1" and 2" webbing that i have, are supposedly the same color, but from different manufacturer, they sometimes are a bit different shade.

For example, in the assault pack i made this strap for, i wanted to use ranger green webbing. The 1" and 2" RG webbing that i have, are totally different shade.. Totally different color, actually.. The 1" webbing is gray'ish (as you see from the pictures) and the 2" webbing that i have, is very dark green.. Black green is a good description (and still, that's supposed to be RG)

c) i want a really sharp looking and stiff carry strap.

Materials needed are 1" webbing and a piece of 3/16" shock cord.

1. Measure the the webbing and cut it into it's appropriate length. Fold the ends. The folds have to be almost as long, as the box-x you intend on using. Never mind the D-rings on both ends, they are not essential for this technique.



2. Cut another piece of webbing, which is exactly as long as the gap in between the folded ends. Hotglue the new piece of webbing, in between the folds (use the glue only at the edges of the webbing, we need a "tunnel" in the middle)



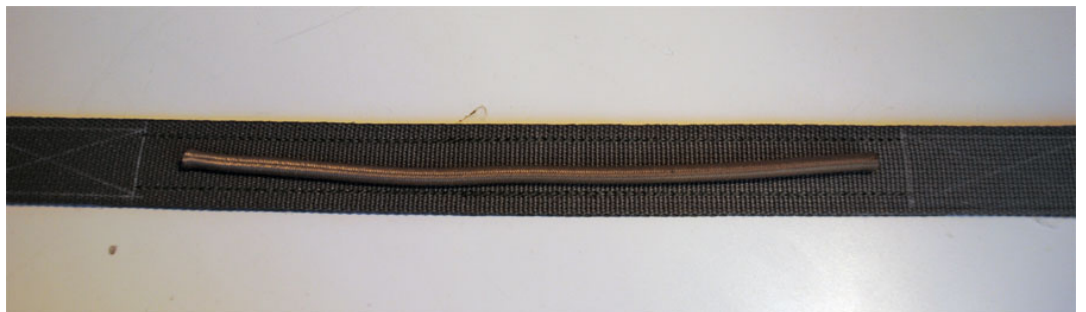
3. Mark your box-x. Notice: the box-x should go over the joint of the webbing that we hotglued in place at previous phase



4. Sew the edges of the webbing. Sew all the way down to edge of the box-x's that you have marked.



5. Cut a piece of 3/16" shock cord. It should be a bit shorter than the distance in between the two box-x's that you have marked (because you need some room for the presser foot of your machine)



6. The two webbings that you sewed together from their edges, are flat. You need to widen the space in the middle, to form a "tunnel", so to speak... I use a chopstick to do that.



7. Push the piece of shock cord into the tunnel



8. Shock cord is now where it's supposed to be. The point of the pencil shows where the shock cord starts.. So you need to push it past the box-x (so that you have room to sew the inner side of the box-x)



9. Hotglue the strap in place, and stitch the box-x's. Done.





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Thanks for the tutorial jma! I really like the chopstick technique .

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Bootcat



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I really like this idea. I think you could make production faster though. Perhaps cut one piece of webbing 2x the length of the carry handle, and fold it in half. I'd position the webbing end joint so that it falls in the middle of one of your box-x's. Mark the box-x start/stop lines, and then sew one side of the carry handle down. Stick the shock cord in, and sew the other side down using a zipper foot (or for a walking foot machine, a single toe rear foot). Stitch it in place with the box-x's and you are done. One piece of webbing means less cutting to do, and you don't have to fiddle with stuffing the shockcord down the tunnel.