

How to Make a DSLR Camera Strap Cover

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Description:

This tutorial is for making a cover for a DSLR camera strap, including a lens cap pocket and memory card pockets.

What you need:

Fabric cuts:

22" long x 3" wide for a Nikon strap, cut 2 (I cut one out of minky, one from a decorative fabric)

6" long x 4.5" wide (lens cover pocket)

4" long x 3" wide (card pocket)

Elastic thread

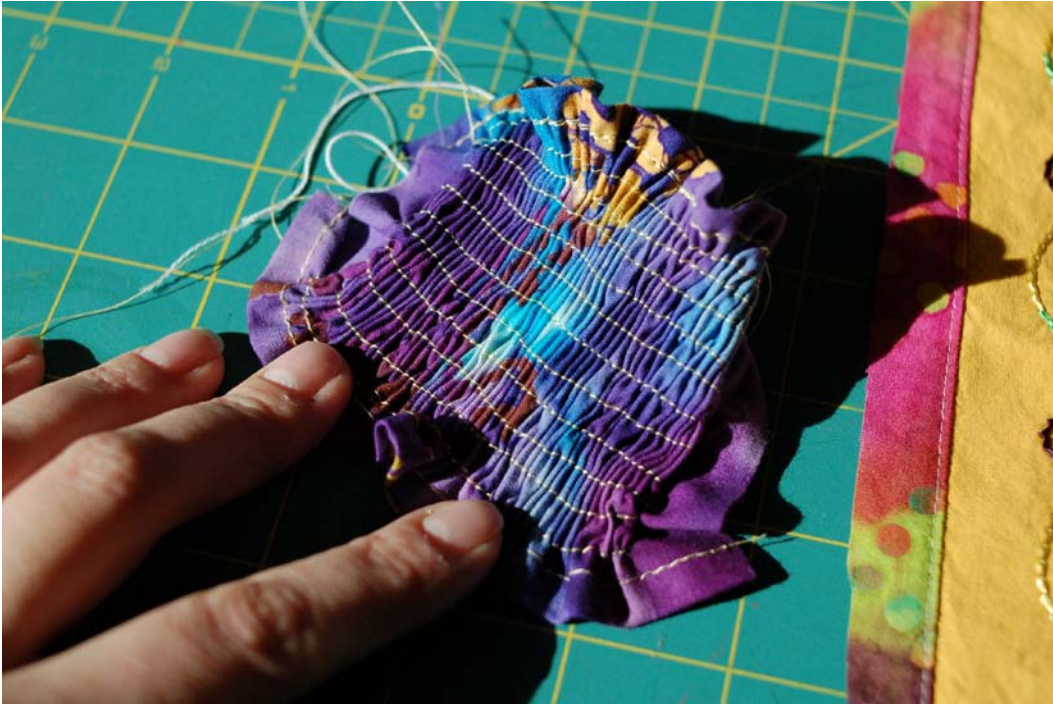


How to Make:

1. First you need to hem the top and the bottom of the lens cover pocket, along the 6" length.



2. Next you will do the shirring. Set your straight stitch to the longest you can go, the tension to 8 or 9, and put the elastic thread in the bobbin. When winding, do it manually and don't pull too hard. All machines are different so it may take some adjustments to get it to shirr. Now go along the 6" length back and forth with a stitch or two between the rows. It should bunch up as you do, but you can also give it a shot with a steam iron when you are finished for it to pucker up more.



3. Now, pin the pocket about 2-3" up from the edge on the "outside" strap piece. Stitch in place. Also stitch along the bottom to close it up.





4. Now it's time for the memory card pocket. Iron over a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam along the long edges and then fold in the middle.





5. Place the pocket along the edge on the opposite end of the outside strap, raw edges together. Try for the same distance as the pocket so they are even. Check to make sure your memory cards will work and adjust seam width (or cut another pocket in the right size).



6. Sew along the edges and then up the middle.



7. Place the other strap piece over the outside piece and **stitch along one edge only**.



8. Next, hem the edges. I serged the edge and then turned over once, but you can do a simple rolled hem, as well. Then sew up the other side.



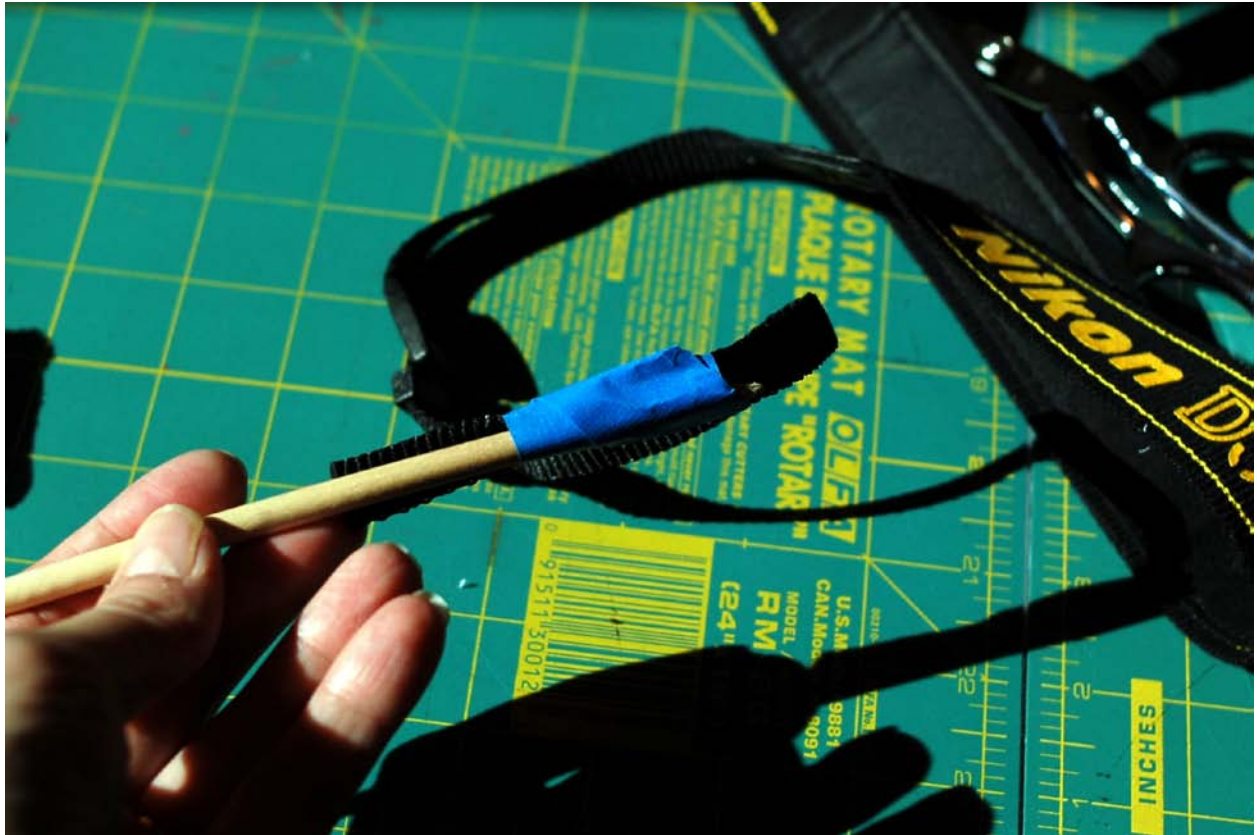


9. Now it is time to turn it inside out. I usually stick a pin on one edge and then navigate it through while pulling it out the other side. I hear there are actually tools that specialize in turning things. I'm very low tech. ;)





10. Now it is time to pull your strap through the cover. To get it to navigate through a bit better, I just taped the end to a pencil type of object. Super easy to get it through that way.



11. Now, I stitch the cover to the strap at the ends, so it doesn't shift. I would recommend doing this, but you don't have to. It's not a big thing to pick out those threads when you want to change the strap cover (unless you are changing it all the time!), and it is nice to not have the cover moving around.



12. All done!





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