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BIG U STRAP ANCHOR

WHAT IS THIS STRAP ANCHOR?

The wonderful quality of this piece of hardware is that it has two functions.

It acts as a strap end and so it covers the raw edges from your strap. The big rivet bar in the center will hold your strap and the strap end together.

Once that part is done, you can screw the metal anchor (with strap attached) to your bag, using the template on the next page, a punch, some glue and a screwdriver.

WHAT SIZE IS THIS STRAP ANCHOR?

This strap-end holds a strap that is 32mm wide (1¼").



WHAT IS IN THE BAG?

We sell these strap-end/strap anchors per pair.

In every bag, you will find 2 strap anchors with the big bar in the center, 2 back plates, 6 bigger screws and 4 smaller screws.

DO THE PARTS HAVE A NAME?

The middle bar (bigger part in the center) needs to be removed before you install the strap. We added replacement screws (nickel).

The main part is the back of the strap end. You glide the strap inside the slots.

This middle bar holds down the strap material.

The other parts in the bag are 2 washers and 6 screws to attach these washers to the anchor piece.

HOW DO I ATTACH THE STRAP?

1. Cut the end of your strap curved. You can use the washer to get an idea of the curve.
2. Remove the middle bar and try to not lose the screws and the bar.
3. Glide the strap into the anchor completely to the bottom. Once the strap is sitting nicely, turn the metal around, so you see the back.
4. With an awl, poke through the 2 holes in the center completely through your strap material.
5. Remove the strap and lay the strap anchor aside.
6. Take your hole punch (5mm - 1/4") and punch 2 holes right over the small hole you made with the awl. The holes need to be big enough for the center bar screw posts to fit down into the holes.



7. Slide the strap back inside the anchor until the holes in your strap and the holes in the anchor align. Place the middle bar through the holes and screw the screws from the back side.



At this point your strap and the strap end form 1 component and are locked together very securely.

ATTACH THE ANCHORS TO YOUR BAG

PART 1: BEFORE YOU SEW YOUR BAG

1. Use the template on the last page of this tutorial to determine the placement of your anchors and make the 3 markings.
2. The anchor has 3 shallow posts that go through the bag exterior. The holes need to be large enough (5mm - 1/4") so use a (rotary) punch to create the holes in your bag exterior.
3. Place the finished anchor on the right side of the bag exterior and ensure that the connector screw posts/holes line up with the holes in your bag exterior. Push the anchor into place as the screw posts will fit down into your bag; they may not push through the entire thickness of the layers but are meant not to rest against the outside.

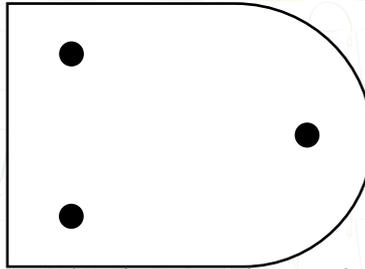
PART 2: BEFORE CLOSING THE LINING

4. Place the washer onto the inside of your bag over your holes and then screw the washer down while you screw into the connector screw post.
5. Note: You may also want to add some glue or Loctite in the screw holes for added security. Extra note: only do this when you are sure, since Loctite is not meant to loose! ;-)
6. Place a piece of duct tape over the washer to prevent the metal from wearing down your lining fabric. You can also fuse a piece of interfacing on top.

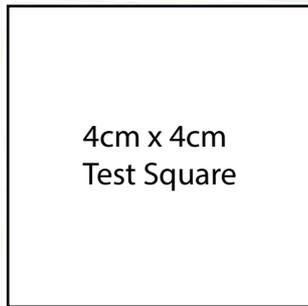
HOW TO

MARK THE STRAP ANCHOR POSITION FOR THE BIG U ANCHOR END CONNECTORS

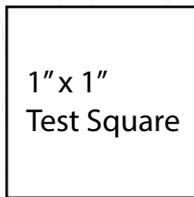
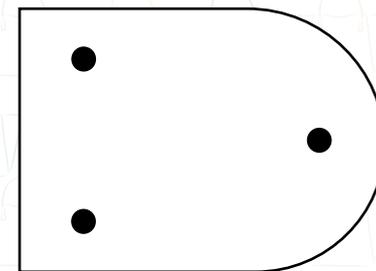
- Use this template to position and mark the strap anchors onto your fabric. You can - of course - place your connectors further apart or lower. Cut the paper template and arrange as you wish.
- On the paper, cut the 3 holes in each drawing with an awl or the point of a pen.



- Line the top of the template with the top edge and the center of the front and back panel of your bag. Take into account what the SA will be at the top. Tape your template with painters tape so the paper doesn't shift.
- Mark the holes on the fabric.
- Remove the paper template and you are ready to cut the holes in your fabric.
- Tip: Use a large 1/4" - 6mm punch for the screw holes.
- Tip2: stabilize the area where you'll punch the holes with a piece of Decovil Light or Pellon 808.
- Apply a drop of Fray check to the holes in your fabric. Place the strap anchors on your bag from the right side
- On the back side, place the washer over the screw holes. You may need to trim out some extra bits of fabric before you are able to fit the screws. You can add some glue to the back side of the washer to prevent the anchors from shifting.



4cm x 4cm
Test Square



1" x 1"
Test Square

- After attaching, glue a scrap of fabric, interfacing, fleece or Duct tape over the back sides of the washer, so that the metal doesn't rub through your lining fabrics.