

Padded Seat Belt Cover Instructions

To make 1 padded cover you will need:

Outer fabric cotton: 9" x 11" (width x length)

Inner fabric fleece: 9" x 11" (width x length)

4 oz wadding 10" x 12" (or 2 layers of 2oz wadding)

Webbing tapes 10½" x2 Velcro 2" x 2 sets

Seam allowance throughout is ⅜"



1. Sew the hook sides of the velcro to one end of the webbing tape, ⅝" from the end so it avoids the seam allowance.



2. Sew the soft sides of the velcro to the other end of the webbing tape on the **reverse** side, tucking the end into a ¼" double fold on the tape to capture the raw ends



3. With your outer fabric right side up lay the tapes at the left edge of the long side, 2½" from the top and 2½" from the bottom with the hook velcro facing up.

Measure 7 inches across & mark. Stitch the tapes on to outer fabric up to the 7" mark.

Baste the label on the right side, 2" down from the top.



4. Layer wadding, outer and inner fabrics (right sides together), making sure the long ends of the tapes are tucked in. Stitch all the way round with a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance. Catch in the label and the tapes in the seam. Leave a 3"- 4" turning gap along one of the seams. Remember to do a few reverse stitches at the start & end to secure the stitching & use a longer stitch to cope with the added thickness of the wadding. Trim excess wadding & clip corners.



5. Turn through & push out corners. Fold edges of turning gap under & pin in place. Top stitch all the way round closing the turning gap & catching in the label at the same time. You may need to increase your stitch length even more as there is double the thickness of wadding at the edge.



6. Measure & mark a line $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from each side. Then top stitch along these lines. This will enable the cover to 'fold' around the seat belt. (Using a 'hump jumper' or a 'leader' may help at the beginning of these rows of stitching.) Press well and it's finished!

