

Seat Belt Wraps

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Supplies:

Vilene or Aqua Magic wash away stabilizer large enough to fit your hoop.

1 piece fabric - 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" (5 1/2" x 7 1/2" for 5x7 hoops)

1 piece of headliner fabric - 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" (5 1/2" x 7 1/2" for 5x7 hoops)

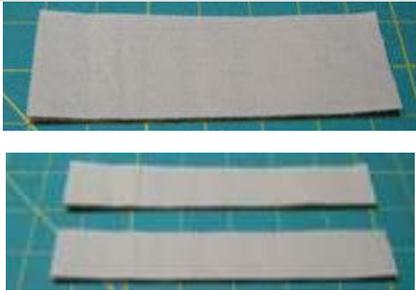
2" wide velcro (cut lengthwise to make strips 1" wide) - cut 1 piece 6 1/2" long (5 1/2" long for 5x7 hoops)

Use the narrower 3/4" velcro if that is all you can find. The 1" width is easier to keep straight!

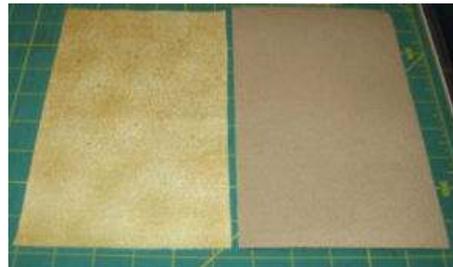
If headliner fabric is not available in your area try Pellon thermolam or fleece batting. I found headliner fabric at JoAnns Fabrics in the upholstery department. Headliner fabric consists of knit fabric bonded to 1/4" soft gray flexible foam. There were three colors available at my local JoAnns fabric store: tan, black and gray.

Things to consider before you begin:

1. If possible, adjust presser foot height to accommodate the thickness to keep foot from dragging over the surface.
2. Slow machine at least 1X except for final satin outline. You are sewing through thicker supplies so take it easy!
3. Please feel free to use different fabric colors/thread colors to match the car interior in which these will be used.
4. Use the same color bobbin thread as the final satin outline so that it looks good and matches on both sides.



1. Cut 2" wide velcro strip 6 1/2" long (5 1/2" - 5x7 hoops)
Then cut it down the center to create two 1" wide strips.



2. Cut 1 piece of fabric & 1 piece of headliner fabric to
5 1/2" x 8 1/2" (5 1/2" x 7 1/2" for 5x7 hoops)



3. Hoop one piece of vilene or Aqua Magic wash away stabilizer
to fit your hoop. Stitch the first color in the design on the stabilizer
only - no fabric yet!



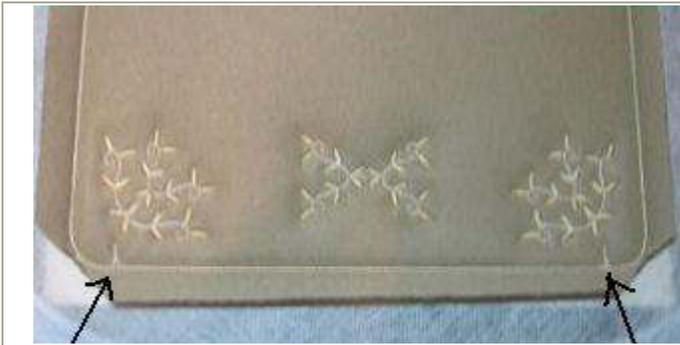
4. Remove the hoop but do not remove anything from the hoop.
Place your pre-cut fabric centered over the outline. Spray fabric &
headliner fabric with temporary adhesive spray to keep in place.



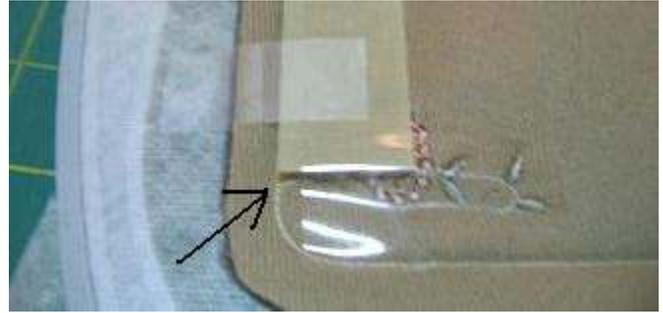
5. Flip hoop over & center headliner fabric over outline with foam
facing stabilizer. Round the corners of the headliner fabric so it
doesn't extend over hoop frame. The headliner fabric must be
inside the hoop so it doesn't hold the hoop up off of the bed of the
machine more than necessary.



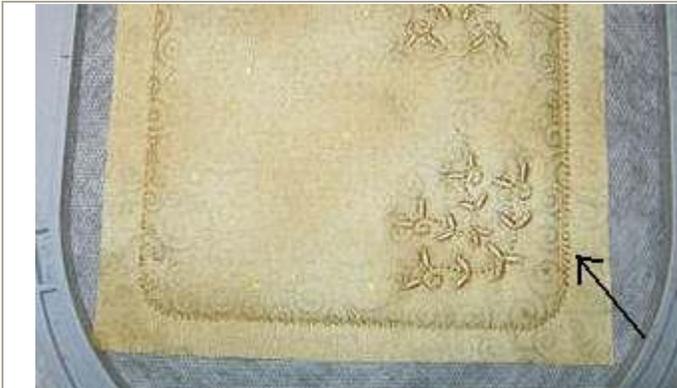
6. The next color will stitch the outline twice to secure the
fabric/headliner in the hoop. (outline will make 2 passes) Stitch
rest of design on the belt wrap as instructed in the text files
provided with the designs.



7. Remove hoop and flip over to the back side. Trim the top fabric in between the indents on the front. As you can see, the outline that was sewn to secure the fabric also stitched little indents on each end as shown above.



8. Tape the soft velcro half (fuzzy side up) in between the indents along the long edge (on the same side as design was sewn). The velcro should extend over the outline about 1/6" of an inch. Place hoop back on machine.



9. The next color in the design stitches a zigzag stitch to secure the fuzzy piece of velcro to the back of the design.



10. Remove hoop & trim the excess headliner fabric & fabric close to the outline on both sides of hoop. Leave the tape on the fuzzy velcro to keep it flat for now. Place hoop back on machine.



11. The last color stitches the final satin outline. When finished, flip hoop over & trim design from stabilizer. Stay at least 1/6" of an inch from the edge so you don't accidentally cut into the satin stitches!!



12. You're almost finished!! Now place the scratchy half of the velcro between the indents on the opposite side. Hold the velcro even with the inside edge of the satin stitches & stitch it in place with your sewing machine.

Final step - Take a warm wet rag and run it along the edges to dissolve the remaining wash away stabilizer. Do not get the belt wrap too wet!! Just wet it enough to dissolve the left over fuzzy pieces of stabilizer. Set aside to dry.

To place the belt wrap on the seat belt in the car: Tuck the seat belt strap under the front piece of velcro & fold the wrap in half. Keep the edges even and press the velcro together until secure.

NOTE! For the baby wraps the headliner fabric is added to the back of the hoop AFTER the decorative design is stitched on the front for softer look. Just follow the step by step instructions in the text files included with the designs.