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“The Optional Holster” – Steps H4-11



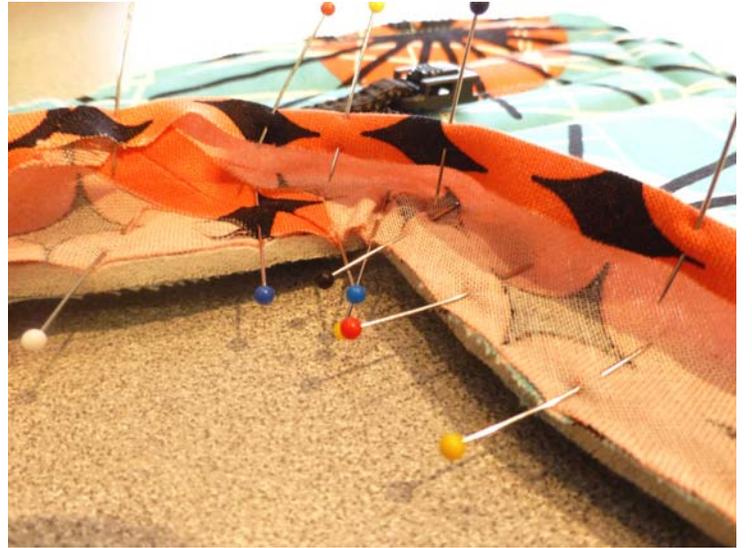
Step 4) Place 6” webbing end (with button release side facing UP) where indicated and stitch in place at fabric edge ONLY for now.



Step 6) Place 4” webbing end where indicated on underside of Holster. Verify that buckle engages correctly with button-release portion of buckle, then secure placement by stitching 1” inward from fabric edge on both sides of webbing.



Step 7) Cut a 20” piece of bias tape. Press one folded edge open and flat. With inner side of Holster facing UP, pin pressed edge of bias tape in place RST along Holster edges. It can be a little tricky applying the bias tape around the corner, so I included a closeup (at right).



Here’s the closeup— Notice that the bias tape has to be pleated just a little in the corner, and this makes the bias tape literally “stand up” in the process.



Step 8) Begin flipping bias tape over raw edges, pinning it in place on underside of Holster. Stitch in place on underside of Holster. (At most, you should only be bias-taping up to the 6” piece of webbing at this point.)



And here's another closeup of the curved area now that its stitched in place. Looks great! :)



Step 9) Fold underside of Holster over on top of inner side and stitch (seen here stitched in orange). Be careful to NOT involve buckle webbing in this stitching!



Step 10a) Now you can resume bias taping the rest of the Holster edges. Finish off by wrapping the bias tape end around the Holster corner, then flipping the bias tape over the raw edges onto the underside of the holster, then stitch it in place.

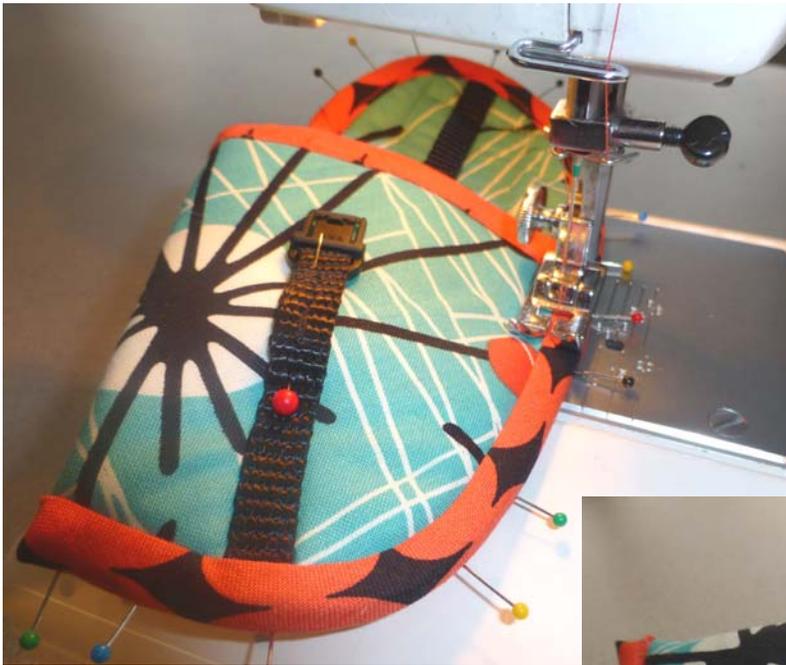


Step 10b) Finish off by wrapping the bias tape end around the Holster corner, then flipping the bias tape over the raw edges onto the underside of the holster.



Here's a closeup of the holster tip where I wrapped the bias tape around the end to conceal it.

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Now all that's left is the final stitching to secure the bias tape in place....

'2' stitching

'1' stitching



Step 11) Place your weapon in the holster and engage the buckle. In order to assure yourself of a tight and secure fit, pin webbing tightly in place alongside the grip for a firm fit. If necessary, unpin opposite webbing end (at buckle) for further adjustment. Now remove weapon and stitch webbing securely in the following **TWO** places.

1) thru webbing (and ALL other layers) from holster edge to pin placement at grip, and (see photo at right)

2) thru webbing **ONLY** at edge of the button-release portion of buckle. (see photo at right)
(DO NOT stitch into holster)



Here's another view from yet another vantage point.

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