



# How to Add New Holes to Birkenstock Sandal Straps

This guide will show you how to make new holes in the straps on Birkenstock sandals at home with these simple and easy steps.

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## INTRODUCTION

Birkenstock sandals are some of the best selling shoes worldwide due to their amazing quality and comfort. From the factory, they offer each shoe in a wide or narrow option. In either case, your foot may be too wide or narrow for the shoe out of the box. Also, many of their styles are sold with ultra-comfortable leather or suede straps and uppers, which are known to stretch over time. In either case, the holes that come on the adjustable straps on the shoes may not be enough, and new holes will be necessary in order to adjust the straps to achieve the best possible fit.

This guide will show the simple steps necessary in order to poke new holes in your Birkenstocks' straps with a few basic household tools.

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### TOOLS:

- [Hammer](#) (1)
  - [Nail 30mm long, dia. 1.5mm](#) (1)
  - [Wooden Block—3"](#) (1)
  - [Ruler](#) (1)
  - [Pencil](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — How to Add New Holes to Birkenstock Sandal Straps



- Unbuckle the straps on the sandal.

## Step 2



- Lay the long straps flat on the wooden block.

### Step 3



- Measure the distance between the holes on the strap.
- ❗ This will allow the new hole to look neat and aligned with the original holes. The holes are typically about a centimeter apart.

### Step 4



- Use the measurement from Step 3 to measure the distance between an existing hole and the new hole you're adding.
- Mark where your new hole will be on the strap with a pencil.



## Step 5



- Place the nail on the pencil mark on the strap, and hammer it through so the nail goes completely through the strap and into the wood under the strap.
- ⓘ Hammer the nail straight down in order to avoid damage to the leather or suede strap.

## Step 6



- Buckle the straps and make sure the pin on the buckle is able to go through the new hole.
- ★ If the pin is unable to go through the hole, put the nail back through the hole with your hand. Wiggle it around in the hole in order to expand the hole slightly. Do this until the pin is able to go through the hole.

