



Purse Strap Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

If a purse has too much weight, a strap can break. It's more expensive to buy a new purse than it is to repair the strap. This guide will teach you how to repair your strap to have your purse back to working order.



TOOLS:

- [Fabric Scissors](#) (1)
 - [Sewing Needle](#) (1)
 - [Spool of Thread](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Strap



- Find a replacement strap or a long, thin piece of fabric you want to use for your purse strap.

Step 2



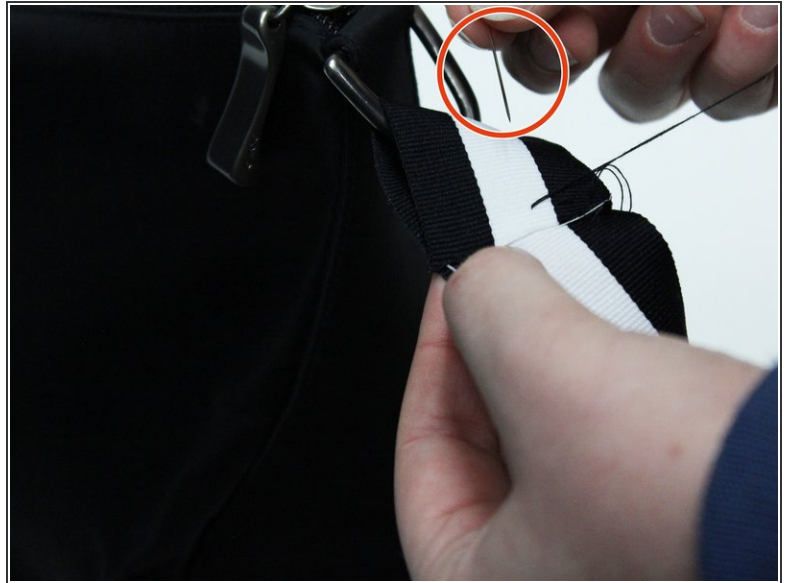
- Make sure the strap is the correct length for your carrying preference. For example: crossbody, one-shoulder, crook of the elbow, etc.
 - ⓘ Measurements will vary depending on preference.
- For this project, we will be sewing a one-shoulder strap.

Step 3



- Put the strap through the handle attachments.
- Fold the end over.
 - There should be about 1/2 inch to 1 inch room for sewing.
- Note: once the strap's end is folded over, make sure there is enough strap between each handle attachment for you to carry the bag.
- Get your needle out and thread it with your preference of colored thread. We have used black.

Step 4



- Fold the strap so there is a half-inch between the stitching line and the handle attachment.
- Sewing
 - Start on one edge and push the needle through both piece of strap.
 - Once the bit of thread is pulled through, go through the strap again, this time a pinch to the side of where you came up.
 - Repeat this until you have sewed a stitch across the entire width of the strap.
 - After reaching the opposite end, pull the needle through, bringing up as much excess thread as it allows. Note: do not pull too hard or the thread will rip.
 - Tie a knot at the end, keeping the knot close to the base of the thread. Repeat until you believe the knot is strong enough to hold.

Step 5



- After you reach the other side of the strap's width, sew backwards on top of the existing seams for a locking stitch.
- Cut excess string.

Step 6



- Repeat steps 3-5 on the opposite handle attachment.

Step 7



- After repeating the steps, each side of your strap should be sewed onto the handle attachments.

Make sure the stitches are secure by gently tugging on the strap. If it does not come un-stitched, then you are finished with your repair.