

Attaching a Slider (Strap Buckle) to your Bag's Strap



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Sliders or Strap Buckles are used when you need an adjustable strap for shoulder bags, cross body bags, back packs etc. Attaching a Slider to your strap and bag can seem like an Indian Rope trick the first time you try it. Here are tips to keep you completely tangle free.



Moveable
Sliders

1. Measure your strap to find its width. Typically straps are $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1" or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide when using a pattern purchased at a quilting shop. You'll need to purchase a Slider of the same width.

Sliders can have a moveable center pin or they may be fixed. Either style is fine for the job.



Back of strap

2. The Slider is first attached to your strap. Thread the strap through the Slider, then turn under the end and stitch in place through all layers.

Sewing through Straps can be bulky.



Since sewing machines do not like to sew uphill, I use a Jean-a-ma-jig to start off my stitching.



It goes behind the presser foot supporting the back of the sewing machine foot. Once you have your line of stitching started you can set it aside.

Be sure to backstitch at both ends of the sewing!



Now it's time to attach the strap to the hardware that holds it to the bag. You can permanently attach your strap to the bag by threading it through a D Ring, O Ring or Rectangle Ring...



Or you might want the option of removing the strap from the bag. In this case you would thread it through a Swivel Hook. The Swivel Hook hooks onto the D Ring that's attached to the bag.



Once you've decided which option is best you'll need to thread the strap through the Ring or Swivel Hook as shown.



Now, thread the strap through the front of the Slider.



Then thread it through the ring at the other side of the bag or through the Swivel Hook.

Turn under the end of the strap and stitch in place through all layers. Hook the Swivel Hooks to the bag if you've picked this option.

