



Installing New Synthetic Suede Grips

Materials needed:

One length of synthetic suede for each handle
Stanley knife
Black vinyl tape (electrical tape)
Metric ruler

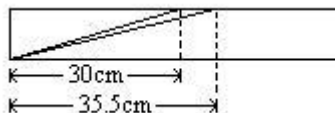
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Step 1: Lay the strip of synthetic suede on a flat surface, with the suede facing upward. The size of the handle being wrapped will determine the first measurement to be made:

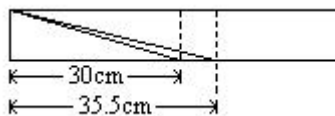
3.7 (small): 30cm

4.0 (medium): 35.5cm

Measure the appropriate length for your handle from the beginning of the grip wrap. This measurement will form one side of a right angled triangle. Imagine a line straight across the grip wrap, perpendicular to the first side, forming the second side of the triangle. Finally, using the metric ruler as a straight edge, cut the line of the hypotenuse using an Stanley knife:



The picture shown above represents a bow side handle's wrap. To prepare the wrap for a stroke side handle, measure along the opposite side of the wrap and follow the same procedure:



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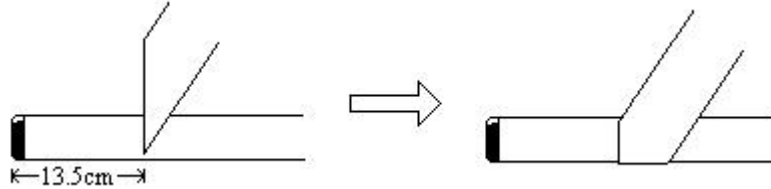
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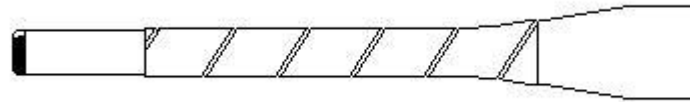
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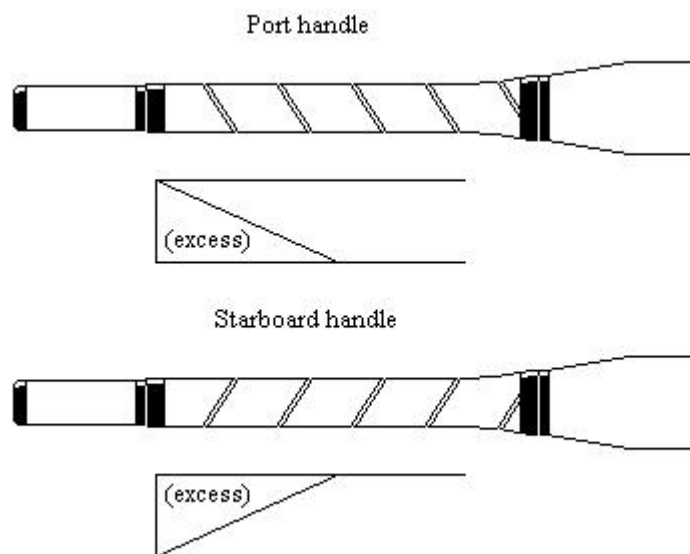
Step 2: Once the excess is removed, measure 13.5cm from the top of the handle. This is where you will start the wrap. Peel the paper backing from the synthetic suede at the sharp point just created and begin wrapping:



Continue in this manner, such that the grip overlaps itself once. Be careful not to pull too hard, or the grip will overlap again, causing unevenness in the grip surface. Wrap the length of the handle such that the entire wrapped area measures 32-33cm. Once the synthetic suede reaches the flared part of the handle, you will need to stretch the grip to fit over the flare. When the full 32-33cm area is covered, take a Stanley knife and cut around the circumference. Peel off the excess wrap. You should now see this:



Step 3: Finally, wrap one width of the black electrical tape twice around the top end of the synthetic suede, staying on the grip wrap. After twice around the circumference, stretch the tape downward so that it touches both the taped synthetic suede and the surface of the handle, again wrapping the circumference twice. Cut the tape after this step and proceed to the flared end. At the edge of the grip wrap on the flared side wrap the tape twice around the handle, staying on the grip. After twice around the circumference, stretch the tape downward so that it touches both the taped synthetic suede and the surface of the handle, again wrapping twice the circumference. Finally, cut the tape to finish. The completed handles should look like this:



Note: Port = Strokeside; Starboard = Bowside