



## Installing New Synthetic Suede Grips

### Materials needed:

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

### **Sculls**

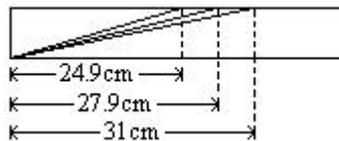
**Step 1:** Lay the strip of synthetic suede on a flat surface, with the suede facing upward. The size of the handle being wrapped will determine the first measurement to be made:

3.3 (small): **14.9cm**

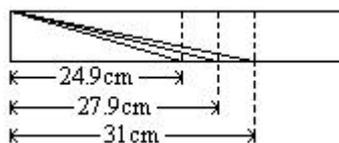
3.5 (medium): **17.9cm**

3.7 (large): **21cm**

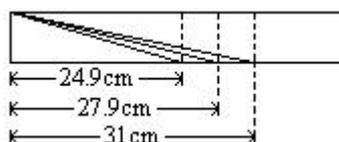
Measure the appropriate length for your handle from the beginning of the grip wrap. This measurement will form one side of a right angled triangle. Imagine a line straight across the grip wrap, perpendicular to the first side, forming the second side of the triangle. Finally, using the metric ruler as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



The picture shown above represents the 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:



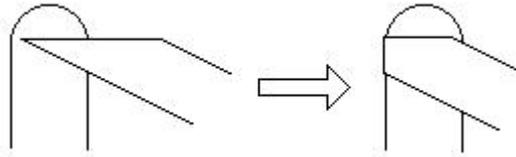
**Step 2:** Once the excess is removed, peel the paper backing from the synthetic suede at the sharp point just created. With the hypotenuse facing the top of the handle, begin wrapping where the curve of the top of the handle ends:



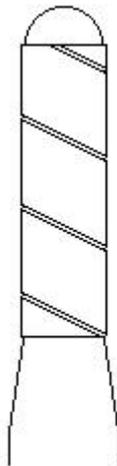
NOTE: The measurements on the above diagrams are incorrect. Correct measurements are listed in **bold** above.



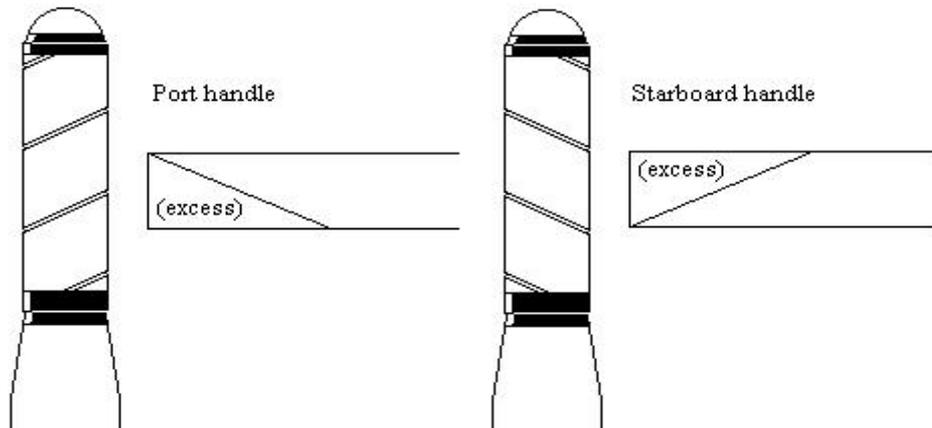
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Continue in this manner, such that the grip overlaps itself once. Be careful not to pull too hard, or the grip will overlap again, causing unevenness in the grip surface. Wrap the length of the handle until the handle begins to flare outward; at this point, you will need to stretch the grip to fit over the flare. Take an Stanley knife and cut the point at which the flare begins, following the circumference with the blade. 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 edge of the grip wrap, half touching the synthetic suede and half touching the top surface of the handle. Cut the tape after two wraps of the circumference. At the bottom of the synthetic suede, wrap one width of the tape twice around the grip wrap, staying on the grip wrap. Stretch the tape downward so that it touches both the taped synthetic suede and the surface of the flare, again wrapping the circumference twice. Finally, cut the tape and repeat the process for the other handle (wrapping everything in the opposite direction). Your finished handles should look like this:



Note: Port = Strokeside; Starboard = Bowside