

Skate 'Sleeping Bags'

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Why??

I looked at my set of TR Mag Elite Frames and due to carrying them around in a Salomon grab bag, the frames had become scratched and messy due to rubbing against each other.

You can get away with just building one bag for your skates, as this will protect both frames.

Equipment

Scissors

Piece of cloth

Cord

One of those little things that you put on cord with a little spring in it that will grip the cord and not move unless you push it in. Termed 'springy-thingy' 'cos I can't think of a better name.

Needle

Thread

Safety pin

For precise methods

Sewing machine (If you want a professional job. I just spent 20 minutes stabbing my fingers with a needle.)

Ruler

Measurements in cm.

When I built mine, I didn't measure anything, but if you want to be precise...

Note. These may take some beating, when stitching, use double strength thread (just double it up) and go back on yourself when sewing up the ends. It's not so bad for the cord holder along the top – single should be enough there.

- Measure your skates. Precise method – use a ruler. Imprecise – just hold the cloth up to it.
- You're looking for $(x + 8)$ by $(2 * (y + 8))$ piece of cloth: It needs to allow you to stitch up the sides and still be able to fit the frames in. I guessed when I built mine..
- Fold down the two longer sides by 3 cm. You need stitch along here. Once you've finished, the width of your cloth should be $= y$ (ish)
- Fold the cloth in half so that the stitching is on the outside.
- Sew up the sides as far as the stitches you did in 3.

- Turn it inside out. It should (hopefully) not look like something made by a three-fingered gibbon.
- Cut the cord to approx $(x + 30)$. More if you like, or just cut it once it's in the bag.
- Put the safety pin on the end of your cord and push it through the opening at the top of the bag.
- Then back again.
- Push both ends through the springy-thingy.

- Tie a knot in the end.

- Put them on your skates and push the springy thingy.

- Repeat from 1 if you want one for the other skate. Additional amendments.

It is possibly line these with a waterproof section. Simply cut a slightly smaller section of waterproof material and stitch it in when you do 3 & 4. Haven't done this though 'cos it's a bit much even for me.

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