

# LACING GUIDE

## STROLLER LEATHER COVERS



Long or curvy bars

Some bars have a groove between the foam and the plastic part. You can use this to fix the cord before lacing by twisting it once around and into this groove.

Position the cover at the beginning of the foam part.

The leather piece has pre-punched holes at both sides. At the beginning and the end you stitch through these holes in the leather, the rest of the time you lace through the loops of the sewn stitches.

Thread a needle through each end of the cord. Start with one end of the cord by stitching through one of the holes from inside to outside.

With the same needle stitch through the opposite hole from outside to inside and again on the other side from inside to outside.

Then you take the other needle and stitch through the opposite hole again from inside to outside. You should now have two cords of same length on the outside of the holes. Pull gently on the cords to tighten it.

On long bars you can fix the leather at the end of the handle so that it doesn't hang down. That makes it much easier to lace. I use pipe cleaners, but you can also just fix it with a cord. Just don't use anything sticky or sharp.

Now you start lacing. Put the side of the cord that you don't need right now out of the way. With one hand you hold the leather together, with the other hand you stitch through the first loop on the opposite side. From now on you skip every second loop, that means you stitch through the 2nd loop on the other side and through the 3rd hole on opposite side. And so on ...

If the cord is twisted you can turn it a bit until it is straight again.

You don't have to lace it very tight in this first step. As you can see, there is still a gap between the two sides of the leather. That's ok, it will close when we tighten the lacing.

Pull the leather together in the curves, to make lacing easier. Here you should lace rather loose at first, so you can still spread and straighten the pleats.

When you've laced until after the curve, you can start tightening this first part.

Start at the beginning, go under the cord with the needle and pull it tight gently. Fix the cord by holding it down with your thumb and tighten the next stitch.

Please don't tear on the cord very hard, instead push the leather together from the outside of the bar to the inside and then tighten the lacing gently. The gap still doesn't have to be closed completely.

To prevent larger pleats in the roundings of the bars, you can spread the pleats by going with the needle under it and pulling it apart and softening it from the outside with the other hand. So you get many small pleats instead of a few large ones.

When you have finished tightening the first part, you can go on lacing like before, through every second loop.

Lace until the end of the cover, but not just yet through the holes in the leather.

In the rounding again spread and smooth the pleats and pull everything tight.

To fix the end you have to stitch through the pre-punched holes again. Stitch on one side from outside to inside, on the opposite side from inside to outside and on the other side again from outside to inside.

Then again start at the beginning and tighten the lacing.

Now you take the other side of the cord and stitch through the first loop on the other side. And again through every second loop, means every loop that we left out before. That's already much easier now than with the first cord.

At the end stitch just through one hole in the leather for now.

Start tightening again at the beginning. The gap should now close completely. If that's not the case push the leather together from the outside to the inside until it's closed and tighten the lacing with the other hand.

Where the lacing is uneven you can move the stitches with the needle until it looks good.

You can repeat the tightening process until you are satisfied with the looks of the lacing.

Then you fix the ending by stitching through the opposite hole from inside to outside and on the other side from outside to inside.

There should be a cord hanging to the inside on each side of the holes now.

Pull tight gently and cut the cord to about 10cm. Make a knot.

You can hide the left over cord by pushing it carefully under the leather with the needle.

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