

# Canteen Recovering Kit

1) Begin by tracing your canteen on the back of the squares of material (see figure A). Be sure to leave at least one inch between the canteen and the outside edge for seam allowance. As you trace, mark off where the strap retainers are, so you will know where *not* to sew.



2) After you have cut the two pieces out, lay them front to front (the sides you want on the outside facing each other). Sew the pieces together, either with a machine (the originals were machine-sewn) or by hand. When sewing, be sure to leave an opening at the bottom for the bottom strap retainer and only sew up to the bottom of the two top retainer straps.

3) Once the pieces are sewn together, turn them inside out to make a pouch for the canteen to fit into (see figure B). Push the bottom retainer strap through the hole you have left in the bottom and pull the cover up to the top retainer straps.



4) Now, sew the top of the canteen cover closed by neatly tucking the material in (see figures C & D) and hand-stitching it closed. It is recommended that you use 100% cotton thread. Try to keep the stitches as small as possible, the originals have very small neat stitches (see figure E).





E)

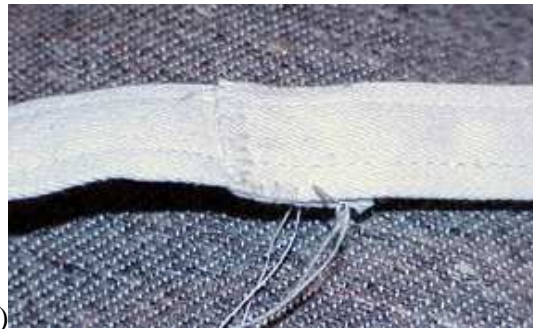
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5) Great Job! Now it is time to add the strap. Start by feeding the end of the strap through all three retainer straps. Before you start sewing the ends together, make sure the strap is not twisted. Overlap the ends and hand-sew around the edges. You will actually sew in a square (see figure F).



F)

6) Almost done! The only thing left is to put on the cork and chain or cork and twine. For the cork and chain (New York Depot canteens), start by opening the last link on the chain, opposite the cork, with a pair of needle nose pliers. Pass the open link through the hole in the retainer strap and pinch it back together (see figure G). For the cork and twine (Philadelphia and Cincinnati Depot canteens), start by passing the loop of twine at the opposite end of the cork between the cloth strap and metal retainer strap. Once the loop is through the retainer, pass the cork through the loop in the twine, and pull it up snug on itself (see figure H).



G)



H)

Congratulations! You have completed your canteen. Thank you for purchasing this do-it-yourself product! If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

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