

Installation Instructions

City Grips / Bare Knuckle Grips

See it on video on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/walnutstudiolo/citygrips>

1. The first step in installing the grips is to clean and dry your handlebars using rubbing alcohol or warm soapy water. Remove the grease and anything that sticks to the bar, like foam tape, so that the double-sided tape will adhere.
2. Before you expose the double-sided tape, position the grips on the bar to give yourself an idea of how it's going to look. I like to position them with the stitch holes along the front of the bar so your fingers will curl around the stitches. Rubber bands can be used to hold it in place.
3. Wet the leather down completely until soft and pliable in lukewarm to tepid water. The water temperature should be comfortable to the touch (too-hot water will shrink the leather). Completely dunk the leather in the water and allow it to soak entirely through. (You can even seal the wet leather in a plastic ziplock bag overnight for maximum pliability). Don't worry, it will dry into place during installation.
4. Next, remove the waxed paper backing of the double-sided tape. Lay the grips parallel to the bar, making sure they're not crooked. Pull the leather around the bar, and you will feel it start to form.
5. Start stitching at the top of the bar. Loop the thread around the first hole twice. Follow the stitching pattern of your choice using the Stitching Diagram on the reverse side of this paper.
6. As you stitch, leave it loose, and as you come back to tighten it, you will have enough slack to finish off the bar. Simply loop through each hole as shown in the diagram. Alternatively you can stitch in a zig-zag pattern, or try a Round Braid. There is no wrong way to stitch. Have fun and make it your own.
7. Continue stitching in your stitch pattern of choice. While you're stitching, let it stay loose - we'll come back and tighten it, and it will be easier to grab the thread if it's done loosely.
8. Loop the thread around the last hole twice.
9. Now go back and tighten the string down along the length of the grip. Needle-nosed pliers or the blunt end of the needle can help you pull the thread tight.
10. When you get to the end again, tie a surgeon's knot (howto: <http://www.animatedknots.com/surgeonsjoin/>)
11. Pull the thread through behind the stitching and cut the tail of the thread.
12. If necessary, trim any excess leather off so it is flush with the end of the bar. The first side's done! Repeat the process on the other side.

TIPS AND TRICKS

- The water may not soak through where the double-sided tape is on the reverse side. Don't worry, this is normal and when it dries you'll never know the difference.
- You can "whip tie" the ends of the bar wrap using twine with Elmer's Glue or shellac: <https://bit.ly/3apakeO>
- For more tips and tricks, go to our Bicycle Bar Wraps FAQ: <https://walnutstudiolo.com/bicycle-faq>

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Stitching Diagram

There's no wrong way to stitch on your Walnut Studiolo wraps. Here are our two favorite types of stitching, but you can use any kind of stitch you like, including ones that you make up!

