

# Water Bottle Holder

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Use a sun outdoor fabric because it is a little heavier and will repel water, or a lighter weight upholstery fabric.

## Supplies Needed:

- Fabric (Sun or Regular Fabric)
- Nylon for the inner lining
- Batting (adhesive)
- Coordinating Thread
- Nylon Webbing (1 yd, or 1 ¼ yd if using optional buckle)
- Buckle (optional)
- Bungee cord- 20"
- (2) Grommets (also called eyelets)
- Grommet Setter
- (1) Plastic Toggle Spring Stop
- Hand sewing needle, 2 safety pins (1" long)
- Fabric marker, matches (for searing edges of nylon webbing)



Instructions are designed for Brita water bottle 3 x 9.5" – Measure your water bottle before continuing. Note the measurements you use on the lines below.



**Step 1:** Cut 9x12" piece of outer fabric and lining. Cut batting 8 ½ x11 ½". \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2:** Cut a 4" circle out of the fabric, batting, and nylon. \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 3:** Pin a ¼" hem on the longer side (the top edge of the holder) of both the outer fabric and the lining. Sew.

**Step 4:** Center batting on inside of outer fabric, and fuse.

**Step 5:** Setting the grommets- on the outer fabric, mark holes, centered 1" below the top edge, and 1 ½" from each other- secure a grommet in each. (Use the printed instructions on the table)

*Note- Grommets/eyelets have 2 parts- the deeper part goes on the outside of the fabric, while the shallow part (with teeth) goes on the batting side.*



**Step 6:** Fold the outer fabric in half, so the shorter sides meet, and the right sides of the fabric are on the inside. Sew a 1/4" seam. When finished you will end up with a tube. Don't turn it right side out yet!

**Step 7:** Taking the circle piece of outer fabric, pin it to the bottom of your tube, right sides together. [Hint- if you mark the round bottom and sleeve in quarters, and match those marks, the fabric will be distributed nicely.] Sew, using a ¼" seam allowance. Reach through the tube, grab the bottom, and pull it through to turn it right side out.

**Step 8:** Repeat step 6 with the nylon (lining).

**Step 9:** Slide the nylon tube into the first tube you made.

**Strap:** You can make the strap one continuous piece or you can use a parachute buckle (optional). Use the parachute buckle if you want to be able to adjust the length of the straps.



**Step 10:** Measure your webbing and cut it so it's long enough to hang over your shoulder.

[Do this outside] Melt each side of the webbing so it doesn't fray (be careful – this gets hot).

Slip the nylon webbing about 1 ½" down between your two tubes. Pin it in place on the outer fabric. Sew a hem along the top edge of the tube, close to the hem in Step 3. Sew a line of stitching about 1 ½" down from that top edge to form a casing to hold the bungee cord.

**Instructions for optional Buckle-** Cut webbing into 2 pieces so one is approx. 20" and the other is 25".

[Do this outside] - Melt each end of the webbing so it doesn't fray. Be careful, as this gets really hot.

Add the buckle: Take the female end of the buckle and slide the webbing through with about a 1" overlap. Create a small fold under your webbing before sewing it so you don't end up with the sharp, burned end exposed. Pin this folded end of webbing in place and sew it. Take the other side of your strap, and slide it down about 1 inch between your two tubes just like the first, but on the other side of the holder. Pin it in place as well. Next, slide the other end through the male part of the buckle.

Once you have both pieces threaded through the buckle and pinned in place, run a stitch around the tube to form a casing – both at the top edge and about 1 ¾" below that line of stitching. This creates a casing to hold the bungee cord in place.



**Step 11:** Take the 20" long piece of bungee cord, find the middle and tie a knot in it. Then, slide both ends of the bungee cord through the Plastic Toggle Spring Stop. Next, slide each end of the bungee cord through the front of the grommet, and pull them through the casing. Place the ends of your bungee cord side by side, overlapping about 3/4" and hand sew them together. Slide the hand-sewn part to the back of the casing. Now you have a closed loop with the Toggle attached. The knot that you tied will keep the toggle from slipping off of your bungee cord.