Chapter 6 (Video Clip 6) – Cover Modification

1. It is a pain to remove the VW storage cover every time I need to get into the car to get something or back the car out of the garage. I decided to make it easier to get into the car without taking the cover off.

2. I located a seam at the driver side door and cut the cover with a sharp razor blade near the seam.

Step 1 Cut Cover

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3. Detail shown of cutting the seam.

4. I moved Wilma's sewing machine to the garage to do a little sewing.

5. Of course Wilma had to show me how and thread the bobbin, but I did all of the sewing myself.

6. I started with some course material 4 feet long and about 18" wide and folded it together and then sewed it as shown. The piece shown at left is scrap left over from one end.
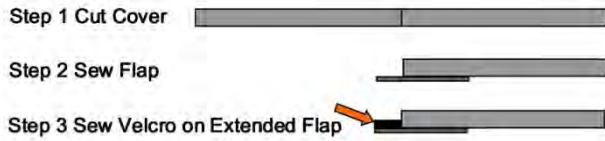
7. Detail shown of flap folded and sewed.

Step 1 Cut Cover

Step 1A Make Flap   fold   Sew   fold

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8. Then I sewed the flap to the right side of the cover making sure the flap extended 2 inches to the side as shown.

Step 1 Cut Cover

Step 2 Sew Flap

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Step 1 Cut Cover
Step 2 Sew Flap
Step 3 Sew Velcro on Extended Flap

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9. Then I sewed a 2" wide piece of Velcro on the 2 inch extension portion of the flap.

What I Used

2" Wide
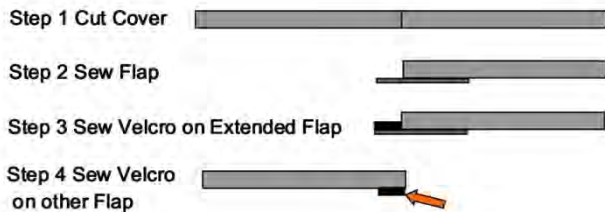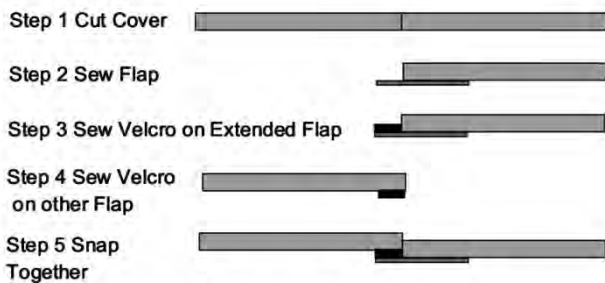Industrial Strength
4' Long

VELCRO
BRAND | MARQUE | MARCA
INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH
4ft x 2in Black Tape
Superior Holding Power

Heavy Duty
Haute performance
Para servicio pesado

1.2m x 5cm Ruban Noir · Cinta Negra
Supérieur au pouvoir
Superior capacidad de retención

10. The Velcro I used was a 2 inch wide industrial strength material 4 foot long.

Step 1 Cut Cover
Step 2 Sew Flap
Step 3 Sew Velcro on Extended Flap
Step 4 Sew Velcro on other Flap

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11. Detail of sewing the Velcro on the left side of the cover cut piece.

Step 1 Cut Cover
Step 2 Sew Flap
Step 3 Sew Velcro on Extended Flap
Step 4 Sew Velcro on other Flap
Step 5 Snap Together

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12. Detail of the two sides of the cover snapped together.

13. Cover shown with the cover sides snapped together.

14. Close up of cover shown with the cover sides snapped together.

15. Cover sides open up so that the door will open. Now I don't have to take the entire cover off to get into the car to back it backward a few feet. But it is dark inside.

16. One day when I locate some material suitable for a window I will install a peep-hold for the front and rear glass.

Cost Approximately $15.00
Time Approximately 4 Hours

Note: The Cover was given to me as a Christmas Present by my son Neil so it's cost was not included