

# Easier Spaghetti Strap Making Tutorial

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I recently learned how to make spaghetti straps. Spaghetti can be used as straps for a dress or blouse (duh!) or as a tie for a casing, applique onto a garment, and I'm sure for hundreds of other applications. Making sturdy and thick (as in fully stuffed!) 1/4" spaghetti isn't all that hard, but it can be a little tricky to start. It's difficult to fit 1 1/2" of fabric into a 1/4" tube! This tutorial will show a little tip that will make it easier to start the turning process of the spaghetti strap tubing. The tutorial and more is also on my blog

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## Step 1 — Make Bias Tape



Make 2" wide bias tape. There are many tutorials out there. Just make sure your bias tape is 2" wide because you need the extra fabric to "stuff" into the 1/4" tube. Fold and press the bias tape in half.

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## Step 2 — Start Sewing...



With the cut edges on your left, place the tape on your machine bed with the needle on cut edge about 1/2" down from the top edge.

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## Step 3 — Stitching the "funnel" shape



Start stitching (don't forget to backstitch a few stitches) with a regular stitch length diagonally to the folded edge. Stop when you get 1/4" away from the folded edge. You want to make sure the diagonal stitch is gradual and pretty long. You want a substantial funnel shape. This funnel is what allows for an easier turn. Less fabric has to be forced into the tube at first making it easier.

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## Step 4 — Continue Sewing 1/4" seam



Continue to stitch at a 1/4" from the folded edge the rest of the length of the bias tape.

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### **Step 5 — Trim**



Cut off the top of the funnel to the first stitch.

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### **Step 6 — Turn that Spaghetti Tube!**



So for the next part I don't have pictures. Insert your loop turner into the skinny end of the tube (not the funnel side). Hook the latch end of the loop turner to the top of the funnel. I actually poke a hole in the fabric with the moveable latch because you will be cutting off the funnel part once it is completely turned. The funnel makes it easier to turn. When you are pulling the fabric, hook the circle end of the loop turner to your sewing machine or some other place and it will be your third hand! A big help! You end up with stuffed spaghetti! You can really do this thinner, but your original bias strip will have to be less wide as well.

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