

Make Your Own Golf Car Seat Cover



Me on the Golf Car cosy on a cool Calgary day

I love golf. I especially love that most of the courses I play either include motorized golf cars with the green fee, or they offer them at a reasonable fee. Those golf cars, as much as I love how you can get a round of golf done much more quickly than you can by walking, they're my pet golf peeve. Those seats are sometimes downright unbearable.

In the heat of summer, the vinyl seat isn't just hot, it's **extremely hot** to sit on. If I'm wearing shorts or a skirt, my legs would stick to the seat, or feel like they're being burned as I sit down.

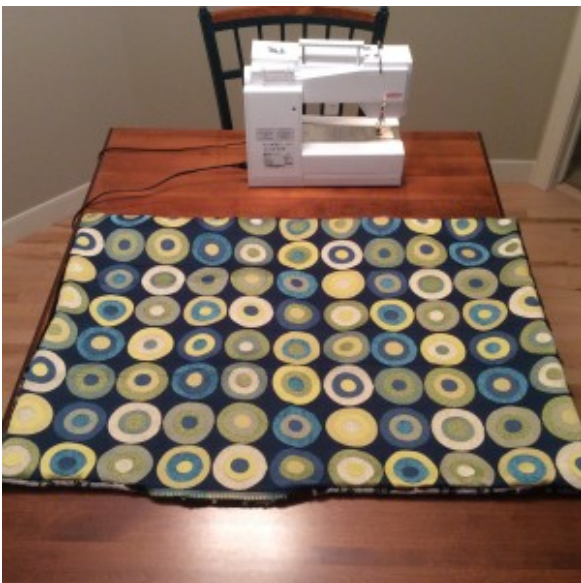
When the temperature is cool – or cold – in the mornings, the vinyl is SO COLD it would make me cringe as I sat down.



Meghan is showing how to tuck the cover in at the back of the seat on the car. Just lift it up and tuck it in.

The truth is, I was always grabbing my towel from off my bag to place under my seat to make my ride more comfortable.

So way back in the early 1990's, I started sewing golf car seat covers. Over the years, I've tried many different styles and feel I've perfected the pattern. Here's how to make your own golf car seat cover.



Upholstery material for top and fleece for back.

I like to buy top-of-the-line fleece material and a good quality waterproof lining. At stores like [Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Store](#) in the USA, you can find pretty well all the NHL, NFL, NBA and many US college team fabrics – so if you have a golfer who likes any of those team sports, it's easy to pick a theme. [Fabricland](#) and [Fabricville](#) in Canada also have a good selection of fleece too. If I'm making a golf car seat cover as a gift, I will choose a fleece that is a theme or colour to match the recipient. I buy bias tape .5" wide and 3 yards long to make ties for the seat cover.



Make the envelopes as I've described. Leave open at one end to put in the pellets



Pellets for the envelopes

Several years (maybe 15) ago I bought a few yards of red waterproof tenting material and I cut from this four 9" x7" pieces to make envelopes. I have polypropylene pellets I bought at [Michaels](#) that I put into four small Zip-Lock bags to put in the envelopes – those envelopes will be used to weigh the front of the seat cover down over the edge of the seat so the wind does not blow the cover up!



Fleece lining showing where to fasten the ties.

The fleece material and the lining are cut 42" x 28" and sewn together on three sides. The fourth side is sewn with an opening of about 12" in the middle to enable the weighting envelopes to be inserted in a channel across the bottom. A seam is sewn about 4" above the bottom of the cover through the top and the lining.

The envelopes are filled with the pellets, inserted into the channel above the bottom of the cover. Then the opening is sewn by top stitching.

The bias tape needs to be sewn together with one row of stitches down the opening. Then the tape is cut in half. I like to put the piece of heavy nylon material approximately 2.5" x 27" just under the top on the back side to attach the ties on. This keeps the ties from tearing through the cover.



Each half is then positioned 9" from the side at the top to make two ties for each side. These ties are used, where possible, to attach the seat cover on the golf cart seat. If there is nowhere feasible to tie, just lift the back of the seat up (where the batteries are) and tuck the top of the seat cover in and it will stay put.

This time I used some left-over upholstery fabric from [KAS Australia](#) which I bought from Joann Fabric on a recent trip to the USA. KAS has some great designs to choose from – I used this particular fabric to re-upholster my dining room chairs. As usual, I've used fleece on the back!

Golf car seat covers are extremely portable – they fold up like a blanket to fit into your suitcase, or you can roll them up to put into your golf bag for long journeys. The only thing

you really need to remember is to take it with you when you go – and take it off the car when you're finished. Trust me. A golf car seat cover will make your rounds of golf even more enjoyable! and if you like to sew, it will make a perfect gift for the golfer in your life.

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Materials

1 – 42" x 28" fleece

1 – 42" x 28" lining – waterproof or polyester

4 – 9" x 7" pieces of material – waterproof is best

3 yards of bias tape for ties

3 cups of pellets for 4 envelopes (3/4 cup each)

2.5" x 27" heavy nylon material (strapping)