

# How to Tape Your Rifle

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## Supplies:

Before you begin you'll need to gather the following supplies:

- Clear "strapping" tape
- Electrical Tape (standard white and black or whatever color you would like to use to make your rifle your own!)
- A Phillips-Head and a Flat-Head screwdriver
- Scissors
- Padding (you can use cotton batting, thin foam or even a maxi-pad) - Optional



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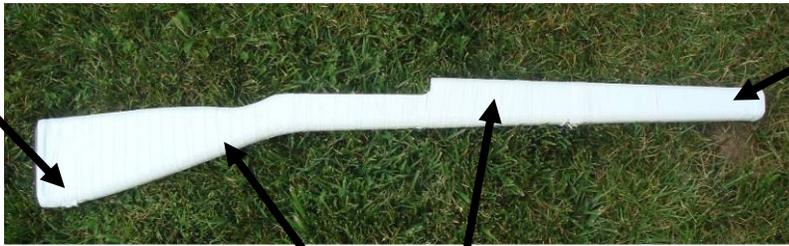
Remove the bolt and strap



To remove the strap, loosen the strap screws, leaving the metal swivels and screws attached to the wood.

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Wrap 1 strip of strapping tape around the edge of the butt to prevent chipping of the wood.



Wrap 1 strip of strapping tape around the tip to prevent chipping of the wood under the pad.

Apply strapping tape spirally around the rifle, from just before the neck of the rifle to just after the bolt. Avoid too much overlap or tape bunching which could add weight to the rifle.

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Apply a thin strip of strapping tape around the rifle covering the flat part and the screw of the swivel.



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Optional:  
Only needed if rubber pads are worn or staples are loose. Check with your instructor.



1. Cut your cotton padding so that it is just slightly larger than the end of the rifle.

2. Attach the padding to the rifle using electrical tape in either white or black, depending on your preference.

3. Wrap white tape to cover the ends of the tape you used for the padding leaving only about 1/4" showing on the side of the rifle so it appears similar to the original pad.

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Using electrical tape to match the main rifle color (usually white – we used black so it could be seen in the photograph) cover all of the strapping tape by wrapping the electrical tape around the rifle spirally. Go slowly to avoid excess overlap or bunching. You can tape over ONLY the strapping tape (leaving the other parts of the rifle showing through) or tape over the entire rifle. Check with your instructor to find out their preference. The more tape you add the heavier the rifle will become.

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Reattach the bolt and strap. Then cover over the strap screws with a strip of electrical tape in a color that matches the strap.