

Common Problems?

Custom Solutions...

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Creating Cutouts in Canvas

- Various types of cutouts—backstays, hardware, lines, etc.
- Closure attachments
- Sewing Techniques/Samples



Dealing with Sailboat Backstays

- Backstay: The tensioning wire/rigging that holds and controls the rake or shape of the mainmast and mainsail. It not only helps hold up the mast, but can also be adjustable.
- Backstays can be: Single, Split or “Running” with and adjustable car.
- All affect the fit of your bimini and must be taken into account when patterning and installing the canvas on the boat.

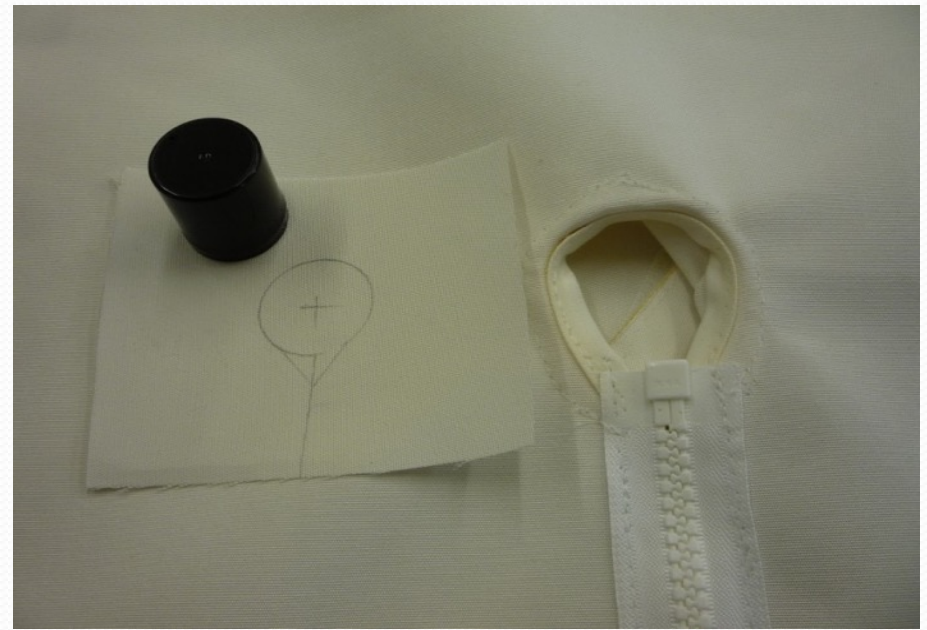
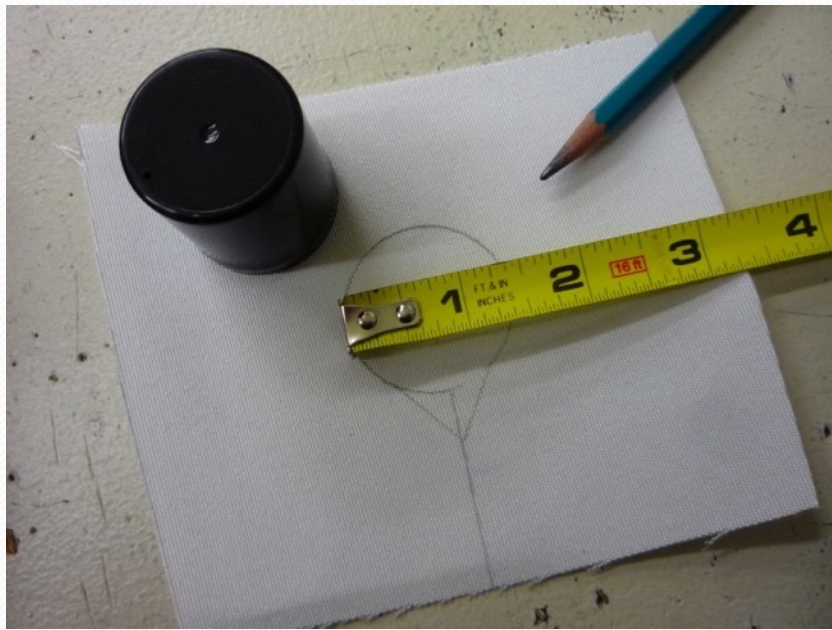


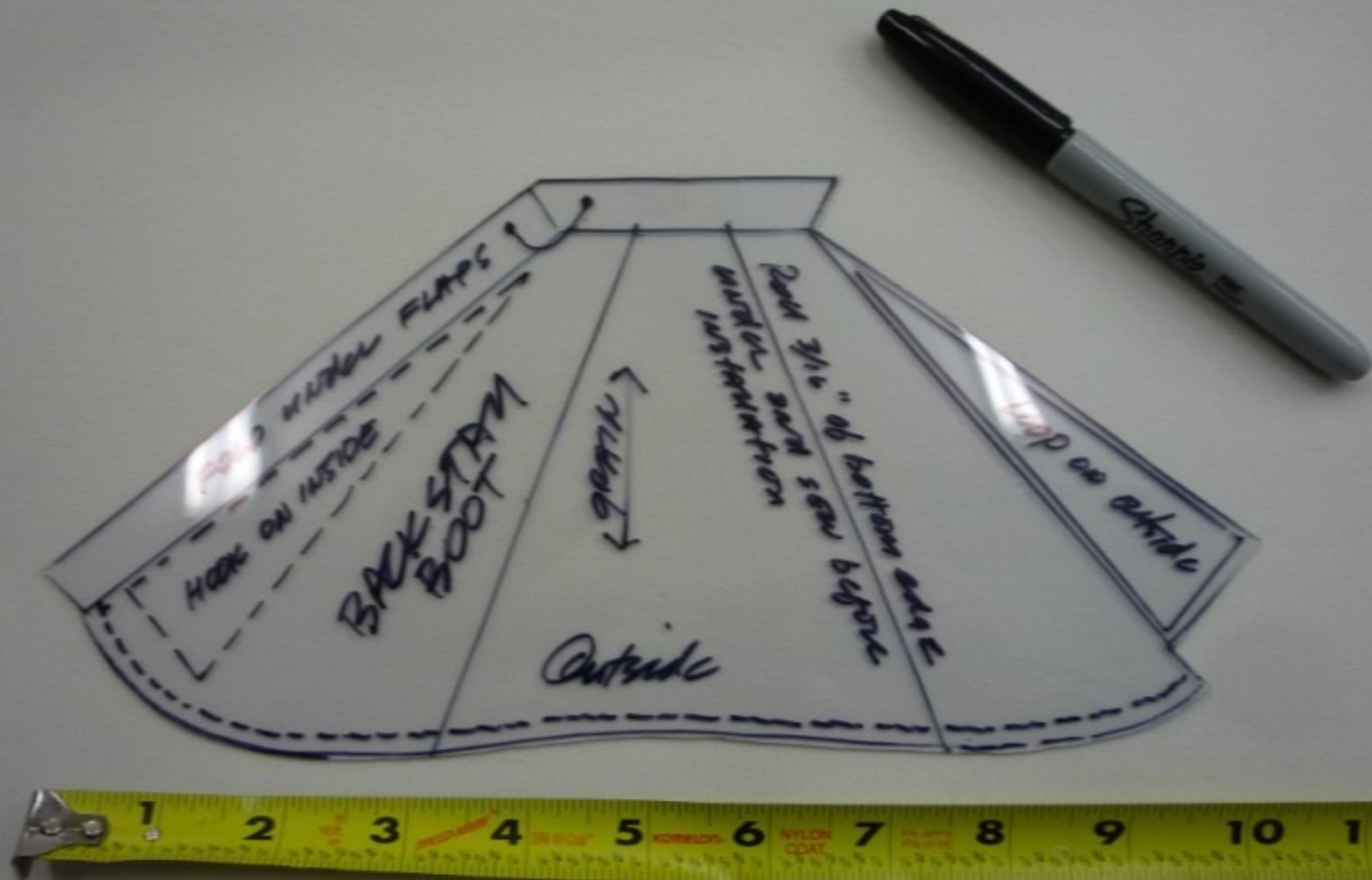




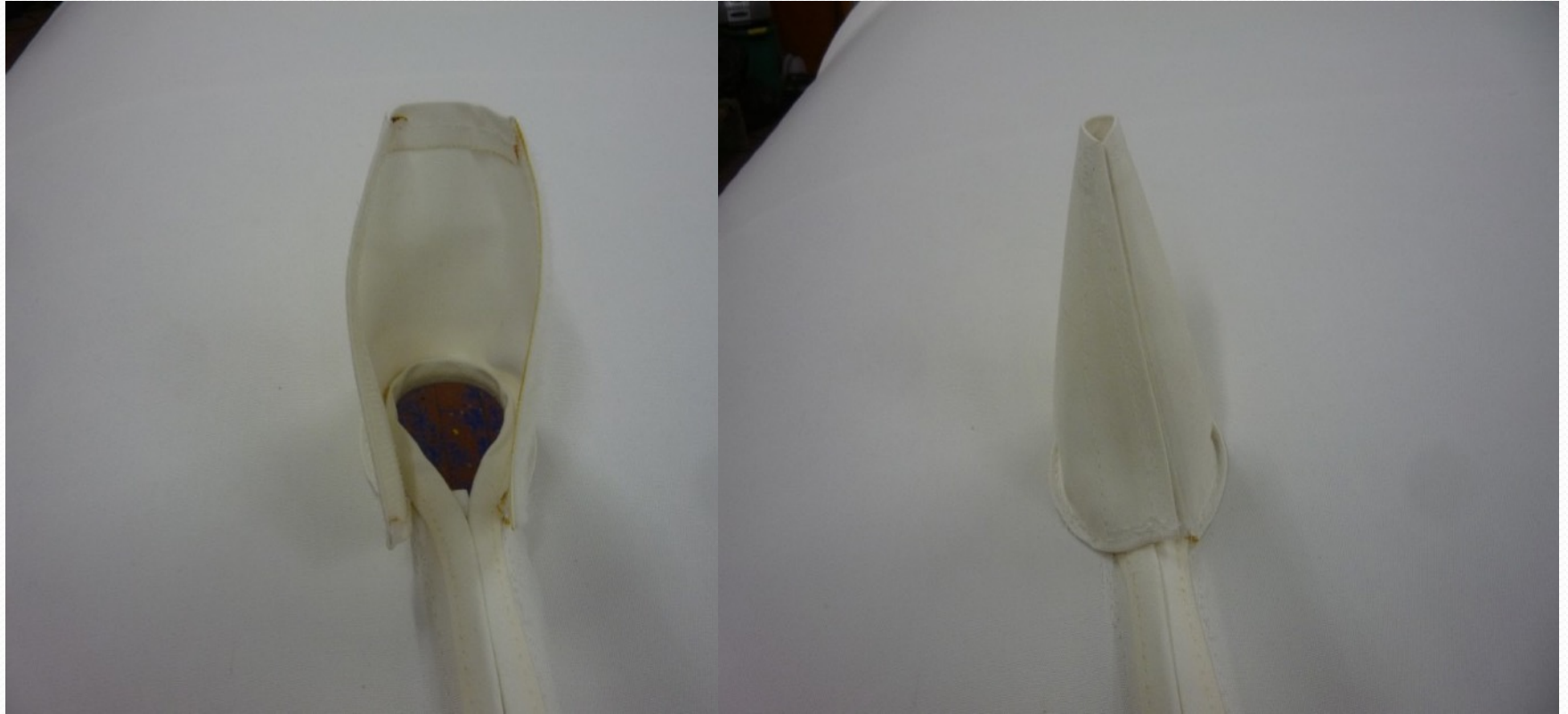
















Adding Handrails

- Design with the current frame and canvas in mind...
- Options for adding rails—Custom vs. Aftermarket







Solving Leaky Smiley Zippers

- Determine why the zipper is leaking and where the leaking is coming from.
- Flap Systems –Outer and Inner
- Zipper changes

Arch Light Portholes

- Some power boats have lights located under their arch to illuminate their cockpit area. The bimini canvas may cover these lights...



Adding an Arch Light Porthole

- Mark on the canvas (from the inside) where the light opening will hit.
- Create a vinyl window for this opening...edge can be turned or bound to finish.
- Let there be light!!!!



Changing a Traditional Style dodger to California Style

- Determine if the framework can support this change.
- Set up the canvas on the frames and draw on the new opening lines on the canvas with the customer.
- Take the canvas off, cut and reinforce the new edges, apply zippers, etc.
- Return to boat and fit onto the frames to check the fit.
- Install new fasteners as needed

Traditional Dodger to California



