

# New Straps for Birch Veneer Cases

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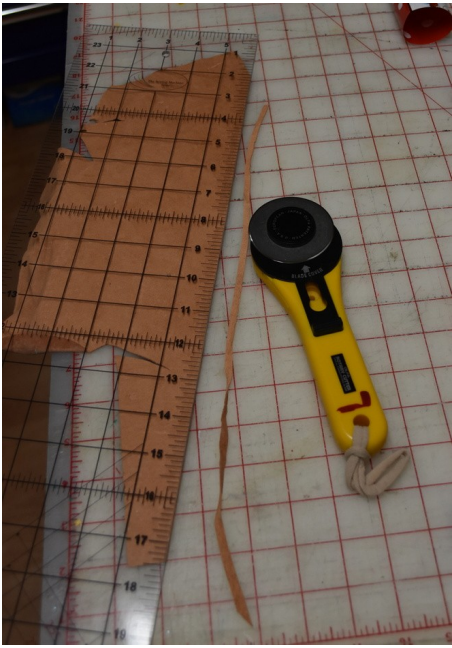
When we were thrifting this past week, these small birch veneer cases caught my eye. When my companions moved on without buying the cases, I took them myself, figuring Santa would find them useful as stocking stuffers. They were marked \$1, but I got them for only 50 cents apiece on sale.

These small cases are in like-new condition, and I know they'll be a hit on Christmas morning, but when I got them home, I saw that the faux-leather ties were worn out and needed to be replaced.



a closer look at the cases revealed that the repair will be relatively simple: the knob on the front of the case isn't

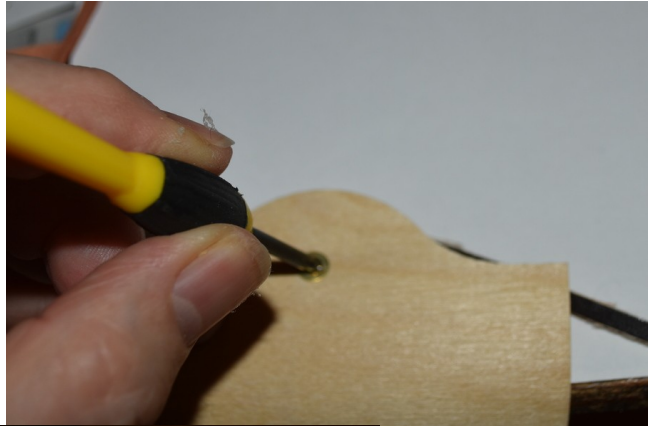
glued in place, but is attached to the flap by means of a tiny wood screw, with the tie strap caught between. All I had to do was to remove the knob and the old strap, insert the replacement strap, and reattach the knob. I just need to find something to use for a replacement.



To make the replacement straps, I decided to go with actual leather. Luckily I had a scrap on hand large enough to make the two straps I'd need.

I used my ruler and a rotary cutter to cut two narrow strips about 3/16" wide and long enough to wrap around the cases.

I used a small Phillips screwdriver to

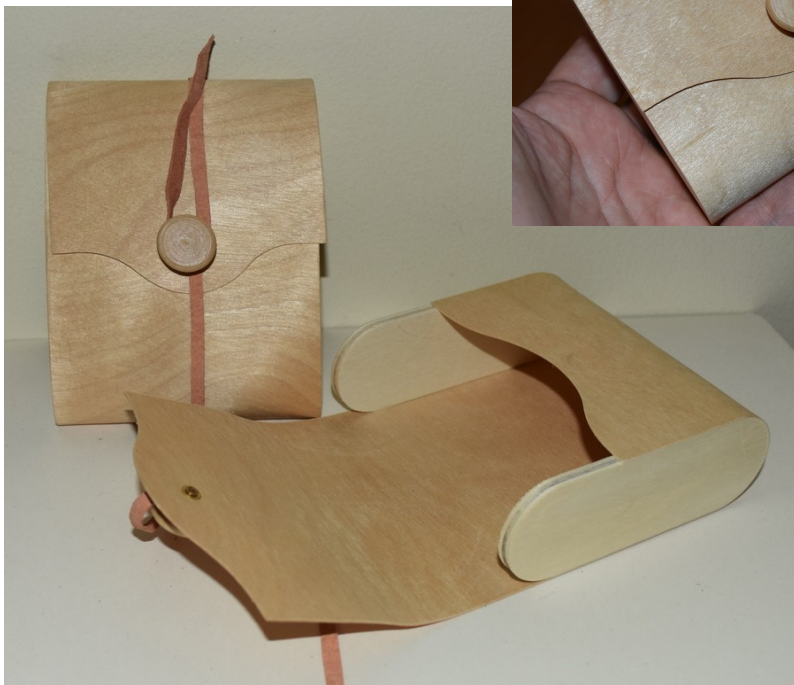


remove the knob. I inserted the new strap between the knob and the veneer, then re-tightened the screw.

To fasten the cases, you just wrap the strap once around the case and then a couple of times around the knob to secure.



Even with the repair, these two stocking stuffers cost only \$1 total.



The repair itself was simple, since I had on hand all the things I needed. The cases are really cute, and Santa has two very nice stocking stuffers to give out on Christmas Eve. No wonder he's smiling!

