How To:
Build a Tonneau Cover
A CFans Members Mod Project by burn

Skill Level: Easy

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PURPOSE: To build a cover to protect the pickup box and any contents you keep back there.

REQUIRED PARTS:
- (8) 1”x 2”x 8’ pine furring strips
- Black vinyl clad fabric with 55% cotton / 45% polyester backing
- 30” bungee strap cut into 2 pieces
- Hinges with screws
- (4) 1” aluminum topper clamps
- Staple gun and staples

REQUIRED TOOLS:
- Drill
- Drill bits
- Screwdriver
- Staple gun and staples
- Needle and thread for vinyl
- Tape measure

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. So as some may recall - back when I first got my truck I built my own tonneau. Here’s a pic of it.
2. Well it started to pull apart because I just stapled it on and didn’t have it stitched down the middle. Also it was a PITA to remove because it was so big. Also if I went somewhere I couldn’t put big stuff in – I’d have to take it off / leave it at home. Because of this, I have decided to make it a folding tonneau. I ripped off the vinyl and cut it in half, and added some hinges. Here are some pics.
3. As you can see, it’s clamped at the front of the box to hold it in place. The rear just sits on the horns for where the tail lights are. I added cross-braces at the rear corners because I am going to add straps to clip onto the loops to hold it down. Then, when I need access I can just flip it forward.

4. I did pick up a bungee strap to use as a tie-down. I cut it in half, and measure the extended length to determine the length. Its 13” from the top of the box rail to the bottom hook…. so I made the straps 10” at their relaxed state. Here is a pic.
5. I got the fabric, stitched it together, and got it installed. The fabric is actually the same fabric as in the pic of my original tonneau. Anyways, here is a pic.

![Fabric Installed](image1.jpg)

6. Took a few pics of how the strap works, and of it folded.

![Strap Folded](image2.jpg)
7. Another pic showing the location of the aluminum topper clamps.