



Do-It-Yourself Sail Pack

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With sailing season just around the corner, there is no better time to start working on your boat projects! With much anticipation, we are proud to finally introduce our NEW Sail Pack Kits and instructional resources. These sail pack kits are not only equipped with our very own DVD and written instructions but they make building a sail pack easy and very affordable! Watch our quick video preview and browse the introduction to our Sail Pack Instructions to learn more about this great sewing project.

Sail Pack Video Preview



To watch the "Building a Sail Pack" preview video visit:
www.sailrite.com/Make-Your-Own-Sail-Pack-DVD

Sail Pack Instructions: Overview

A sail pack mainsail cover (also known as a Stack Pack®, Lazy pack, or Mack Pack®) is a popular adaptation of a standard mainsail cover that is used in conjunction with lazy jacks to make dousing and covering a mainsail quick and easy. Simply drop the sail and zip the cover panels shut. The two halves of the cover attach below the foot with webbing straps and common sense fasteners.

The cover is integrated with a lazy jack system (not included in this kit) to support the top of the sail pack and guide the sail neatly into place inside the cover. The lazy jack lines are strung from a point two thirds up the mast to webbing loops installed along the top of the sail pack. These lines can either be tied off at the loops or run through the loops and alongside the cover to boom attachment points.

Each kit features sleeves along the top edge of the cover for battens or schedule 40 PVC 3/4" pipe (not included in this kit) to help keep the cover open as the sail is lowered and to reduce flutter when the sail is hoisted and the cover is flat against the sail. This design also features a long zipper along the top length of the cover for quick closure and a removable forward mast boot for closing off the front of the cover.

The system works best with mainsails that have slugs or slides on the luff as they encourage a neat flaking of the sail when lowered, but it will also work with sails that have boltropes run up a slot in the mast. Full length battens also encourage proper flaking, but the system will work with sails that have short battens.

Taking Measurements

The key to making a successful sail pack mainsail cover is careful measurements. The cover must be large enough to provide for the sail even if the drop is not "just right," but it should also be as small as possible to keep from getting in the way while sailing.

To begin...

Purchase (\$5.00) the complete Sail Pack Instructions #200303 (\$5.00) at:
<http://www.sailrite.com/Building-a-Sail-Pack-Instructions-Downloadable-PDF>

FEATURED PRODUCTS

Sail Pack Kits



Sailrite Sail Pack Kits make it easy, affordable, and fun to build a sail pack. Each kit features Sunbrella fabric, Common sense (twist lock) fasteners with buttons, snap fastener installation tool, basting tape, thread, Dacron tape, zippers, stainless steel zipper stops, d-rings, webbing, Dacron chafe protection material, and the Make Your Own Sail Pack DVD complete with written PDF instructions.

Required (sold separately):

Lazy Jack system, schedule 40 PVC 3/4" pipe, sewing machine, scissors, hot knife or wood burning tool, and razor blade or x-acto knife.

To determine which sail pack kit is right for your boat, measure the length of the boom from the mast to its end (not including the mast width). Select the kit with length equal to or greater than the length of your boom.

- Sail Pack Kit for Booms to 10 Feet - **#200295**
- Sail Pack Kit for Booms to 13 Feet - **#200296**
- Sail Pack Kit for Booms to 16 Feet - **#200297**
- Sail Pack Kit for Booms to 19 Feet - **#200298**



Make Your Own Sail Pack DVD - #200299

The Make Your Own Sail Pack DVD offers step-by-step video and written PDF sewing instructions on building a sail pack from start to finish. The DVD includes everything from taking measurements and creating patterns to installing zippers and final installation.

This DVD is already included with all Sailrite Sail Pack Kits.



Downloadable Sail Pack Instructions PDF - #200303

Make Your Own Sail Pack Instructions are available for purchase as a PDF download. These written sail pack instructions offer step-by-step sewing and installation directions complete with detailed drawings and photos. These instructions are already included with every Sail Pack Kit on the Make Your Own Sail Pack DVD. 19 pages.

CUSTOMER SPOTLIGHT



"Hi Matt, here are some photos of our stackpack - we just installed it this morning. I used zippers sewn on to the foot of the sail to attach it. This makes it much easier to remove the stackpack when you're doing your fittings, etc. I don't think I'd recommend sail slugs to anyone making one of these. I know you're working on instructions for one of these and thought these might help..."

- Bonnie



"...The machine (Sailrite Ultrafeed LSZ-1) is working beautifully as you can see by the new stackpack we installed last weekend. In fact I had a small repair to do on the mainsail and a fellow sailor asked if I could fix his boltrope. The machine is a fantastic piece of machinery - WE LOVE IT! The bimini is next. Thank you so much for all of your help!"

- John and Jennifer, s/v Noel's Delight

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