



How to Make a Template for your Tank Bib

We have a lot of tank bib templates here on hand often we get a request for one that we don't not have, not even anything close! Often times we can send you a template that might be close to what you want which will give you an easy starting point but sometimes we have to start from scratch.

We "begged" templates off of a lot of owners in order to start our collection and learned a bunch along the way! We'll share with you just how we made our first template which will make it easy for you to create your own, shaped and styled how you want to see it. You'll want to contact us any and all questions you may have.

****Word to the Wise****** Be careful if you use a pen or pencil to mark the shape while you are out lining the template on the tank itself.....Wise people don't use sharp objects on tanks.....Wise people use soft pointed marker pens that don't bleed through the paper!

You'll first start out with paper, like a paper bag, then you'll move on to the final template. The best material to make a template out of is nagahyde. "Nagus" are abundant in the Wal Mart fabric department and come in a variety of colors.....all tanned by Wal Mart! ☺ You'll need about a 1/4 to 1/3 of a yard.

If you have a console, remove it so that you know just where any bolt holes are which will be used to hold the bib in place. Make sure that you cut out the area where the console, gas filler hole or both will be located. You can easily imprint these locations on your paper with your finger nail. Check to make sure that you give your gas filler hole enough width so that the cap will be able to be locked down once the leather bib is in place.

The bib should run the length of the tank unless it is a half bib such as one for a Road King...and guess what, we have those on hand! The final leather bib will be secured at the top (handlebar area) and the bottom (the seat area) is with leather thongs which run just under the tank and are easily hidden.

Play around with different shapes and take in consideration whether you want pockets, bling, Conchos, tooling and carvings, inlay, etc on the bib. You can always snap a photo and send it to us for an opinion.

Once you arrive at the desired shape, transfer your paper template to the nagahyde piece. The template will now lay nicely on the tank and give you a pretty good idea of where you're heading. This will also be the template that you can send to us to create your bib. Feel free to write notes on the template so that we have a clear picture of what you want. Mark all bolt holes, wiring cut outs etc. Remember, photos of the tank itself is extremely helpful! You're on your way!

Hope this helps.

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