

How to make your own iPod (MP3) holder for the Glovebox Tidy

This procedure involves a very sharp knife. Please do not attempt if you are not comfortable with using one. In other words, don't blame me if you cut yourself. Please be safe!



The upper left section of the R56 generation of the Glovebox Tidy was designed for a iPod holder. I was going to produce these but the wide variety of iPod designs make this difficult for mass production. Therefore, I am going to describe how to make your own custom iPod, MP3 player, phone or whatever holder. I used white foam in this example just so you could see what I am doing. Black or charcoal foam will look the best.



I am going to show how to transform a solid piece of foam to the design on the right.

Step 1:

Find yourself a nice piece of soft foam that is 6 ¼ to 6 3/8 inches long by 3 inches wide by 3/4 inches thick. You may have to get a larger piece and cut it down.

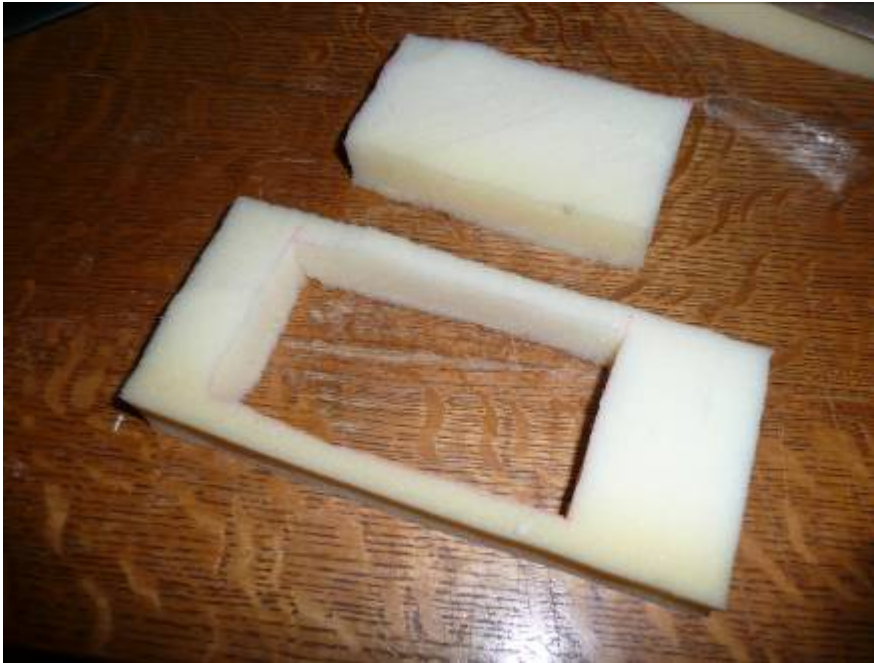
**Step 2:**

Outline your device on the top of the foam with a marker that you can see on your foam. You will want to center the device (vertically in picture) in the foam. Also, stay 3/4 to 7/8 inches from one edge of the foam (left edge in picture)

Step 3:

Carefully cut out the shape you just traced with a razor knife. The sharper the knife the easier foam is to cut. Sounds silly, but a dull knife creates a mess with foam. Do not cut all the way through the edges. You want to create a hole, not a notch.





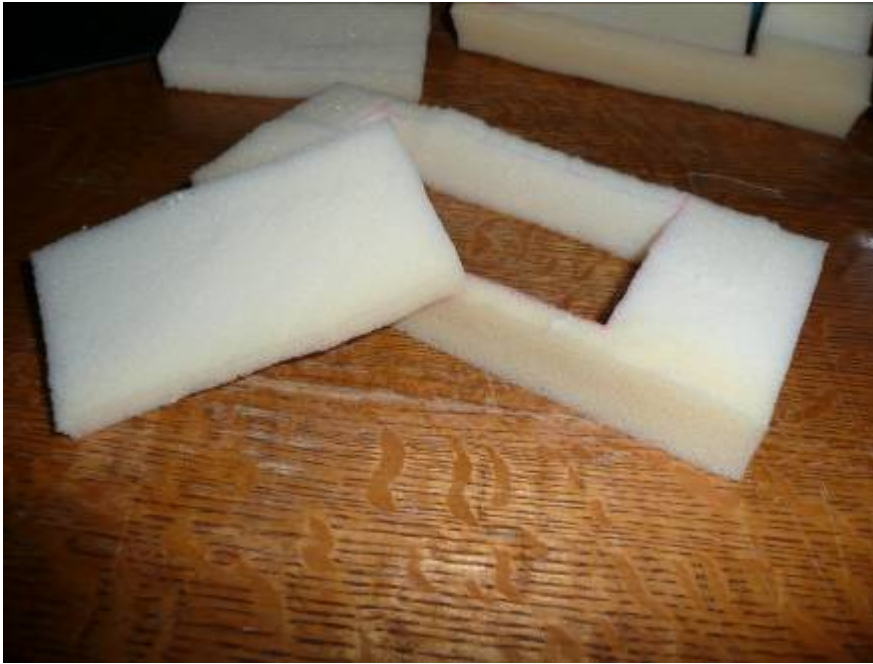
You should have something that looks like the above when you are finished.

Step 4:

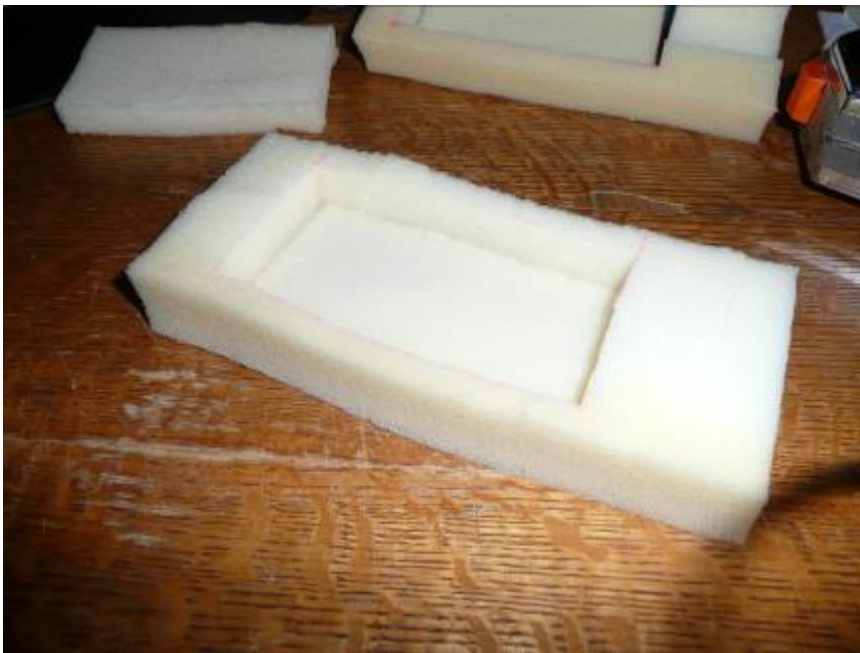


This is where a long razor knife helps. Also, watch your skin on this one. Trim the thickness of the center piece you just removed to about 1/4 to 3/8 inches thick. To do this, you will need to make several cuts through the part.

You should now have two parts that look like this.

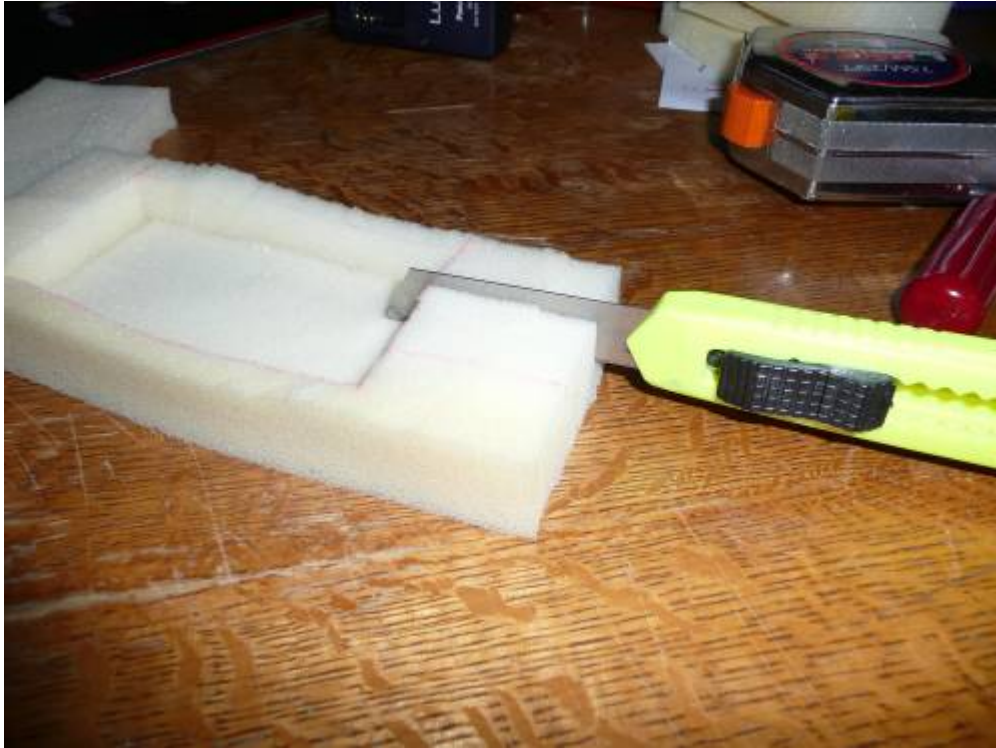


Step 5:



Insert the center section back into the frame. Easy enough.

Step 6:



It is time to cut a relief for the cables going to your device. In the example above, I am making room for the iPod interface cable.

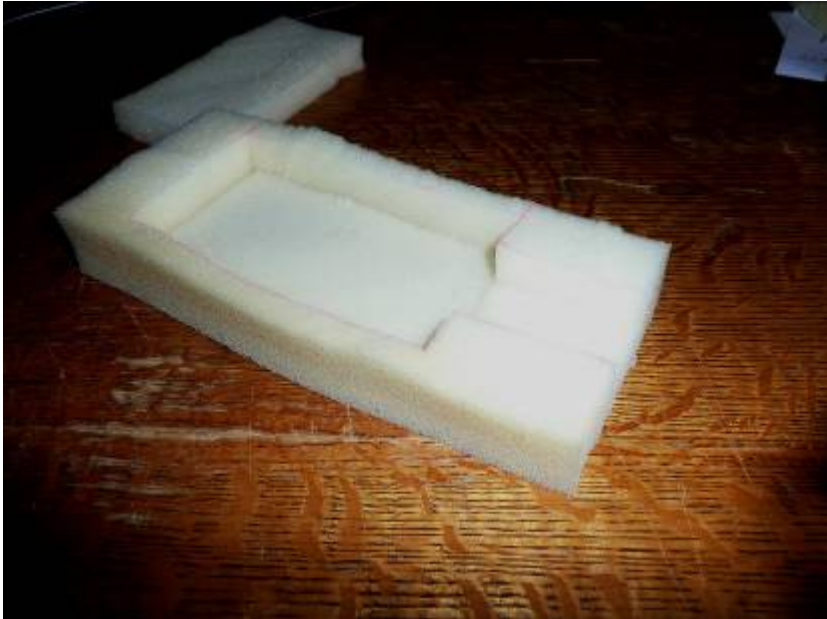
Attach your cable to your device and lay it into the pocket. Mark on the foam where both sides of the cable that extends from your device.

Cut along this mark only down to the level of your middle section, not all the way through the foam.

Step 7:



The last cut. It is a little tricky but not that bad. Put your blade in the slot you just made and then angle the blade over so that you can cut horizontally through the foam. Cut until you reach the other cable slot from Step 6. You should not have something that looks like this:



Final Step:



Insert into your GbT. Place the cable end towards the back. You will notice the end sticks up a little above the side and middle ribs. This is on purpose. You want the foam to compress a little when the glovebox is closed so that it 'holds' on to your device. This should help it from bouncing around while driving over rough roads.

If you have any suggestions for the instructions, please let me know at alan@gominigo.com

Remember: *safety first!*