



## Technical Tips

### Converting a round lock door panel to square

Now that finding trim parts is so difficult converting an early round hole door trim to a later square one makes sense especially when it's a tan or blue velour one. Alternatively you may want to fit an early interior to a late car.



Place a piece of paper behind the square opening on another door panel—make sure it's the same side and if possible the side panel you took off.

Using a marker pen or similar draw round the opening and the edge. This is important as we will use the edge line later





Carefully remove the metal guide from the hole in the door panel.



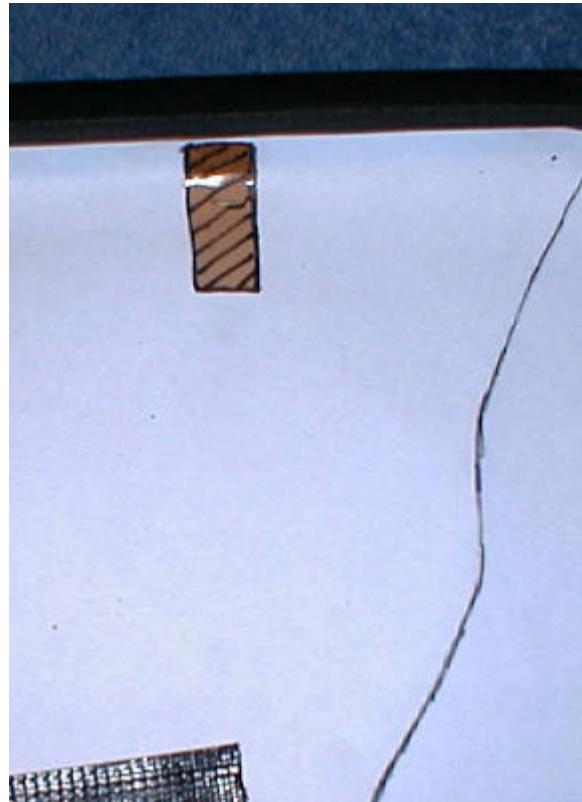
Place the paper template over the door panel you are going to convert to square making sure that the edge line match's up exactly!



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Carefully cut the square of paper away from the template and then shade the area on the door panel that you need to cut away.



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The cardboard used for the door panel is very hard so be careful how you go. Use a small sharp instrument and gradually score away the board until you can pull a layer away.





Keep repeating the process until you are nearly through

Then make a small hole in the middle and gently break away bits of card until you can see the material on the other side.

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Once you can see the material gently cut a cross in the material until you can fold it back. Then use glue and tape to secure the edges but only when you have tested the hole for fit.



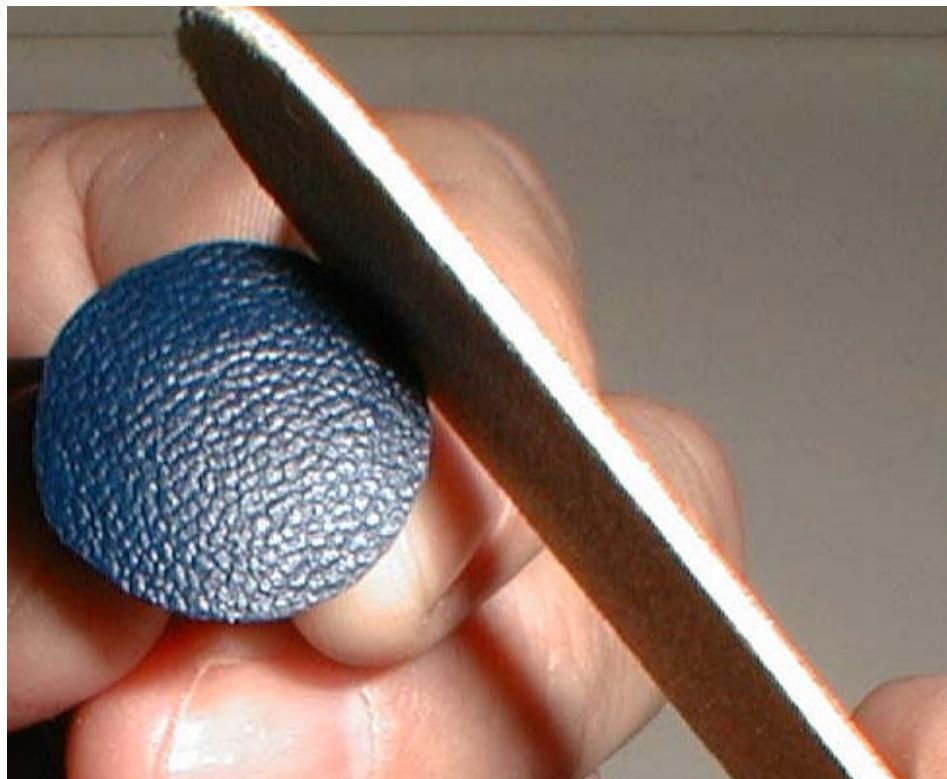
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Lastly find a plastic clip / plug that just fits the hole and glue a spare bit of material to the head—I used a small piece of the fold over at the back of the door panel.

File the edges to make them smooth and fit to the hole—I used a washer for the plug to secure against but you could if you wish glue it in place.



*"Remember taking your time and trying the fit with out glue will save a lot of disappointment"*