

Vinyl Window Replacement Process

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This is an alternate method to the Sailright Item # X-HT-102621 on Vinyl Window Replacement in a Dodger Video. The difference is Sailright cuts excess old vinyl mat'l off outside of the outer stitch line and then installs the new vinyl on top (inside) of the old and removes the old vinyl from the front leaving an exposed edge.

An alternative I have used is to:

1. First mark & cut my new vinyl insert using the old as a guide / pattern -sometimes if there is room I may make it slightly larger - especially if the inner / outer stitch line are very close.
2. I then rip the outer stitch line and trim the old vinyl as close as possible to the inner stitch line as a first step.
3. I then install the new vinyl using basting tape to align & hold in place - either temp strips to align to old vinyl and/or complete outer to align to Sunbrella at outer stitch line.
4. ** Apply a strip of basting tape to the clear vinyl in the approximate location of the final (inner) stitch. Do not pull off the paper strip.
5. Stitch the outer stitch line to the Sunbrella
6. Flip the panel over - rip the inner stitch line and remove the old vinyl
7. ** Remove the inner stitch basting tape paper and align / attach the Sunbrella to the vinyl at the inner stitch line
8. Sew the inner stitch line

NOTE: ** Suggested improvements by Sailright after they reviewed this method.

The advantages I see

1. Eliminates old / stiff vinyl remnants
2. Panel lays flatter if old vinyl is stiff / curled etc
3. Provides a neat / clean install closely matching the original construction

Disadvantages

1. Some additional time to rip the out old stitch lines -

Bottom line It seems like a good trade-off especially if doing it for yourself and not trying to minimize time.