

Attach rods to bike? Well, first you put two bolts into your vise. One is just a stop, the other is what you're bending around. Start pulling/pushing the rod until you form a small end-circle. (This circle is where your new, longer bolts go through). Take out the vise bolts. Measure a foot along the rod, make a mark, insert the rod in the vise and bend the 90 degrees. Measure another foot and bend the rod again. Replace your circle-bending-bolts and make your other mounting circle. Cut off the unused part of the rod. If you don't like a foot or 90 degrees, pick whatever size/shape you like.

If you have neither a vise nor a hacksaw, good luck.....

OK, I'll find an old picture and put it on my home page...

Ditto that. Made some for my bike a couple days ago. Painted them flat black to match the color of my bags and they work great. I also picked up a couple of big rubber washers to put between the bag supports and the chrome fender support so I can take them off later and not have a bunch of ugly scratches. Total cost of about \$8.00 and only took about an hour to make. Well worth it.

I believe they were like 8x60mm. I got some that were black. With the bags in place you cannot see the bolt heads anyway so I wasn't too concerned about appearance.

The bolts that come in the kit for the saddle bag supports are too short if one already has the sissybar installed.

What I need is (4) 8mm Buttonhead 1.25 x 100 (with sissybar attached) 8mm 1.25x80 (without sissy bar) to replace the ones from the kit.

I did one bolt at a time, starting with the back left, then front left, then moving to the right side. The left side was no problem whatsoever -- nothing moved out of alignment. On the right side, the back bolt went in smooth as silk, but the front one took a long time to get in.

The strategy that ended up working for me was to put the back bolt in and tighten it almost completely, then push on the fender to line up the front hole (fender strut hole) & the nut. Once it was lined up perfectly, I tightened the back bolt to hold the fender from moving and messing up the alignment of the front hole. Once that was all tightened, the alignment of the front bit stayed exactly where I wanted it (without me needing to continue to press on the fender), and the front bolt went in no problem. I wish that idea had come by 1/2 hour earlier than it did...

I hope that helps.



