

As some of you might have noticed, I tend to be kind of a tinkerer. I was not thrilled with the comfort of my stock seat and was not quite ready to spend \$400+ for a new one. I wanted my seat to provide a little better lower back support and less butt burn and also keep my tailbone from rubbing on the front of the passenger seat. This is what I came up with. You will need a strip of medium to high density foam and a good staplegun or some short screws.

Step one: Remove the seat from the bike. The Suzuki manual gives instructions for this.

Step two: Remove the staples from the back half of the drivers seat. You do NOT want to remove all of the staples as this will make realignment of the seat cover a pain.

Step three: Peel back cover to expose the rear portion of foam under the seat cover.

Step four: Cut your foam into five strips. I made mine about 1 1/2" wide by about 3" long. I cut them at an angle so that they were about 1/2" thick in the front and about 1 1/4" thick in the rear. I cut the angle front to back leaving about the last inch flat. What I mean by this is that if your strip is 3" long and you are cutting a 3/4 inch rise in it front to back you want to make that rise in 2" instead of using the whole three inches. It will look approximately like one of those wedges you use to prop doors open. Also, and this isn't necessary but on the outside two strips I angle cut them too so that there is a dropoff on the outside edges of the seat.

Step five: Pull up the seat pad and insert your new strips under it. Put them in so that the rear of the strip is about even with the rear of the foam pad. Put the two angle cut ones on the outside if you chose to cut yours that way. Then you will have two more inside of those and one in the middle. Make sure that the strips are not bunched or wrinkled when you get them in.

Step six: Pull cover back over pad and staple into place. My stapler had a hard time shooting the staples all the way in so I just used short 3/8" screws. Makes no difference how you do it because you can't see it and the screw heads don't hit anything. Make sure that when you are stapling or screwing the cover on you go side to side and don't do one whole side and then try to do the other. It would be very easy to get out of alignment like that and end up with the cover pulled too much to one side.

This whole operation took me about an hour start to finish and that was without any directions and trying to find a piece of suitable foam in my shop. I would say anyone else following my directions could easily do it in under an hour. I rode my bike for about 100 miles yesterday and there was a big difference in comfort in my butt and my back.