

How to make a simple belt tensioner from a common clothespin

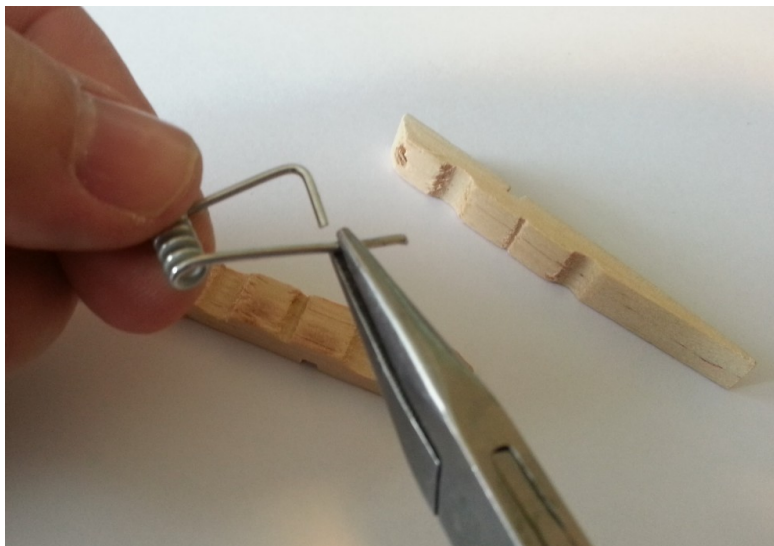
1. Acquire clothespin. Mine came in a pack of 50 for about \$1.



2. Disassemble the clothespin.



3. Using needle nose pliers, straighten the ends of the spring.



4. Gently spread apart the spring so that there is about 90 degrees offset between the pointy ends.



5. Reshape the spring so that there is a double-bend on each end, forming a U shape that will prevent the belt from slipping off.



6. Place the tensioner on the belt as shown. The belt should be captured within the U-bend that you put in the spring and under tension.

