

# Kayak Paddle Retaining Clips, Version 1.0

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My hands are full enough as I carry all of the things I need to paddle my kayak. Juggling the two halves of my paddle doesn't help the situation. I needed a way to clip them together for both storage and transport.



Ah, that's better!



The clips were made from 2-inch diameter PVC pipe. Each one is about 1-inch wide.

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First, I hook the open clip over the paddle's shaft between the end and the rubber drip guard.



Then I slightly flex the clip as it goes around the second half of the paddle.



The closed clip drops over the top and is then slid down until it is snug.



I now have one secure package that comes apart in a few seconds.

A little paint on these clips will cover up the stuff marks.



I started by sawing off two 1-inch lengths of 2-inch PVC pipe. The shaft of my paddle is 1 1/4-inches in diameter. With a round bar clamped in my vise and one of the pieces of PVC looped over it,

As the plastic became warm, it took on the consistency of leather. It was then easy to form it around the bar.



I began to heat it with my hot air gun. Nearby was my spray bottle of water.

I moved the gun around such that the plastic was evenly heated.



As the PVC continued to get soft, I was able to wedge a second piece of 1 1/4 -inch rod in there.



Spraying the plastic with water quickly hardens it. I repeated the process with the other piece of PVC.



Next, I sawed a gap in the center of one piece that could pass the shaft. And, finally, I rounded all edges.

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