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Bandages in First Aid Kits - Types and Uses

Bandages come in many various shapes and sizes. Each bandage has been designed to best suit a specific injury. When applying a bandage, be careful not to touch the white sterile pad with your fingers or with anything that can contaminate it before it is applied to the wound.



The strip bandage is the most common bandage to first aid kits, used for any small wound on a flat surface.



The finger tip bandage is used for just that - a finger tip. It is made to wrap around the finger.



The knuckle bandage wraps around the knuckle.



The butterfly closure is used to pull both sides of a cut back together to promote healing and help prevent infection.



The Donut Bandage is used to put pressure around an impaled object without putting pressure on the object itself. Attach with roll of gauze or tape.



A pressure bandage is best described as a conforming gauze roll bandage that contains an inner absorbent layer of porous cotton to be applied to a wound site. The rolled gauze is then applied around the cotton pad to hold it in place on the wound.



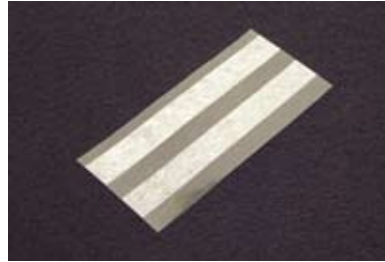
Gauze rolls come in various lengths and sizes and can be wrapped around any wound, can also be used to hold a gauze pad in place.



Sterile Gauze Pads can be used for various sizes of wounds, they come in sizes from 2x2 inches, 3x3 inches, 4x4 inches up to 5x9 (shown) or larger.



The triangular bandage takes up little space in a first aid kit - the bandage when wrapped in its package is only about 3 inches square- but it unwraps to a large flexible triangular sheet which can be used to sling an arm, wrap around a wrist injury, wrap around an injured head. A very versatile bandage - a valuable addition to any first aid kit.



Steri-Strip Closures are pre-cut and reinforced for extra strength. They minimize the risk of superficial wounds opening during healing. Although they should not be used in place of stitches, they are great to close superficial wounds until you can get to a place you can receive stitches.