

# THE Block Strap

## The Over-The-Shoulder Cello-Holder

Dear Fellow Cellist,

Please also view the online tutorial videos at [www.CelloStrap.com](http://www.CelloStrap.com) for a visual demonstration of proper Installation and Adjustment, as well as explanations of extra options (waist belt and bow hook), and tips on getting the cello in/out of your case with the strap.

If you have trouble getting comfortable with your strap set-up after watching the online tutorial videos, feel free to ask for help by emailing [CelloStrap@gmail.com](mailto:CelloStrap@gmail.com), including a picture or video to help explain your question(s).

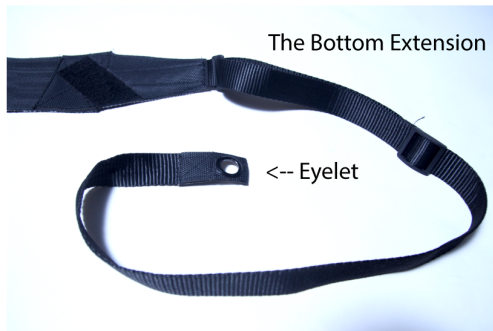
I am excited to share the freedom and liberation that the world's first intentionally-designed cello strap has brought me, and I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing all the wonderful music that you will play with it! :)

Sincerely, - Mike Block

### Installation Instructions:

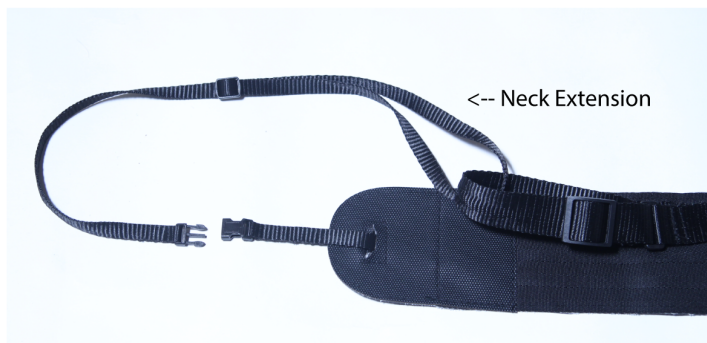
#### Step 1 "Bottom Extension"

Wind the Eyelet at the end of the Bottom Extension under the tailpiece wires two times, once on the top of the instrument, and once on the bottom, just above the endpin. Rest the eyelet over the tip of the endpin, and pull the slack tight at each turn.



#### Step 2 "Neck Extension"

Unbuckle the Neck Extension and drape the long side over the A-string tuning peg, running down the left side of the fingerboard, then around the bottom of the neck of the cello, where it can rebuckle with itself on the right side of the fingerboard.



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### Step 3 "Chest Cushion"

The Chest Cushion is attached by unbuckling the Small Strip Connector and looping it around the small strip at the top end of the Main Body, where the Neck Extension buckles to itself at the base of the cello's neck, to the right of the fingerboard. The Chest Cushion's placement will mirror the top of the back of the instrument. Make sure the textured side of the cushion is always facing the instrument. The padding inside the Chest Cushion can be customized to achieve your preferred cello angle (see below).



### Extra Options "Waist Belt" and "Bow Hook"

The Waist Belt can provide increased stability for your cello set-up. Insert one end in-between the two strips of the Bottom Extension above the adjustable slider (just below where it attaches to the Main Body). Then pull around to your back, where it can buckle with itself. The Bow Hook can be attached via Velcro at the right bottom end of the Main Body, if you want to play pizzicato without holding the bow.



### Adjustment "Adjustable Sliders" and "Chest Cushion Padding"

There are lots of ways, big and small, to customize your strap set-up to feel as comfortable standing as you do sitting. In addition to the adjustable sliders, the customization of padding inside the Chest Cushion will make a huge difference. Please experiment with all of the options available with different combinations of the five included pads, in order to find the thickness and angle that feels best for you. Please watch the online Adjustment tutorial at [www.CelloStrap.com](http://www.CelloStrap.com) for further adjustment guidance and visual demonstrations.



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WARNING: The Block Strap is not liable for any damage or deterioration to your instrument, or your body, as a result of using this product.

You can find out more about Mike and his music at [www.MikeBlockMusic.com](http://www.MikeBlockMusic.com)