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Vintage Pocket Watches, Wrist Watches, Accessories & Jewelry

"How To Wear" Guide – Leather Watch Straps, Fobs, & Pouches

In addition to the primarily metallic pocket watch chains, there are also a variety of leather-based accessory options for securing a pocket watch. This page examines leather straps, fobs, and pouches.

A pocket watch can be worn on either side of the body depending on the preference of the wearer. For instance, many right-handed wearers may have their pocket watch on the left side of the body; this allows for winding with the right hand while holding the watch with the left. However, a right-handed wearer may instead choose to keep the watch on the right for ease-of-use when pulling and returning the watch to a pocket as well.

Leather Straps:

An alternative to metal watch chains is provided by leather straps. These are traditionally shorter than metal chains and usually feature simple loops at each end, which can be connected to the pocket watch's bow on one end and a belt or belt loop on the other end.

Our braided leather straps are best suited for pocket watches 18-size or smaller. Though new leather may be a bit stiff at first, it can be worked to soften up the strap.



Detail of Leather Strap in use



Leather Watch Strap (on belt)



Leather Watch Strap (on belt loop)

(current styles at https://www.pmtime.com/product/strap_watch.html)

Note: although the watches in these photos are shown half-out-of-pocket, this is merely to illustrate the attachment of the strap to the watch. Pocket watches should be worn entirely inside the pocket, ideally within a velvet or thin leather pouch for protection.

Leather Strap Fobs:

Leather fobs attach directly to the bow of the pocket watch, as the leather strap is passed through the watch's bow and then back through the strap's buckle (the photo on the left was taken with the watch obscured), and allow the watch to be easily removed from the wearer's pocket. The leather section is usually a simple strap with a charm on the end opposite the watch. The watch is placed in the front pocket (as seen here) or the smaller front change/watch pocket of the wearer's pants, and the leather fob is allowed to hang out of the pocket, so the charm is displayed and may be grabbed when the watch is needed.

There are a variety of fobs that compliment this leather-strap style; especially popular historically have been railroad, automotive, motorcycle, mining, industry, and fraternal-organization themed fobs.



Leather Strap Watch Fob

(current items at https://www.pmtime.com/category/leather_fobs_modern.html)



Detail of Leather Strap Fob in use

Leather Pouches:

Leather pouches are a unique alternative (or complement) to watch chains. Wearing a pocket watch in a leather pouch is gentler on the watch than keeping it in a pocket with keys, coins, or other items. The photo shows the pocket watch with its bow out; in this manner, the watch may also be worn with a chain attached. Our leather watch pouches feature a rear loop to slide over a belt, and fit pocket watches 16-size or smaller.

For additional security, a watch chain can often be attached to your pocket watch bow to secure the watch directly to your person yet be unimpeded by the pouch.



Leather Watch Pouch

(current styles at https://www.pmtime.com/product/watch_holder.html)

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