RedlineGoods Kia Forte Koup 2009-13 Armrest Cover Installation

Supplies needed:
New Console Cover, Contact Cement, Scissors, Phillips Head Screw Driver, Clamps. See Pro tips at end.

Directions:

1) Open the top part of the center console.

2) Remove the six screws holding the cover on.
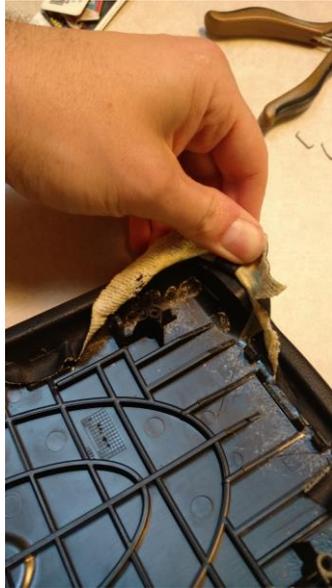

3) Close the lid

4) Grasp the top rear corner of the cover and pull. It should separate from the latched part

of the top.

5) (Optional) Remove the oem leather cover by prying the staples from the underside of the cover. Then grasp the leather and pull it off.

6) Test fit the new cover to determine correct placement. Note, if you ordered the extra padding that should be inserted at this time.

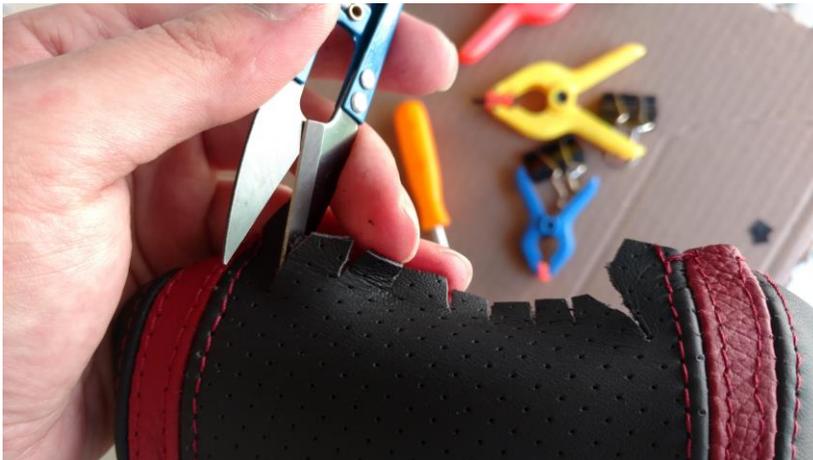7) Scuff the plastic edges so the glue adheres better.

8) Secure the cover with a few clips. Apply the adhesive to one side (in this example we started with the rear, then the two sides, and finally the front). The adhesive goes on both the plastic and the leather.

9) Stretch the leather over the cover and secure with clips. It is easiest to first secure the rear, then the sides, and finally the front. Note: if installing with the optional padding, compress the foam partially as you stretch the leather over the lip.

10) Repeat steps 8 and 9 for all four sides. For the front, you may need to make deeper cuts so the leather lays properly over the latch curve.
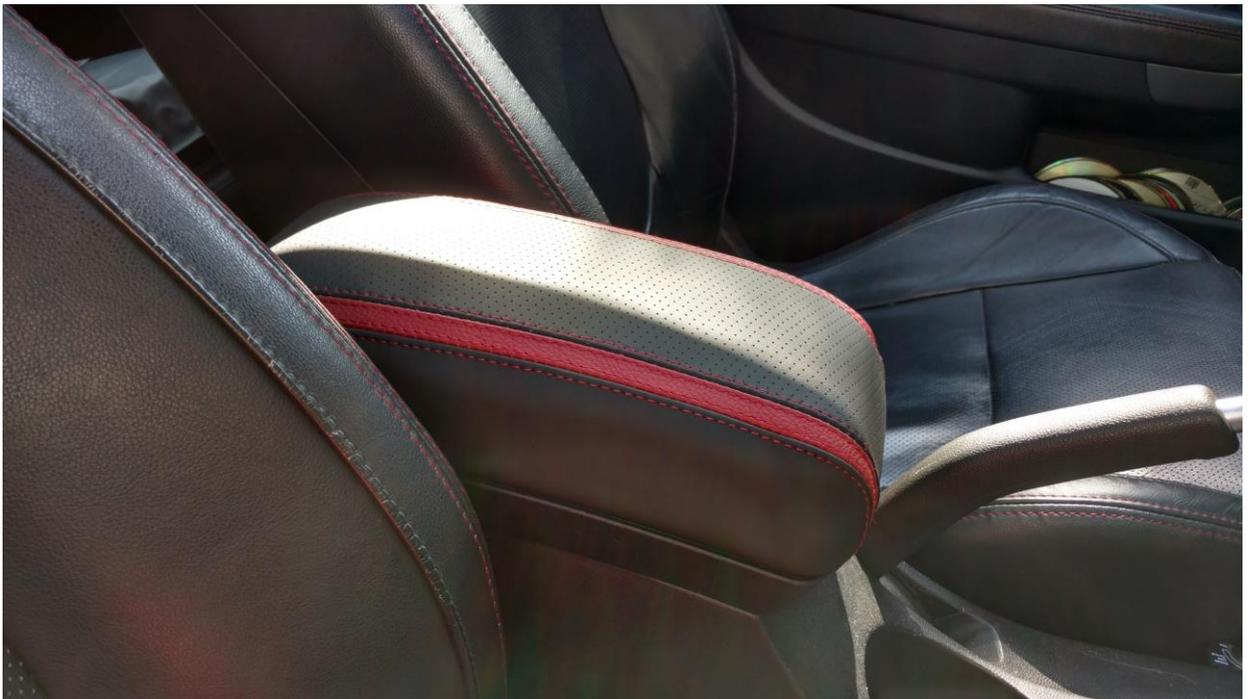

11) Secure the four corner flaps. Depending on thickness, you may need to trim these so the cover fits back on the console.

12) Bring the new cover out to the car and push back onto the center console. Due to the thickness of the new cover, it may not seat very well. In this case line up the screw holes and use the screws to join the two pieces back together.

13) Enjoy your new, beautifully crafted armrest.

Pro Tips:

- To avoid accidentally gluing your cap to the bottle, use a shop rag dipped in Naptha to clean the top and threads before securing the cap.
- Test fit several times to determine exactly how the leather is going to be glued (use clamps to mock up). Once the adhesive is set, it will be very hard to re-do.
- If you order optional padding (as is shown here), make sure the pad is still centered after gluing the first side. It may shift slightly.
- For those trying to color match: the dark red thread matches the OEM red thread in SX models. The cover shown here is done in solid and perforated black Nappa Leather with a dark red leather stripe. These colors closely match the OEM leather while being much higher quality.