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A problem I have encountered with cycling...

I want to be visible, especially when it gets to the darker time of the year. Years ago I bought a cheap high-visibility vest: just a yellow bib with silver reflective bands. But it was cheap, and it wasn't a woven plastic, just a plastic sheet. So it wasn't long before it started to split, especially where the straps joined to the bib. I patched it all with duct tape, and carried on using it. But, after a time, it was more duct tape than anything else. So I gave up on it, slightly annoyed that my money had gone on something that didn't last.

How I solved it...

Well of course, I bought a better jacket. But the old vest sat in a cupboard. Then I realized I could cut bits out of it and use them on my bike to make it a bit more eye-catching. I didn't particularly want a dayglo yellow bike, but as it happens the reflective bands are silver, almost the same as the bike frame. So now I have a bike that stands out a mile, but in a subtle way! And the best thing is, I don't need to feel that there is a wasted vest in my cupboard.

