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## *Claiming Baggage Faster*

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**Problem:** You want to cut the time it takes to claim your luggage after a flight.

**Solution:** Many frequent-flier programs include priority luggage handling where the members' bags are specially tagged to arrive first at the carousel. To avoid having a bag mistakenly claimed by another passenger, which can really slow you down, some Web sites and products will help you give your luggage, like those ubiquitous black bags, some distinguishable characteristics. Personalized, neon-colored straps placed around your luggage can prevent confusion (\$16 plus shipping at [idmybag.com](http://idmybag.com)). BagRagz ([bagragz.com](http://bagragz.com)) offers a multitude of eye-catching covers to stretch over your luggage (\$19.99, three sizes available) and make them easier to spot. Create luggage tags from your personal photos (\$12.95 plus shipping at [www.luggagetag.com](http://www.luggagetag.com)). Choose luggage with an offbeat color or pattern, such as designs from Hays Luggage International (<http://shop.heys.ca>), available in tones such as fuchsia and orange (\$140 for a 30-inch upright). Buy a stencil and permanent fabric paint at a craft store to create an individualized emblem on your bag.

**Caveat:** Don't make your luggage a stand-out by tying ribbons or scarves to the handle. They could become caught in the carousel.

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