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hol·ster  (hōl stər)

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n.

1. A case of leather or similar material into which a pistol fits snugly and which attaches to a belt, strap, or saddle so that it may be carried or transported.
2. A belt with loops or slots for carrying small tools or other equipment.

tr.v. **hol·stered**, **hol·ster·ing**, **hol·sters**

To put (a gun, for example) in a holster.

[Probably Dutch, alteration of *holfter*, *hulfter*, from Middle High German *hulffter*, case, sheath, quiver, covering, from *hulft*, from Old High German; see *kel-*¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

hol stered *adj.*



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holster

leather tool holster

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