

Assemble Instruction
Butterfly Bow Tie

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Note:

1. 2-3Oz Veg Tan Leather is recommended,
Wet Mold is required.
2. I solely use normal cutter to cut all the pattern pieces,
**NO corner punches is used. Please let me know if you
have any difficulties on cutting those curvy lines.**

I. Cut out the Back Piece and Top Piece. Since I only use normal cutter for leather cutting (No corner punch is used), I would like to introduce some cutting skills.

Cutting Skill tips I:

When you face the irregular curvy line, you can use a spiral cutting method, by cutting multiple straight line to get a desired curve.



Cutting Skill tips II:

Try not to cut it through at the first time, slightly mark a track on the leather with the cutter for the first and second time, then cut it hard and cut it through at the third time.

Cutting Skill tips III:

While cutting the inner corner, you should always start from the inner tip point, push it hard, cut one side and go back to the tip point and cut another side



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Cutting Skill Tips IV :

If you are not satisfied with the cutting outcome, and find it's not curvy enough,
you could use a fine sand paper, say, #600, to adjust the corner into a desired
curve

2. Cut out the Back and Top Piece, pin all the required hole and
centre point.



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3. Dye the leather if required.

4. Burnish the flesh side of the Back piece.

Skill Tips :

Normally, we use glass piece to burnish a surface, however, if you dont have one
you can use a bone folder and burnish with Gum Tragacanto/ Tokonole.



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5. Burnish and crease all edges for both pieces.

Skill Tips :

Some people would heat up the creaser with candle or fire, but I find that it's easier and safer to use an induction cooker, 1000W for 8-10 seconds.

6. Scratch the center of the back piece (grain side) before gluing.



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7. Pin thorough the center point of the two pieces with needle and glue them together.

Skill Tips:

Try to glue the center area in order to obtain a senses of layering.



8. Stitch through the pieces as instructed in the pattern , tie a knot at the upper side and pull the thread downward.

Skill Tips:

However, if the leather's temper is not soft enough, you may need to use a water mold method which I will introduce in step 12.



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9. Loop the thread and tie it tight as below.



10. Water Mold Method

The example shown here for this project is done with
2-3Oz Veg Tan Leather. 2-3Oz soft temper leather worked well too,
however, if you find step 10 -11 don't work for you, you may need water mold
method to make it soft.

Check out the supportive video here: <https://youtu.be/SsCIGEYwvx8>

Skill Tips :

Make it wet and make sure it's soft enough, and keep the thread as it is, fold it
into a half as below.



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Skill Tips:

Hold the center folding with thumbs and fold the wings back as below



Skill Tips :

Push the butterfly from the top with the thumb and hold the center folding with the other thumb



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Skill Tips:

Push the bottom of the butterfly with the thumb and hold the center fold with another thumb, also hold the top fold with index finger. Lastly, hold the butterfly as shown below.



Skill Tips:

Finally, use the left over thread at the bottom and loop the center tight for one or two time, the direction of looping is shown as below.



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11. Cut out the center strap (length is approx. 6cm) and neck strap (35-40cm), burnish and crease it's edge, punch holes for monk rivet. Stitch the center strap with baseball stitch or butt stitch as below.

12. Congratulations! You have made it!

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