



Materials:
6-7 oz leather with firm temper.

Hardware:
1 x 1" buckle. If you use the heel bar buckle instead of center bar, you will need to make a keeper for it.
2 x 1" D-rings
2 x 1" swivel hooks
Rivets

Tools:

Scissors, knife (paper knife or rotary cutter would also work).
Stitching irons: my pattern is made for 5mm stitching irons (5 stitches per inch).
Needles - according to your thread size, a pair of harness needles.
Mallet, grommet setter, rivet setter, hole puncher.

Instructions:

Print the pattern at actual size (100%). Use the reference on top of each page to make sure everything is printed correctly. Cut out the pieces.

At first, attach all the necessary parts and hardware to the body. Using rivets, attach the lower D-ring holder with the D-ring. Then attach the closure strap, the upper D-ring goes in between the rivets here. Attach the buckle.

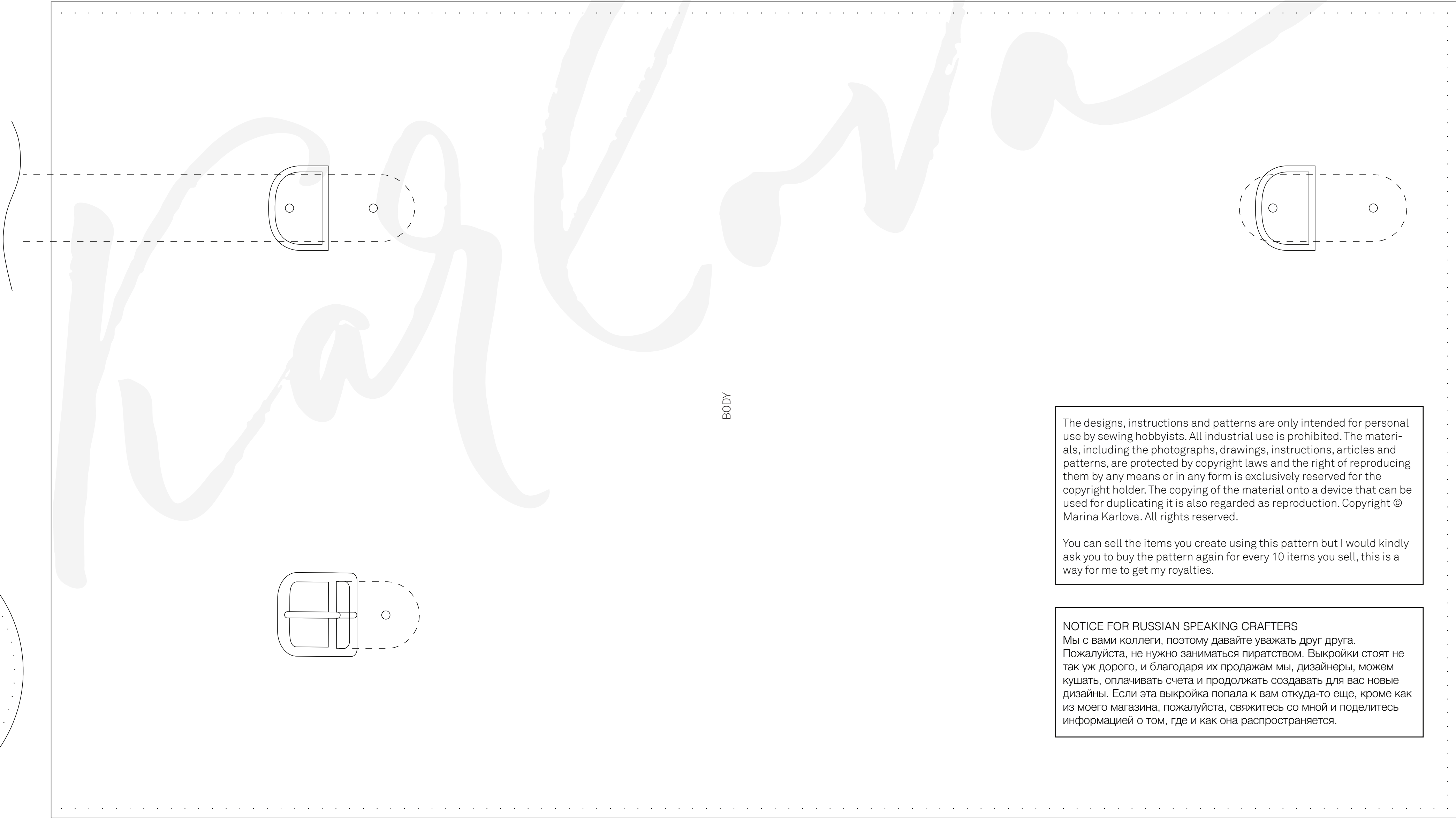
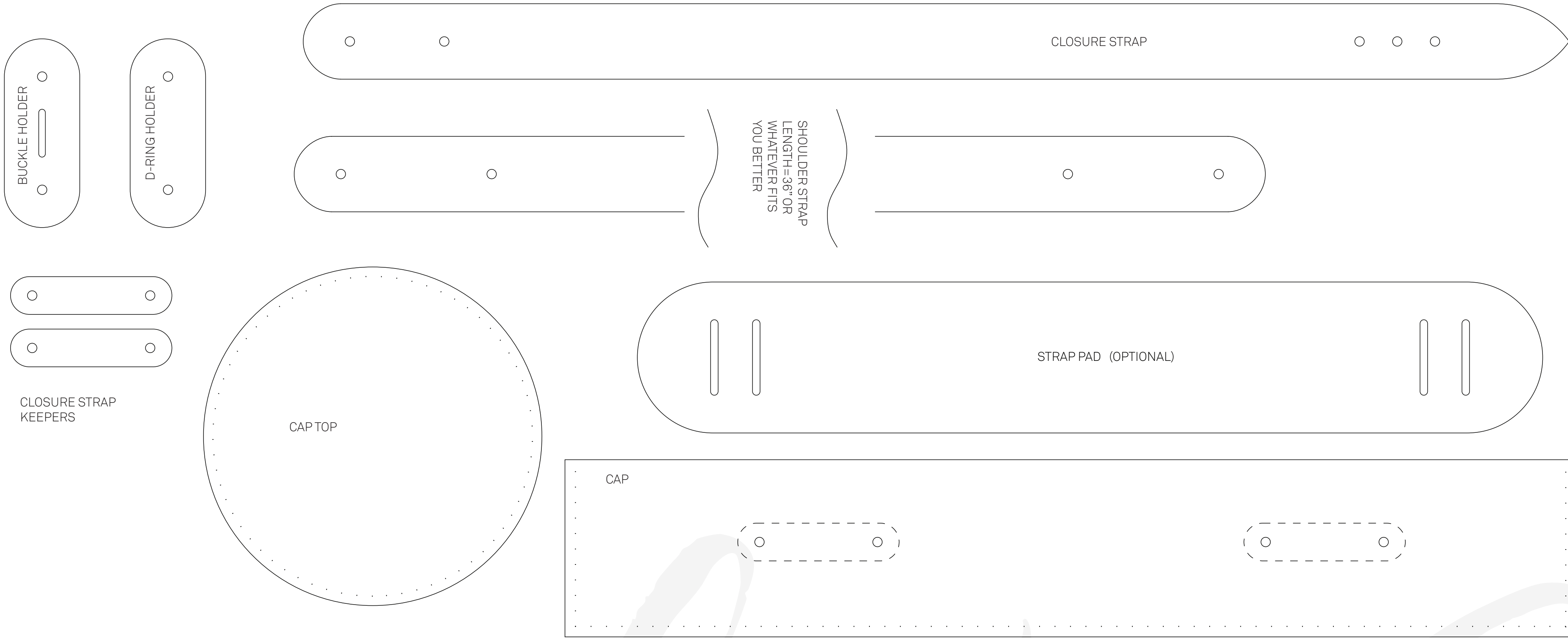
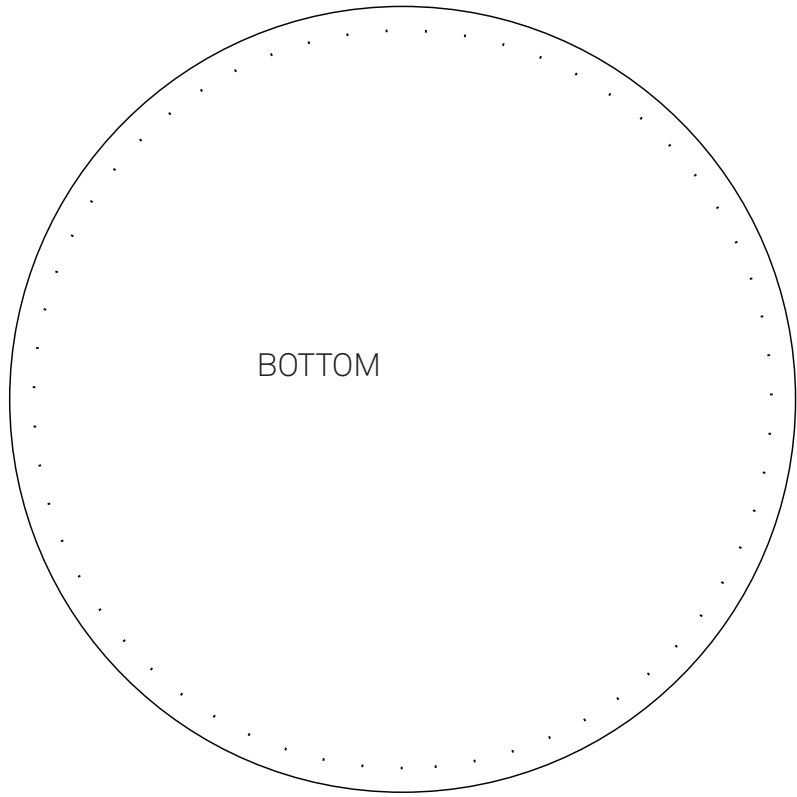
Sew the bottom on. You can use any stitching method you like, parallel stitches, X-stitch or baseball stitch, if you so desire you can skive the edges at 45° and sew it with the box stitch. This will probably look the best :) Same applies to the cap assembly.

Rivet the strap keepers to the cap. Stitch the cap top on. Stitch the sides together. As well as the main seam on the body, you can use X-stitch, parallel stitch, or baseball stitch, the latter being probably the less firm but it does look good.

Stitch the body together. Run the closure strap through the keepers on the cap.

Rivet the swivel hooks onto the shoulder strap. As an option you can make a shoulder pad. I didn't do it in my project but I include it with your pattern.

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