

miniBASKET



INSTRUCTIONS

Materials:

Leather should be stiff. As there are 2 layers, it's not too critical how thick it is gonna be, I used the 5 oz veg and 4 oz crazy horse. If you have a really heavy leather with polished flesh side you can use just one layer (use the Outer Layer part).

Hardware:

1 x button stud.

You can use anything else instead, a snap for example.

Tools:

Scissors, knife (paper knife or rotary cutter would also work).

Stitching irons: my pattern is made for 5 SPI stitching irons (5 stitches per inch).

Needles - according to your thread size, a pair of harness needles.

Mallet, hole punch.

Burnishing agent and burnisher (optional but desirable)

Instructions:

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

Stitching should look nice on both sides! If you are using diamond stitching irons and need some tips for better looking stitch: stick the inner layer pattern to the flesh side so the direction of holes is the same on both inner and outer layer. If you have reverse stitching irons you probably already know what to do :)

Stitch the inner and outer layers top edges together, grain sides out.



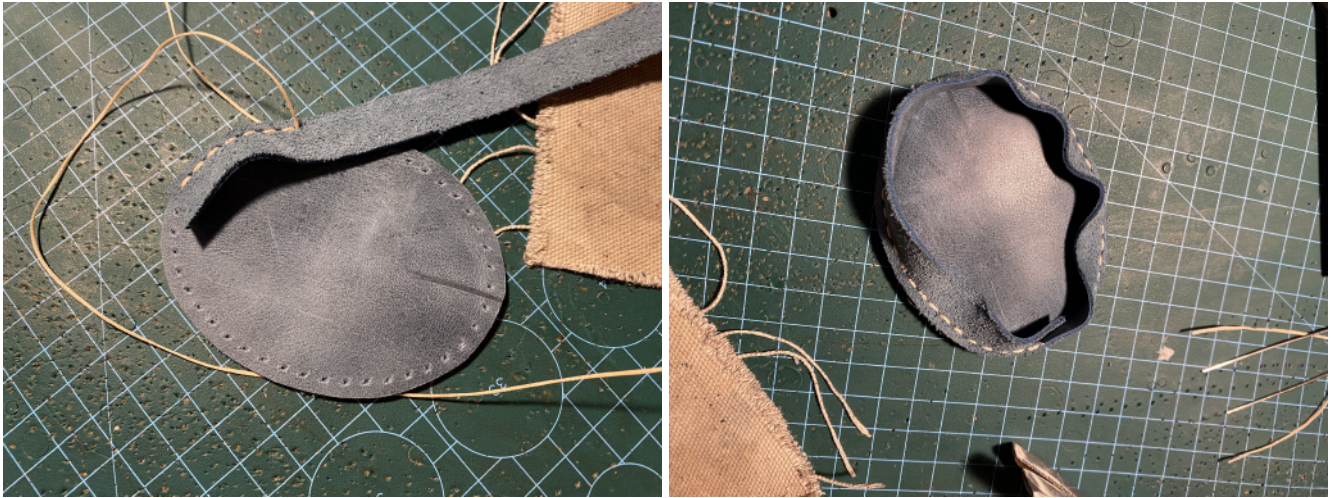
Then stitch the notch in the middle.



(On my pictures there's no hole for the button stud but don't mind this - I made it later). Actually it's not a bad thing to make those holes after inner and outer layers are stitched together for precise alignment.



Stitch the bottom rim around the bottom, grain sides together.



Now there are only 2 things left - stitching the bottom into its place and stitching the front seam. The front seam is tricky due to 2 layers and the shape, and you have to tighten the threads pretty hard so the inner layer won't show between the sides. The order of the operations can be either, bottom first and then front seam or vice versa. Remember to refer to the center mark on the bottom and align the front stitch with it.





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