

Needle Case



Materials:

I used 5 oz for the body, closure strap and backing (the piece with the flap), and 3-4 oz for the pockets. You can use something thicker for the body and in that case you can make closure strap just 1 layer. Something thinner for the pockets is also possible as well as for the backing. In other words, you can be very flexible with materials here.

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). If you are willing to use any other size please make sure that the hole count is the same where it has to be the same.

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

Mallet.

Instructions:

Print the pattern at actual size (100%). Cut the pieces.

First I would suggest skiving some pieces to reduce bulk. That would be backing and both middle pockets, along the seams. Be careful skiving the backing, you only skive behind the pockets, otherwise it will look ugly as you will be stitching it flesh side up. I didn't skive the closure strap but it's an option. Also if you use a thinner leather (around 3 oz) for the closure you can sew an inlay into it to give it a raised look (included with the pattern). Inlay can be made of foam or just thick leather like 6-7 oz.

Stitch the pockets to the backing, the backing flesh side up, pockets grain side up, place the larger pockets on the backing, and smaller pockets on top, and complete two vertical seams in the middle.

Take the body and sew the closure strap onto it, inserting the keeper. I started right there where the keeper is (one stitch before), then you insert the keeper flesh side up, stitch it in, continue stitching the strap onto the body, then stitch around the strap (if you are making it 2 layers), don't forget to stitch it to the body on the way back and then stitch the other side of the keeper.

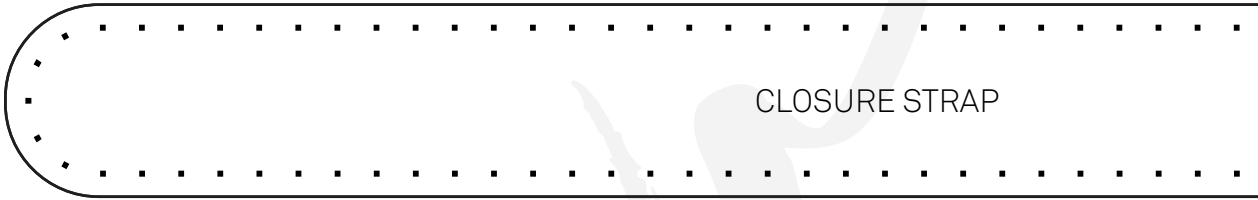




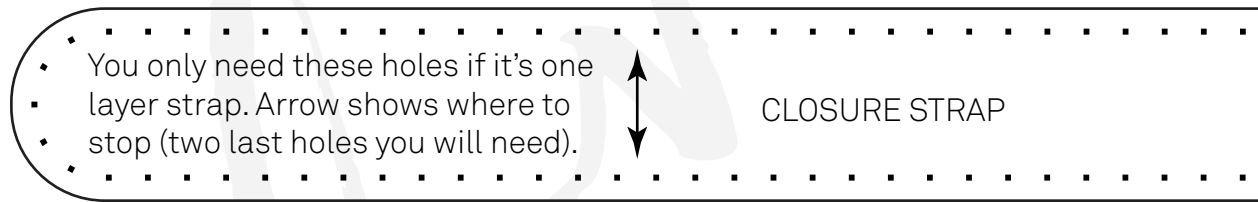
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STRAP INLAY (OPTIONAL)

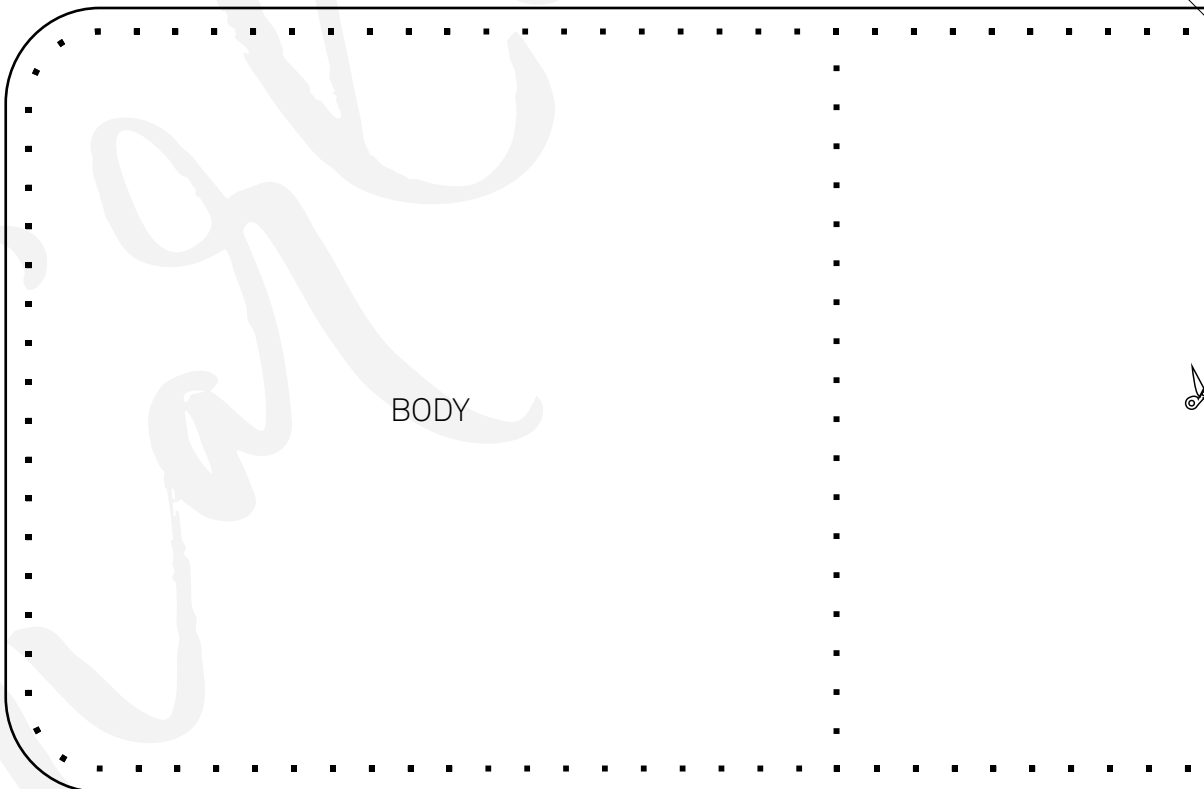


CLOSURE STRAP



- You only need these holes if it's one layer strap. Arrow shows where to stop (two last holes you will need).

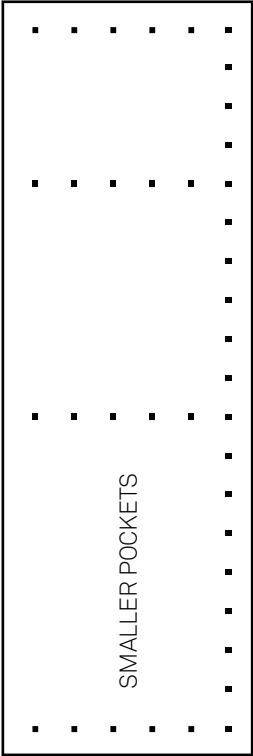
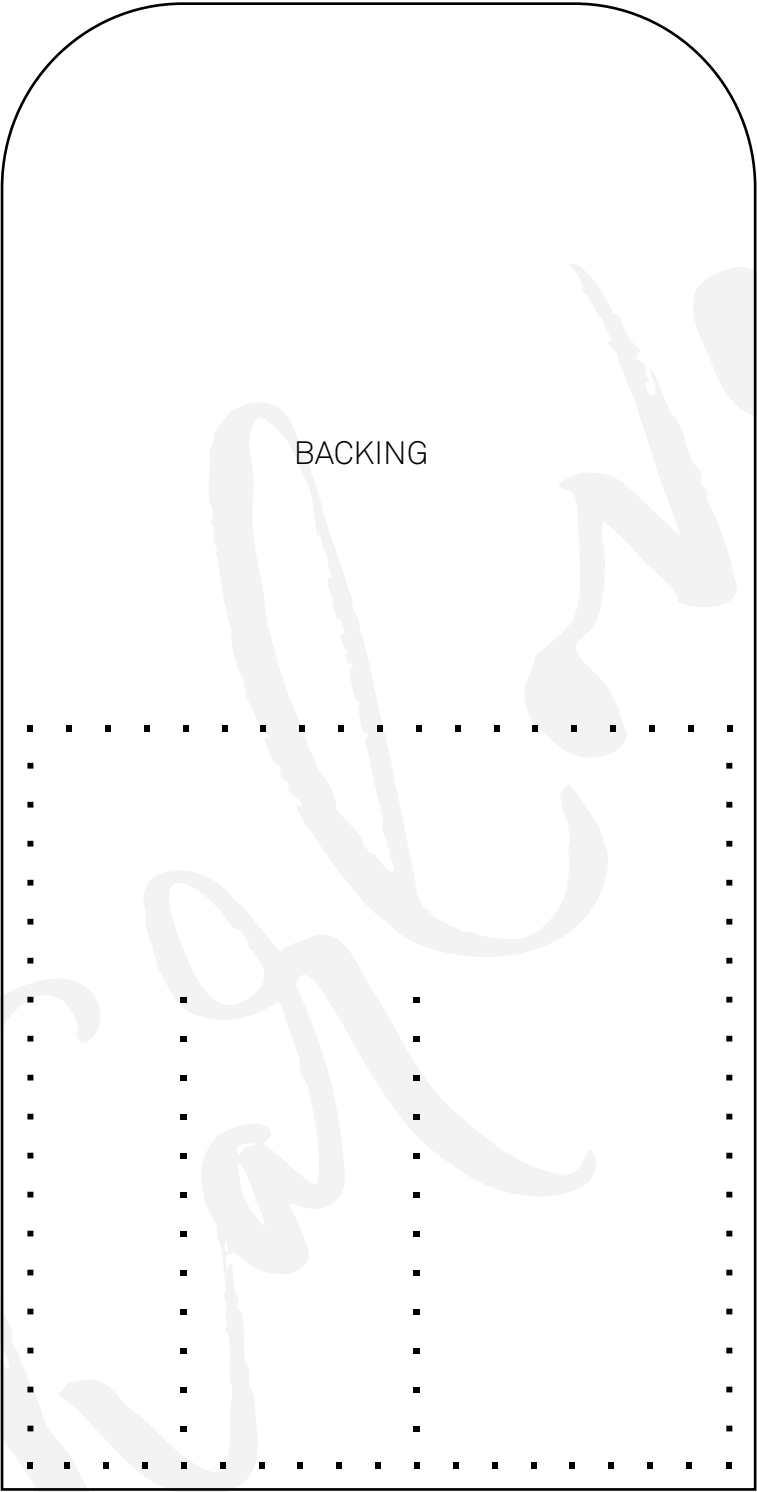
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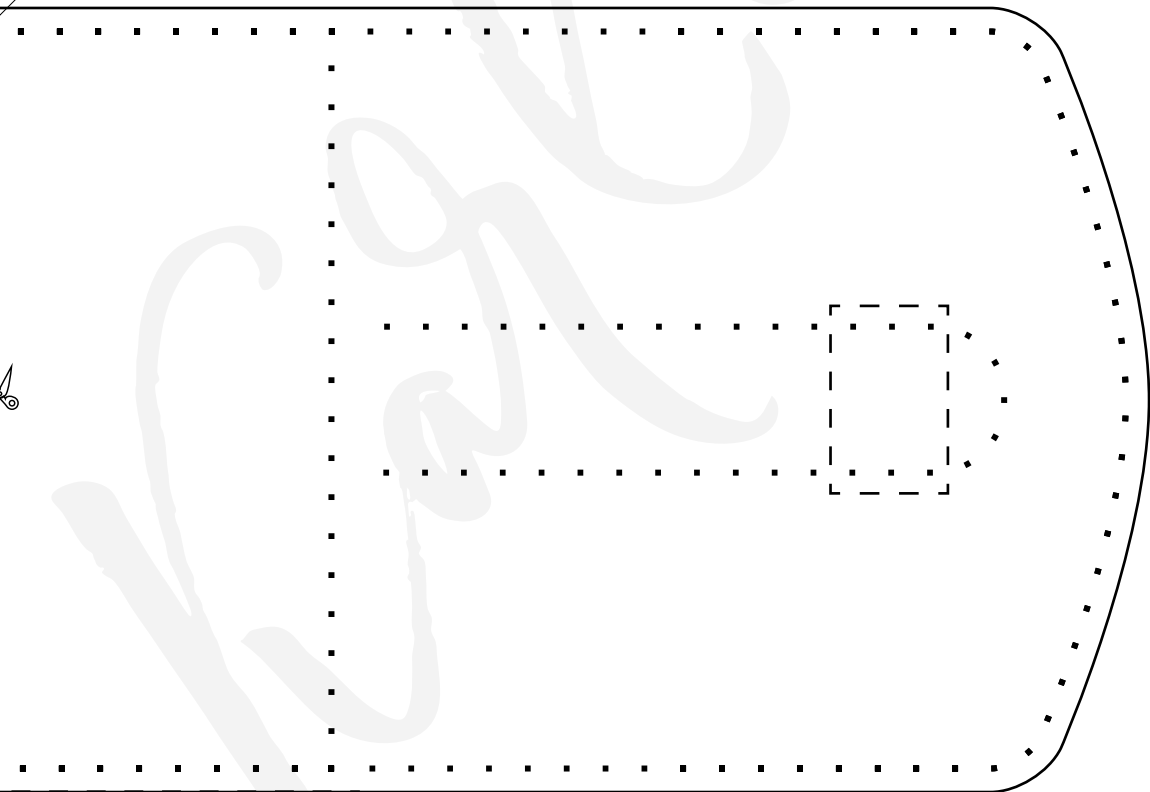
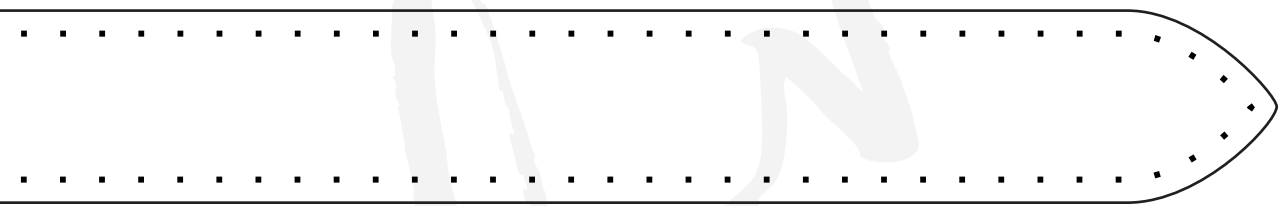
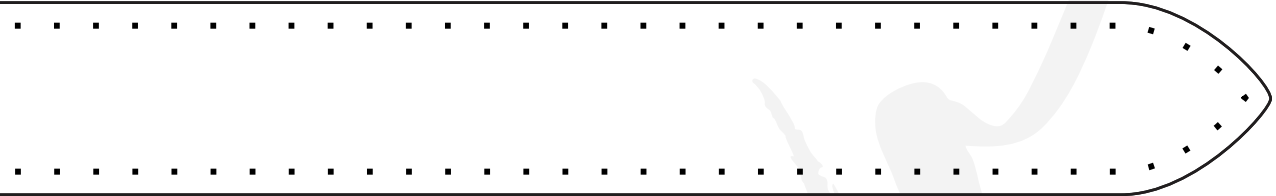


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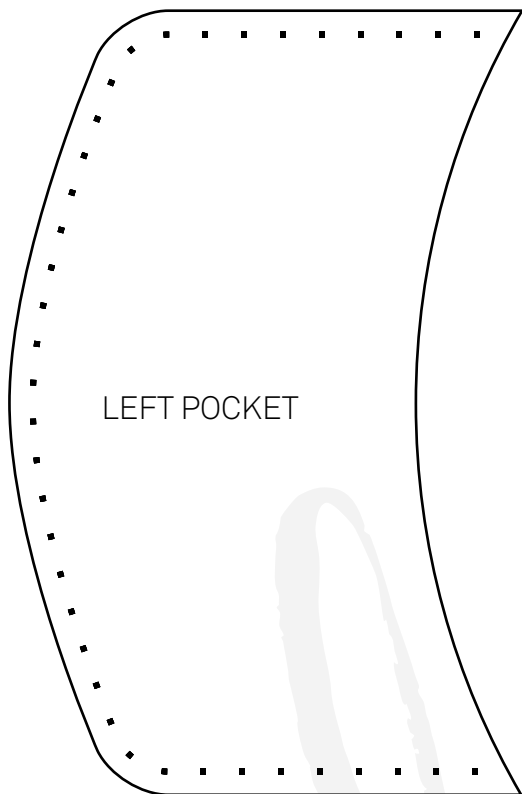


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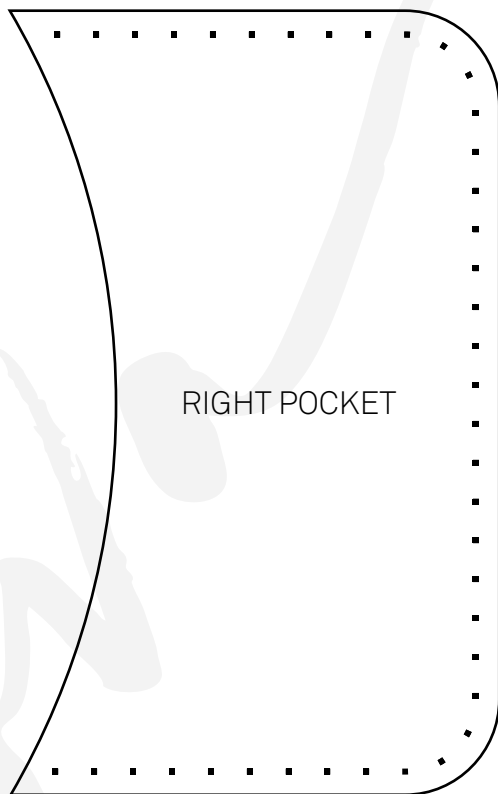




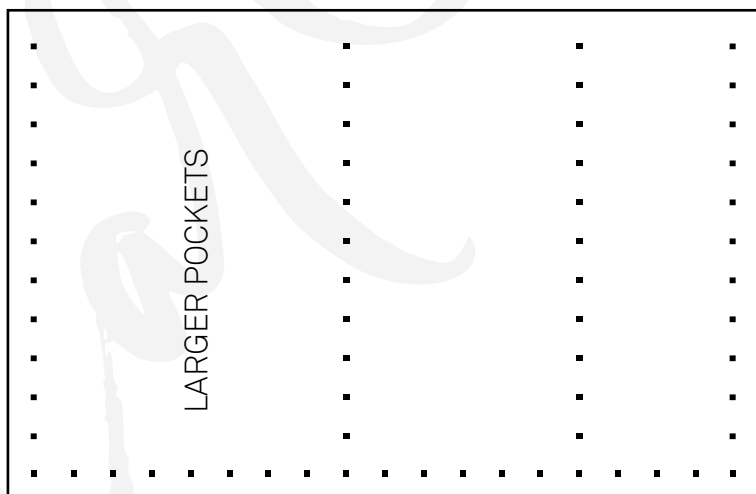
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LEFT POCKET



RIGHT POCKET

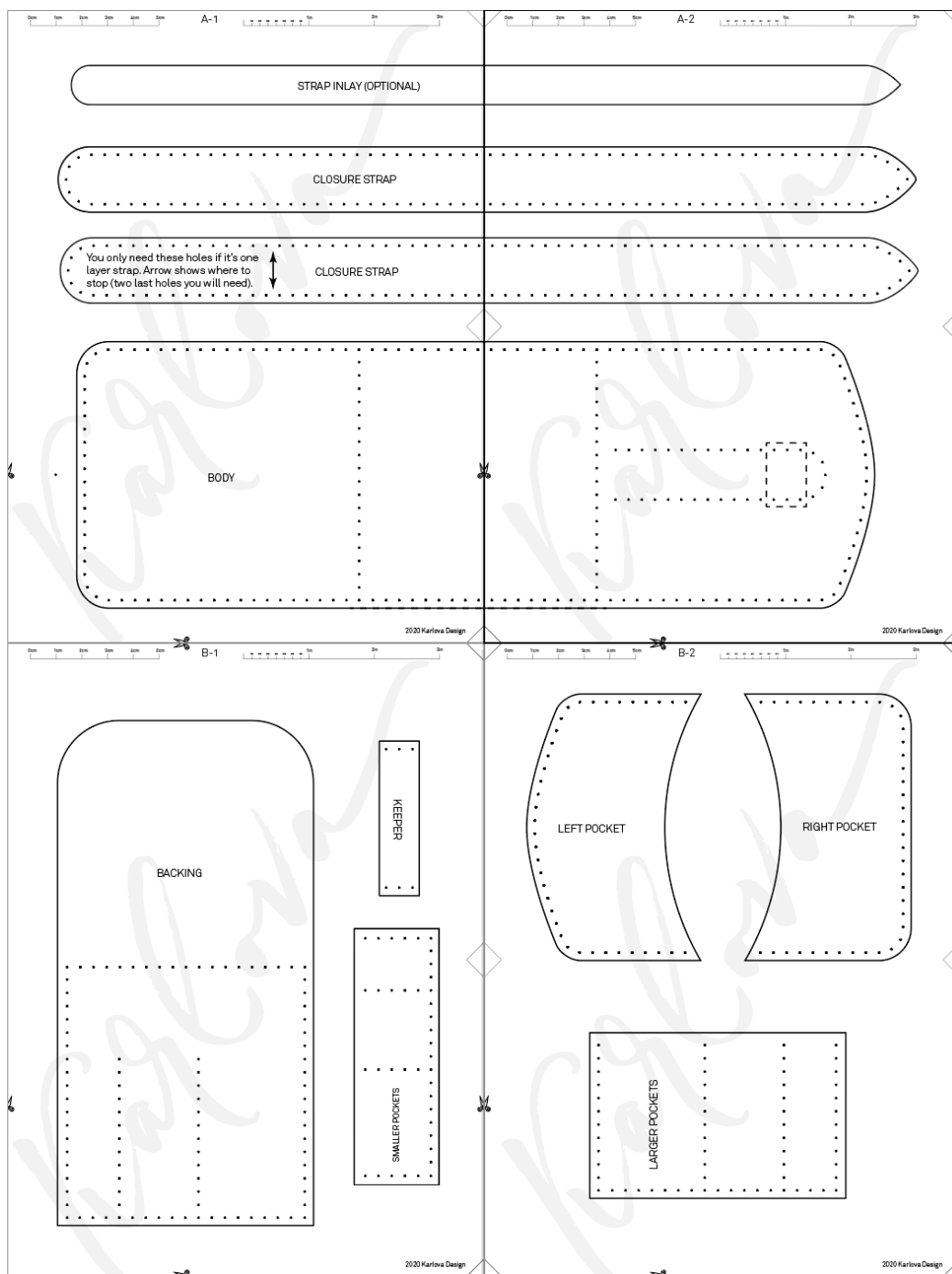


LARGER POCKETS

Take the body, the backing with the pockets and both side pockets and stitch all the way around, finishing with one of the vertical seams in the middle if you have enough thread. Complete the other vertical seam that attaches the backing to the body.

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