

The Classic Notebook Cover - BYOC

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The Classic

Dimensions: 15.5/10.5cm (~6/4 inches), with pen loop width is 12.5cm (5 inches)

Skill level: Beginner to Advanced depending on the recipe used.

Leather: 1.4-1.6mm thickness (3.5-4 oz), for the exterior;

1.2-1.4mm thickness (3-3.5oz), for the interior parts & loops, medium to stiff temper

Pattern specific tools/materials: 1mm or 2mm hole punch; some skiving may be required as part of the build depending on the recipe you choose.

Basic Instructions

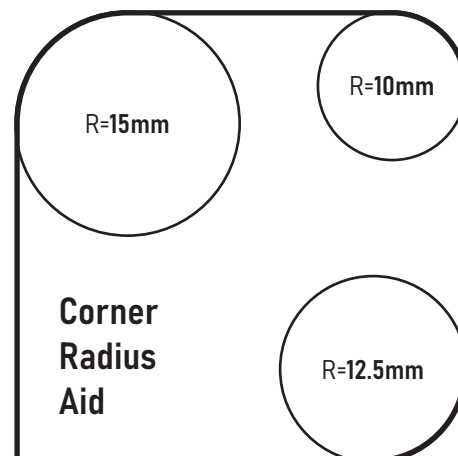
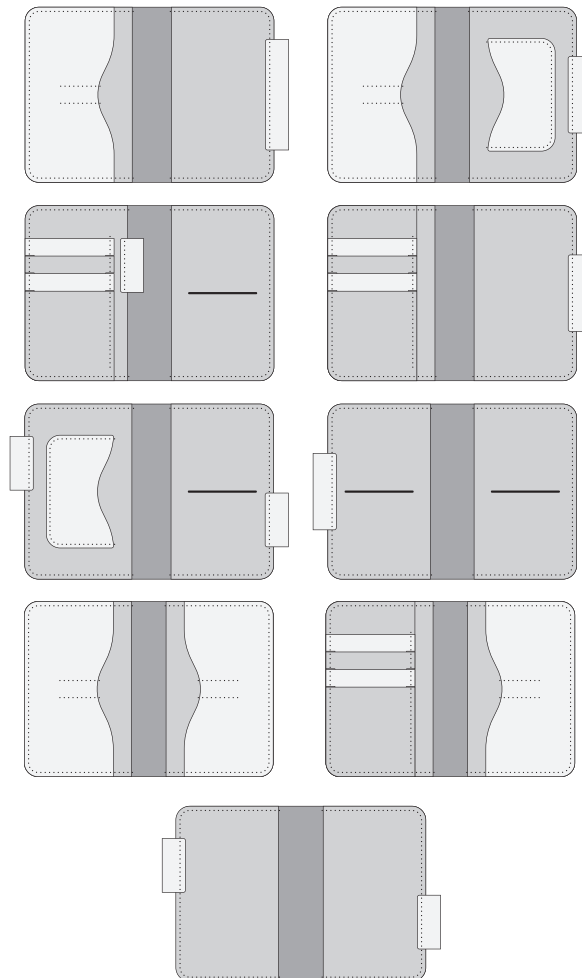
Please read the full instructions and review the included pictures before you commence with the build. Print pattern at 100% and verify size using the Print Accuracy Test. **Measure and cut on outside edge of the lines.** Stitching holes in the pattern are 4mm off the edge (unless otherwise mentioned in the patterns) and are spaced at 3.85mm, however illustrative in nature. You can use other spacing based on your pricking irons/stitching chisels.

Trim Allowance

When one has to cut and align multiple pieces of leather by hand, those are never 100% exactly the same which results in slight differences and ridges of leather along the product edges. This makes finishing the edges a more labor intensive task. Trim allowance is a technique employed to achieve cleaner, easier to finish edges. In short, it includes oversizing the leather pieces' outer edges, then assembling the product with the oversized pieces aligned and removing the excess leather by cutting the multiple layers of leather together, thus achieving flush cut edges that are much easier and quicker to finish.

If you will be using trim allowance, make sure to cut the pattern pieces along the grey lines. Since we will be cutting 3mm off the outer edges make sure that when glueing along the outer edges you glue at least 8mm in from the edge (3mm trim allowance + 4mm in for the stitchline + 1mm to cover the stitch line = 8mm). Alternatively you can ignore the trim allowance lines and cut the pieces exact to size along the black lines.

Happy crafting,
Deyan :)

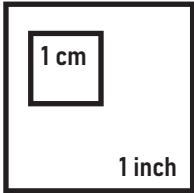


Exterior

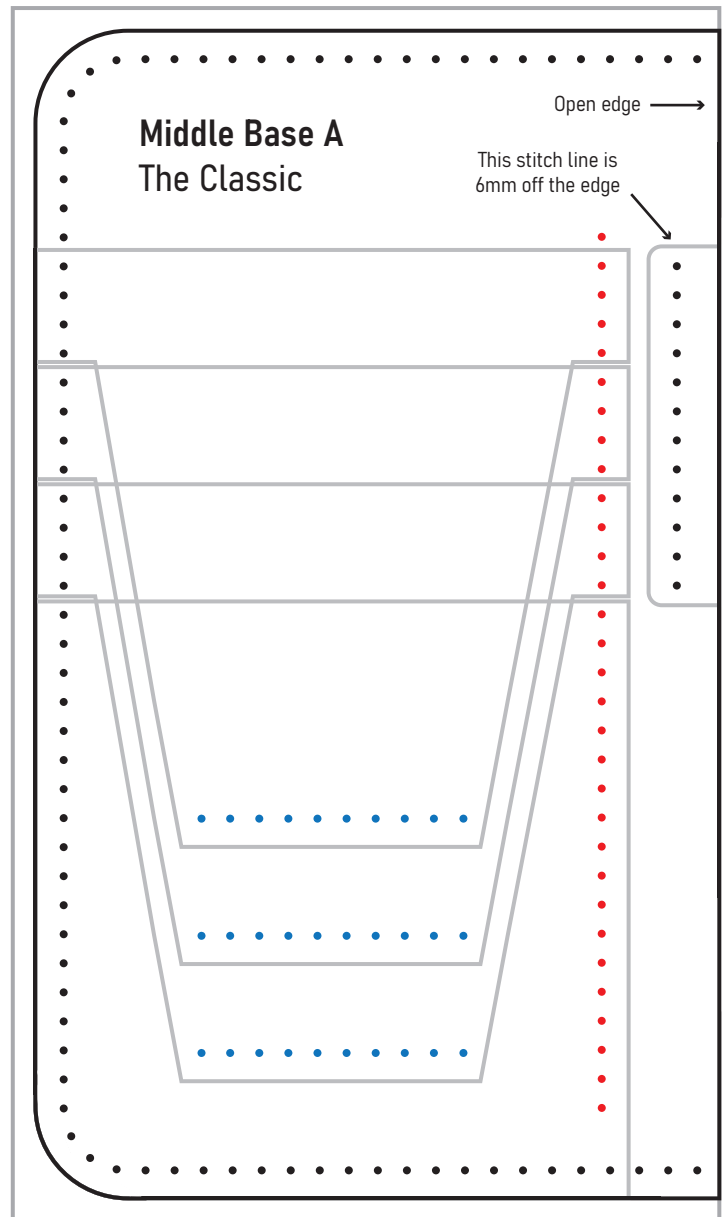
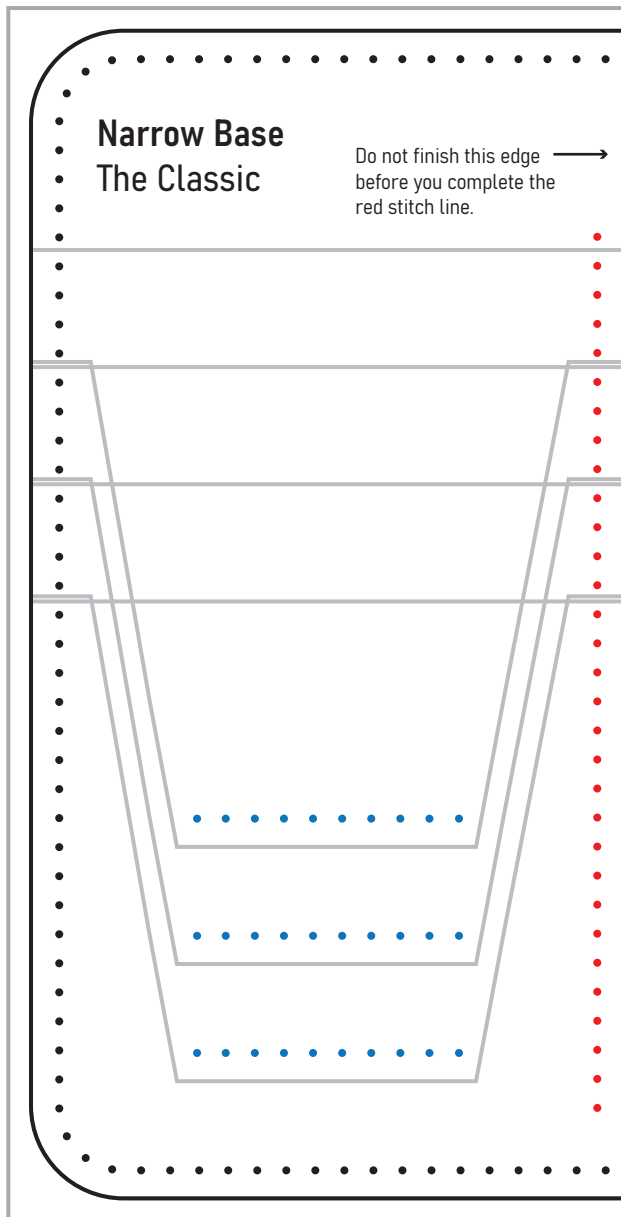
Exterior
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Wide Base edge
Middle Base edge

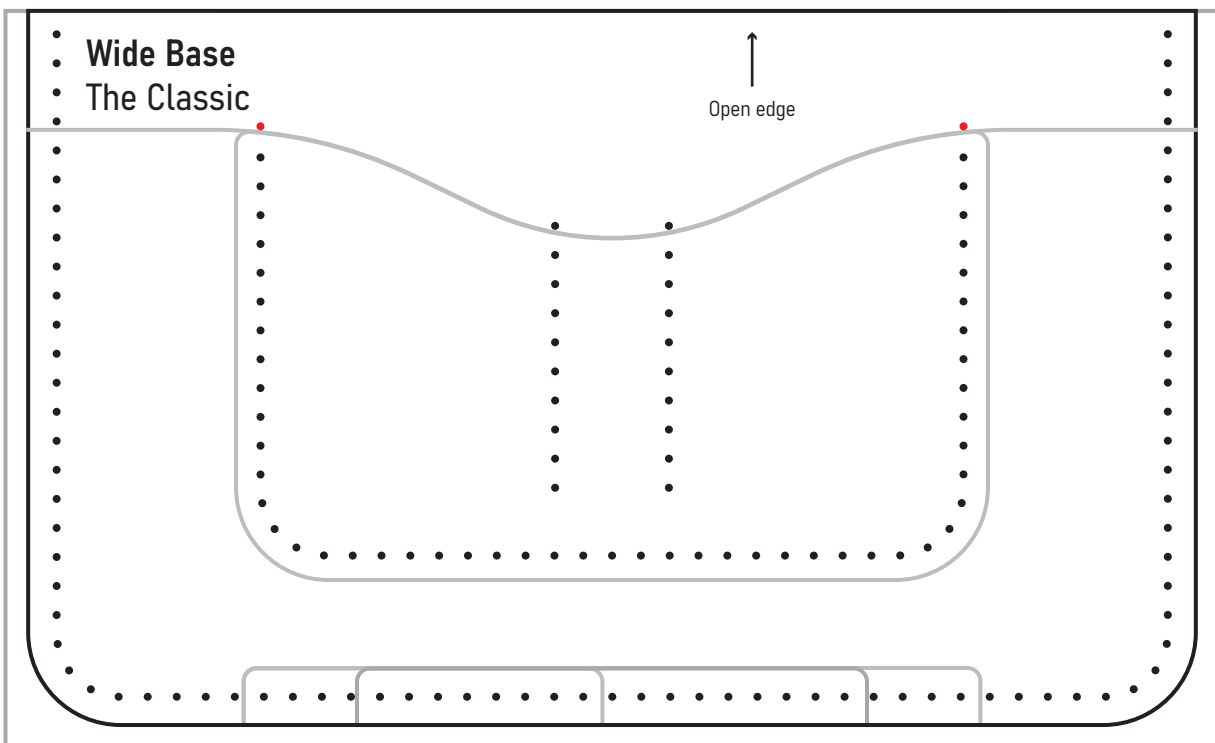
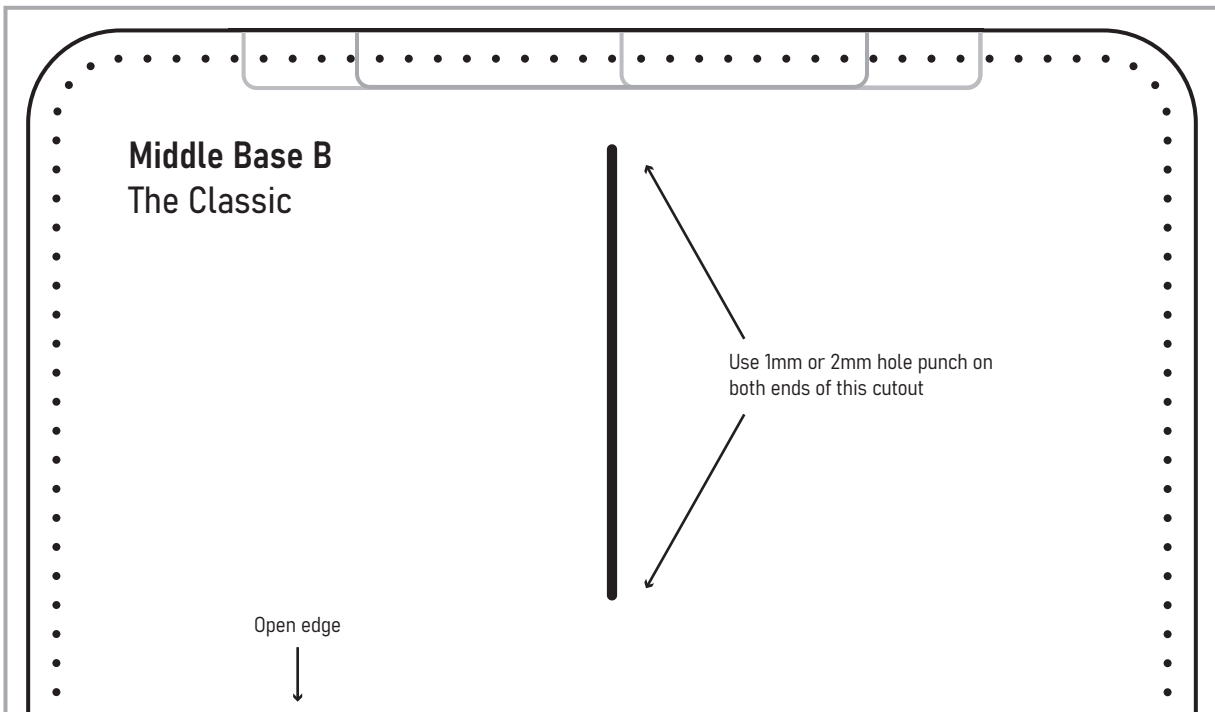
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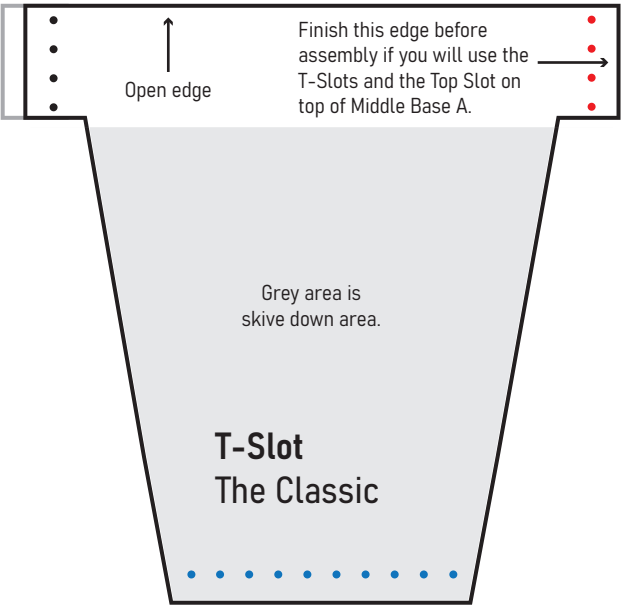
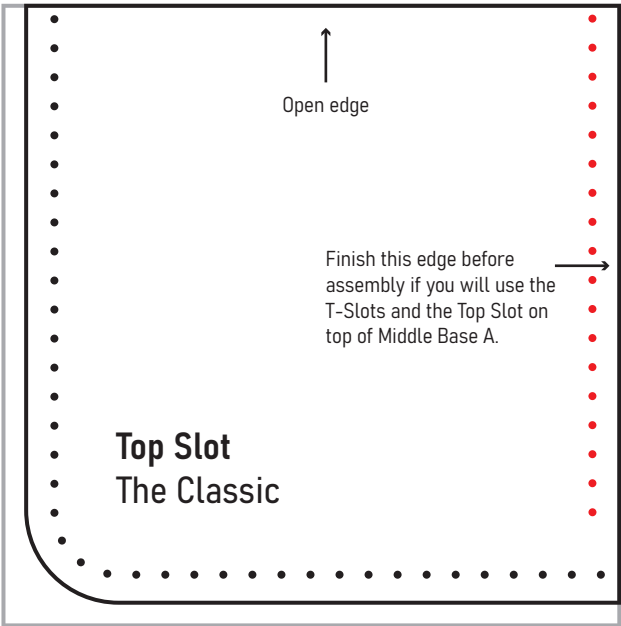
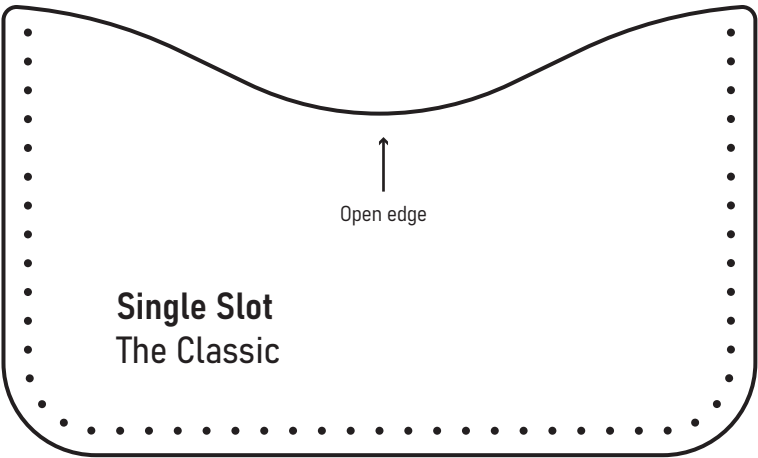
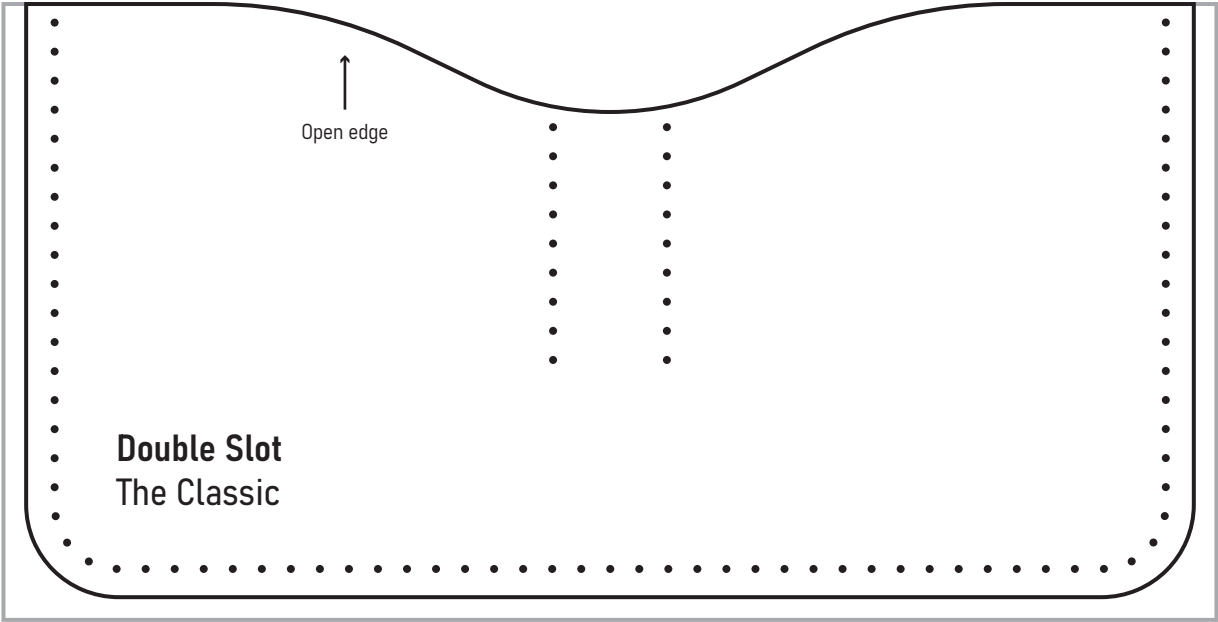
Bases



Bases - continued



Card Slots



Loops

Long Pencil Loop

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Mid Pencil Loop

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Short Pencil Loop

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Long Pen Loop

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Mid Pen Loop

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Short Pen Loop

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Build Your Own Cover - BYOC

The Classic pattern employs a “mix and match” approach to combine different elements to create various notebook/passport covers. On the following pages I have included a few of the many possible combinations - ‘recipes’ - that mention the elements that you will need and the skill level required. Additionally, in your download folder, you will find couple of images showcasing the included Classic Notebook Cover variations that you can show to your customers to assist them in choosing the cover design they want. Since full assembly instructions for all possible variations would be too complex, please review the following crafting tips and generic assembly steps before you build your own cover.

Generic Assembly Steps:

1. Finish the open edges of the Bases and Slots. For the Single Slot finish the full outer edge.
2. Install the the Slot/s over the respective Base/s.
3. With the Exterior's flesh side of leather facing you glue the Bases on the two sides of the Exterior.
4. If you are using trim allowance, mark 3mm off the outer edges (as if you would be marking a stitch line). Cut through the multiple layers of leather along those lines. Now the cover is the correct overall size and the edges are flush cut for easier finishing. Mark and cut the curved corners. Those are with 12.5mm (1/2 inch) radius (R=12.5mm). You can use the Corner Radius Aid included on the first page to mark the corner curves onto the leather. Then mark your stitch line at 4mm from the edges.
5. Punch the holes but **DO NOT STITCH** if you will be adding a Pen/Pencil Loop. Instead, first finish the edge/s of the cover on top of which the Loop/s will be “sitting”. The reason for that is that if you stitch first, then you will not have access to those edges to finish them.
6. Finish the open edges of the Loop/s (the edges without stitch line along them). Pre-punch one of the stitch lines. Fold the leather toward its flesh side of leather and glue the stitch line edges to each other thus creating the Loop. Using the pre-punched holes, punch all the way through to the other side. Finish that edge. The Loop has now all its edges finished and its stitch holes fully punched and ready to be stitched to the cover. See Pic1 and Pic2 for reference.
7. Using the grey placement lines on the Base pattern, position the Loop on the edge and stitch the full stitch line on that side of the cover. You have two options how to keep the Loop in place - you can glue it to the edge or use pins/needles. I personally prefer to use couple of needles to avoid glue going over the cover edge. See Pic3 for quick visual. **IMPORTANT:** The Loops sit on top of the edge, they should not wrap around it or be tucked in. See Pic4 for reference.
8. Stitch and finish the edge of the side that has no Loop on it (if there is such in your variation) and done! :)

Crafting Tips:

Single Slot

Make sure that its full edge is finished as a first step. Then pre-punch the stitch line. As the Single Slot is not aligned to any edge of the Base and is floating in the middle, the easiest way to place it correctly is to mark the two red holes (as noted on the Wide Base pattern) onto the Base leather. Then glue the Single Slot onto the Base by aligning its pre-punched stitch lines to those two red hole marks so they are just underneath them - see Pic5. Then using the pre-punched holes on the Single Slot, punch all the way through the Base including those two extra red holes. Stitch and done.

Double Slot

Pre-punch the two parallel stitch lines in the middle first. Once you glue the Double Slot onto the Wide Base, use those pre-punched holes to punch all the way through the Base. Make sure you add an extra hole at the top of both parallel stitch lines so you can overlap the thread over the Double Slot edge - see Pic6.

T-Slots & Top Slot

You may need to skive down the bottom part of the T-Slot pieces to reduce some of the bulk created by stacking those on top of each other. If you will be using the T-Slots & Top Slot in a recipe on top of the Middle Base A, make sure to finish their right-hand side edges too as noted on the pattern.

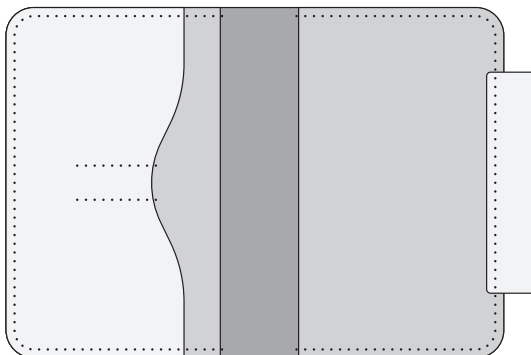
Bases

As a general note, Single and Double Slots go over the Wide Base. T-Slots and Top Slots go over either the Narrow or Middle Base A. The Middle Base A and Middle Base B are the same size, however they have different grey placement lines on them that will help you align and place elements easier.

Pen/Pencil Loops

Pencils are generally thinner than most pens hence the Pen and Pencil Loop patterns are with different widths to accomodate different thickness of various drawing/writing devices. Different lengths are offered as well. The Short Loops would be usually used in pairs - one on each side of the cover - to provide full closure once the pen/pencil goes through both. Which Pen/Pencil Loop to use is based mostly on personal and visual preferences. I like pencils for example, so my personal choice would be Pencil Mid Loop on the right side of the interior. Lastly, be cautious over how many layers of leather you will be stitching the Pen/Pencil Loops. For example, if you decide to put a Loop on top of the Double Slot that would add up to 5 layers of leather where the Loop is. Just keep this in mind and try to balance number of layers on both sides of the cover as much as possible (1-2 layers difference is ok, 3+ might be off balanced).

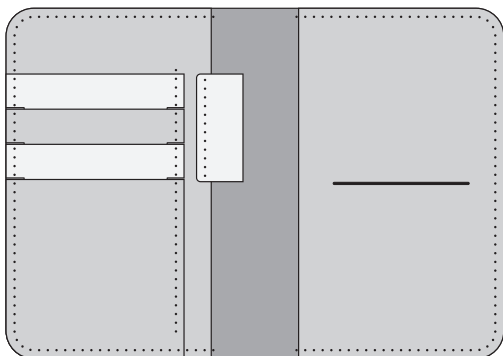
Recipes



Ingredients:

- 1 x Exterior
- 1 x Wide Base
- 1 x Middle Base B
- 1 x Double Slot
- 1 x Long or Mid Loop (Pen or Pencil)

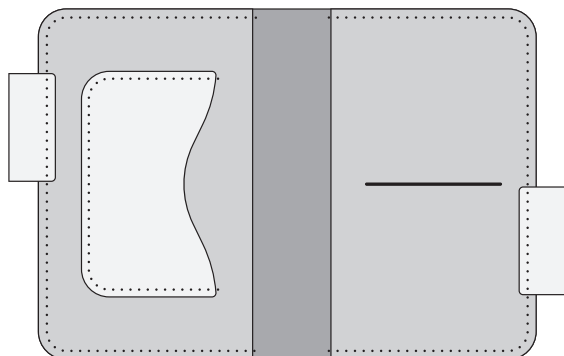
Skill level: Beginner



Ingredients:

- 1 x Exterior
- 1 x Middle Base A
- 1 x Middle Base B
- 3 x T-Slots
- 1 x Top Slot
- 1 x Short Loop (Pen or Pencil)

Skill level: Advanced

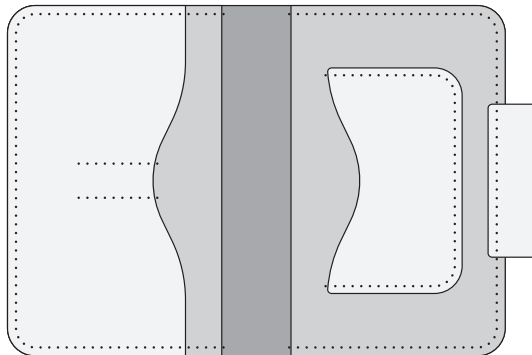


Ingredients:

- 1 x Exterior
- 1 x Wide Base
- 1 x Middle Base B
- 1 x Single Slot
- 2 x Short Loops (Pen or Pencil)

Skill level: Intermediate

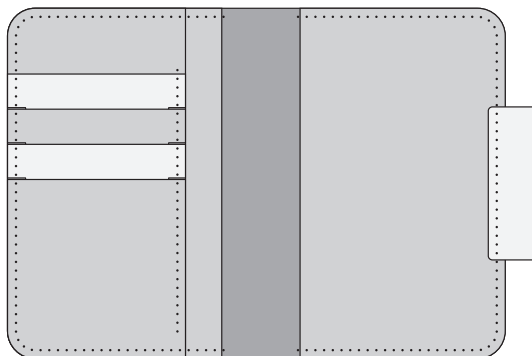
More Recipes



Ingredients:

- 1 x Exterior
- 2 x Wide Bases
- 1 x Single Slot
- 1 x Double Slot
- 1 x Long or Mid Loop (Pen or Pencil)

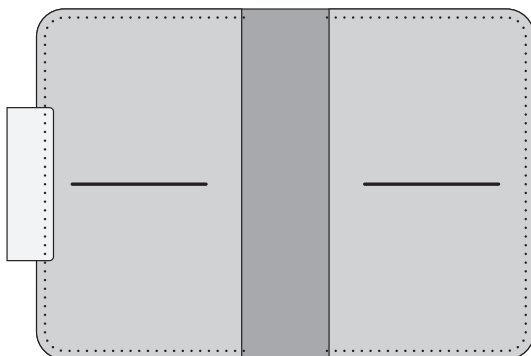
Skill level: Beginner



Ingredients:

- 1 x Exterior
- 1 x Wide Base
- 1 x Middle Base B
- 1 x Narrow Base
- 3 x T-Slots (right side trim allowance removed)
- 1 x Top Slot
- 1 x Long or Mid Loop (Pen or Pencil)

Skill level: Advanced

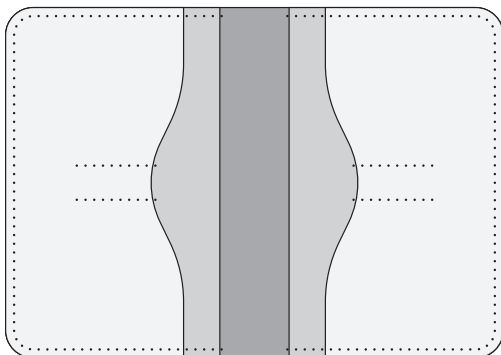


Ingredients:

- 1 x Exterior
- 2 x Middle Base B
- 1 x Long or Mid Loop (Pen or Pencil)

Skill level: Intermediate

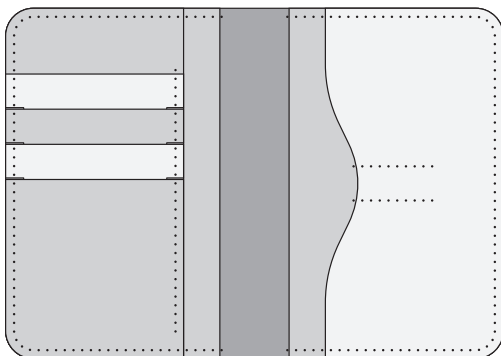
Even More Recipes



Ingredients:

- 1 x Exterior
- 2 x Wide Bases
- 2 x Double Slots

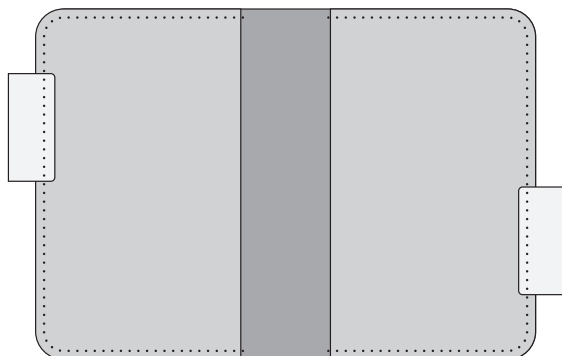
Skill level: Beginner



Ingredients:

- 1 x Exterior
- 2 x Wide Bases
- 3 x T-Slots (right side trim allowance removed)
- 1 x Top Slot
- 1 x Double Slot

Skill level: Advanced



Ingredients:

- 1 x Exterior
- 2 x Middle Base B
- 2 x Short Loops (Pen or Pencil)

Skill level: Beginner