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Materials:

I used 5 oz leather for everything, I bet anything from 3 to 6 oz will work. Not sure if it will look good in soft leather, but I bet why not.



TEST PAGE

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Hardware:

- 1 x 1” buckle
- 1 x 1” D-ring or O-ring
- 1 x 1” swivel hook
- 1 x pocket closure (I used the Loxx type fastener, use button stud, snap or whatever you like)
- Rivets
- 1 x button stud
- 1 x snap

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, rivet setter, snap setter, hole punch, 1” and 3/4” bag punches (oblong).
- Adecuate hole punch for the Loxx fastener if you are using it (mine was about 0.4”).
- Skiver.

Instructions:

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

You can do the assembly in any order you may like. I started with the front pocket. Stitch the pocket gusset to the pocket front. Install bottom part of your pocket fastener on the pocket then stitch the pocket onto the front panel. Install the top part of the pocket fastener on the flap and stitch the flap on the central front panel. Note that the corner holes are used both to secure the edges of the pocket gusset and also for the flap, the flap edges aren't secured on this design, the stitching line on the front panel and the pocket flap have same amount of holes (see pictures).

Install the main closure snap: socket on the “tongue” of the central front panel and the post on the central back panel.

Take the outer body (back and front are the same) and stitch the concave side to the central front panel with overlapping stitch, with the central panel being on top.

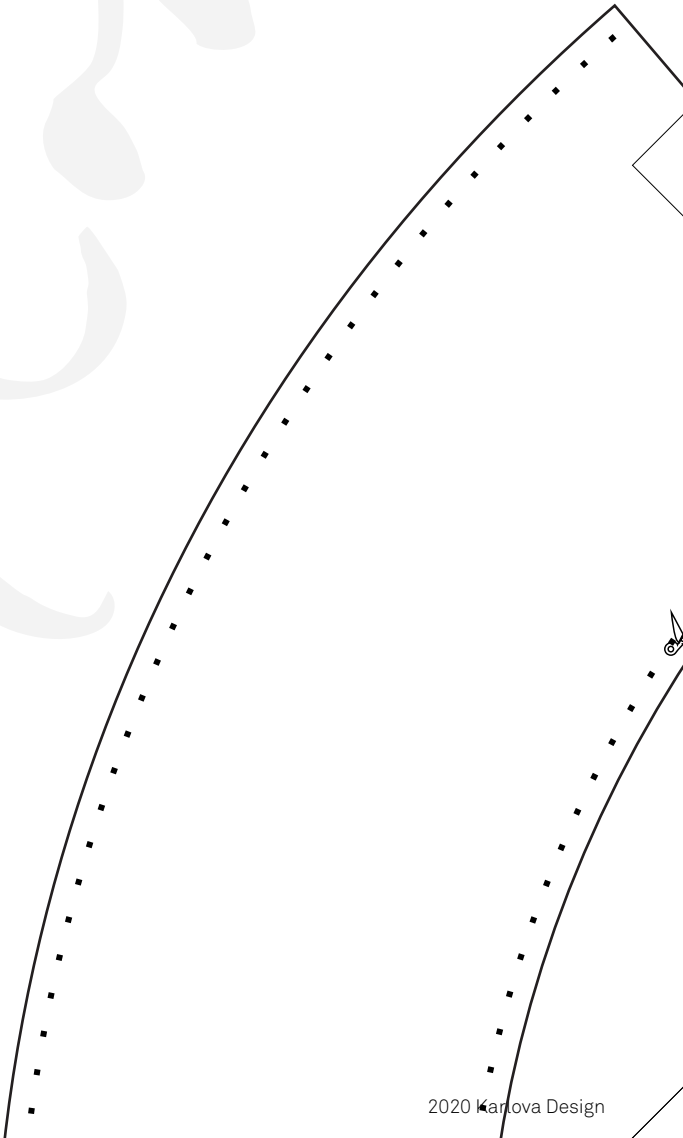
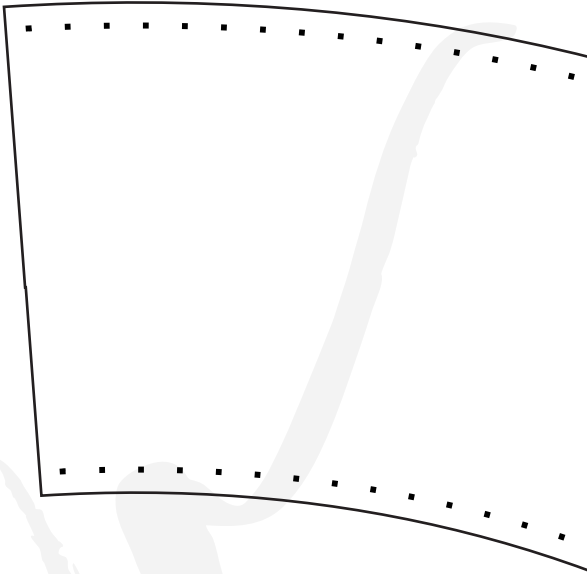
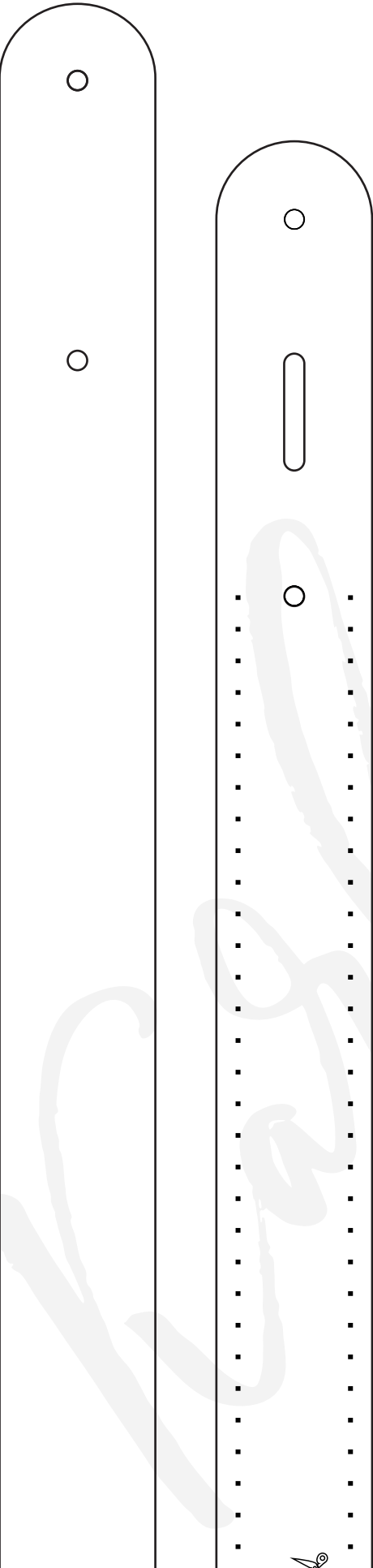
Take the gusset and stitch it to the other side of the outer body with overlapping stitch, gusset being on top. Please note that first and the last stitch secure the edge of the outer body on the gusset - the latter has 115 holes while the outer body has 113 holes on the longer side.

Stitch the longer side of another piece of the outer body to the gusset with overlapping stitch, the gusset being on top. Stitch the central back panel to the other side of the outer body (overlapping stitch again, central panel on top).

0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

A-1

1in 2in 3in



0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

A-2

1in 2in 3in

OUTER BODY BACK

0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

B-1

0 1/4 1/2 3/4 1 1 1/4 1 1/2 1 3/4 2 2 1/4 3in

LONG STRAP

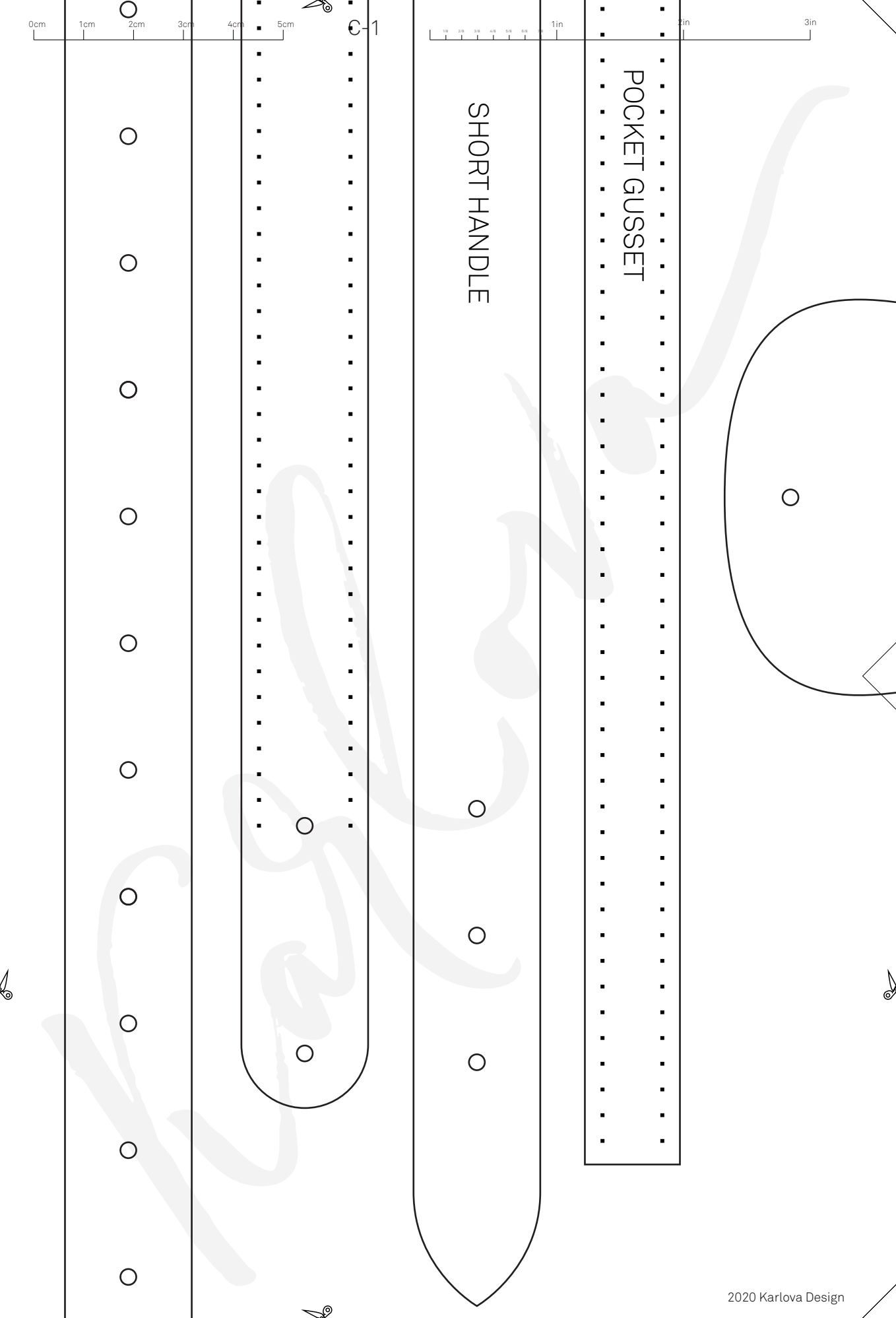
GUSSET

OUTER BODY FRONT

0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

B-2

1in 2in 3in



POCKET GUSSET

SHORT HANDLE

0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

C-2

1in 2in 3in

FRONT CENTRAL PANEL

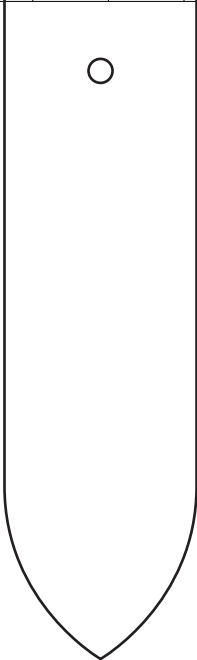
The width of the handle wrap depends on how thick is the leather you are using for the handle and the wrap.

HANDLE WRAP

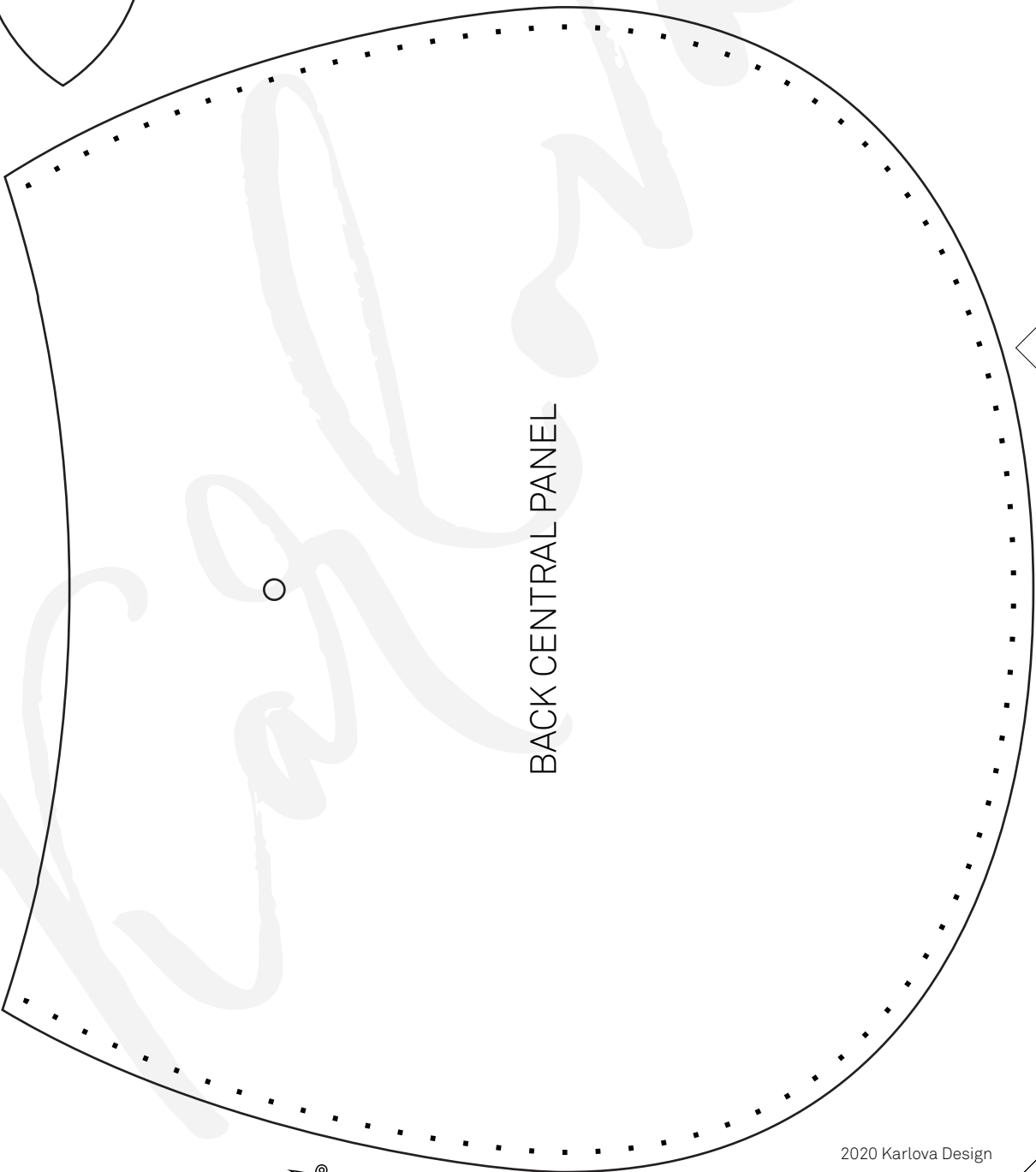
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D-1

1in 2in 3in



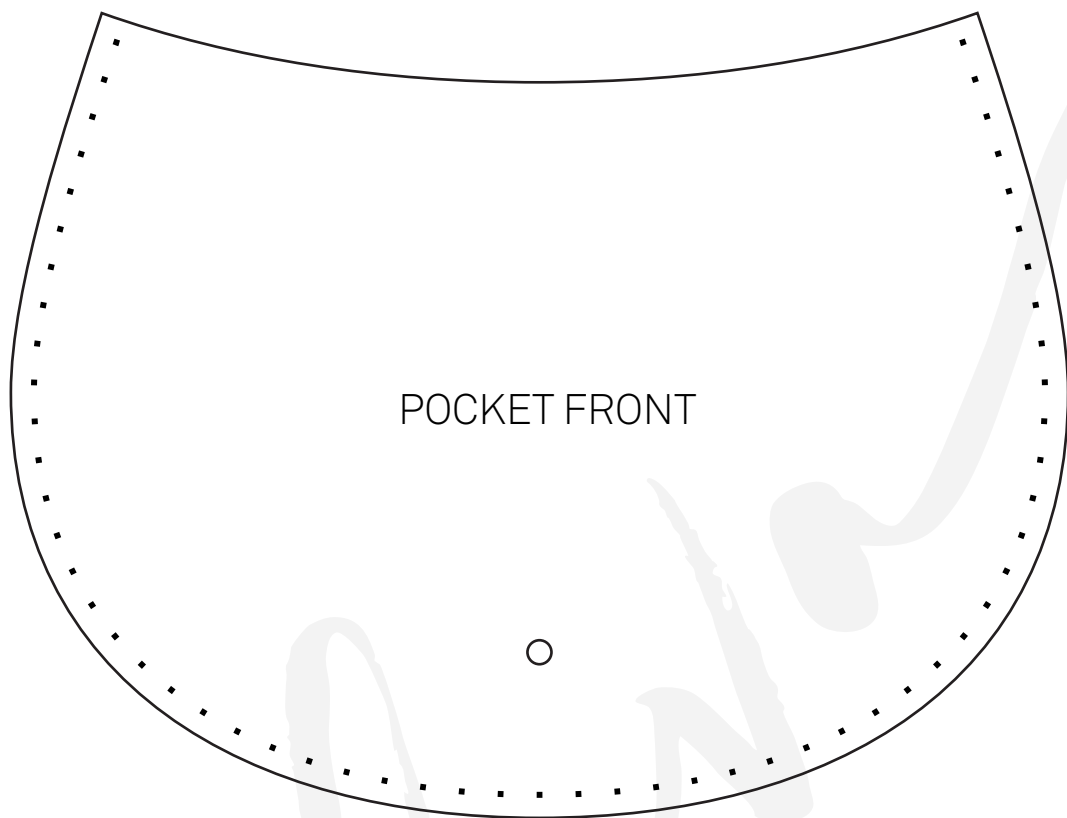
Strap keeper length may vary slightly depending on thickness of your leather.



0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

D-2

1in 2in 3in



Now that you have completed the main part of the bag, install your hardware. I installed the buckle on the right side and D-ring on the left, but I think it doesn't really matter, question of preference.

Install the buckle with 1 rivet, inserting the keeper above that rivet (see pictures). On the other side, install the D-ring (or O-ring, whatever you are using) with 1 rivet.

Make the short handle: cut out the main part, install the button stud in the hole at the round edge, the stud has to be on the flesh side. Take the handle wrap and wrap the handle :) Sew it on with any flat stitch you prefer, I used parallel stitching, can be also X-stitch or a baseball stitch. NOTE: Depending on the thickness of leather you are using for the handle and the wrap, you may need to adjust the width of the wrap. I recommend using something relatively thin and flexible, maybe even some 3 oz veg tan so you can later shape it nicely without wrinkles and bumps on the bottom of it. Because of bending mine does have some bumps on the bottom. As a perfectionist I would like to find a solution to make it all smooth, if you find it let me know :)

How to attach the short handle: Hold the handle flesh side up and pass the stud through the D-ring. Secure the stud in the buttonhole and place the keeper on the handle between the D-ring and the stud. On the other side secure it with the buckle.

The long strap is attached in a simple way, the swivel hook goes on the D-ring and the other end secured with the buckle.

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