

MINI CALICO CLUTCH KIT

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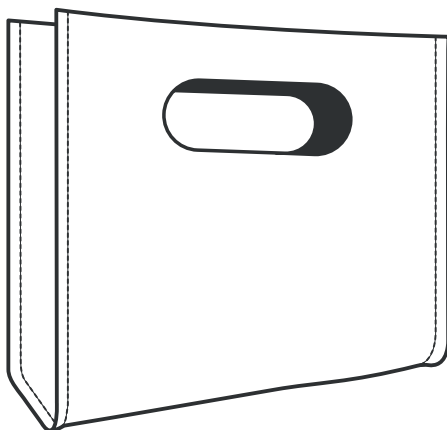
KIT CONTAINS:

Pre-Cut, Pre-Punched Leather
Needles (2)
Thread
Instructions & Pattern



French and Spanish
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YOU WILL NEED:

- Pins or Needles
- Thread Cutters or Scissors

LEVEL UP YOUR SKILLS WITH TANDY

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Includes basic project assembly skills with no hand-sewing or hardware setting required. Plus, learn additional skills like lacing, braiding, and knot tying.	Introduces skills like hand-sewing with pre-punched stitching holes, hardware setting, and edge burnishing.	Build your skills with more added components, project layers, and detail work like edge beveling and edge dyeing.	Can be machine or hand sewn and do not have pre-punched stitching holes. Learn new skills like skiving, wet molding, heat creasing, and more.

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING PROJECT.

NOTE: ALL STAINING, DYEING, AND TOOLING SHOULD BE DONE PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Main Body (A)
Gussets (B)
Needles
Thread

Not Shown:

Instructions & Pattern

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SKILLS USED:

Backstitch
Edge Lock Stitch
Saddle Stitch

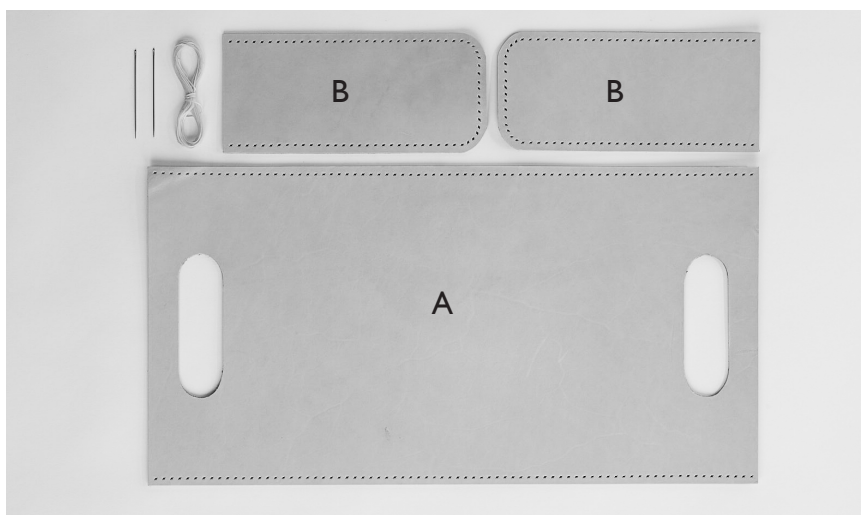
RECOMMENDED TOOLS:

Stitching Horse to hold leather pieces while stitching.
Multi-size Wood Slicker to burnish edges.
Gum Tragacanth to burnish edges.

GLOSSARY:

FLESH SIDE: The underside of an animal's hide. On veg-tanned tooling leather, this is the rough side.

GRAIN SIDE: The hide's surface that had the hair of the animal. Typically used for carving and stamping.



WARNING:

CHOKING HAZARD - Small parts. For adult use only. This product is not intended for use by children. CONTAINS FUNCTIONAL SHARP POINT - Adult supervision recommended.



ATTACHING GUSSETS TO MAIN BODY

1. Turn the Main Body (A) over so the flesh side is facing up. Take a Gusset (B) and place it flesh side down onto Main Body (A). The top corner of Gusset (B) should line up with the top corner of Main Body (A).
2. Cut thread five times the length of one half of the gusset and thread both ends with harness needles. Align punch holes with pins or needles for better control. **Pro Tip: See Level Up Your Skills on page 5 for Details on How to Thread a Needle.**
3. Perform an edge lock stitch for the first stitch on the top corner and then saddle stitch down towards the bottom corner. (Figure 1) **See Level Up Your Skills on page 6 for Details on How to Edge Lock Stitch and Saddle Stitch.**
4. The rounded corners will be the toughest area to stitch. Take your time. The corners won't align perfectly, but can be sanded later (Figures 2-3)
5. At the end of the bag, perform another edge lock stitch and trim excess thread.
6. Repeat steps 2-5 for the other Gusset (B).

Figure 1



Figure 2

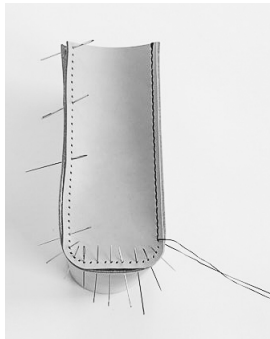


Figure 3



Figure 4



OPTIONAL: FINISHING THE EDGES

7. Use a Emery Board or a small piece of fine grit sandpaper to sand the corners of the bag until the edges are even. (Figure 5) **Pro Tip: Apply a few layers of gum tragacanth onto raw edges, let dry and burnish with a wood slicker. Repeat until smooth.**

Figure 5



CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'VE MADE A MINI CALICO CLUTCH!



* Images are for constructions purposes only. Colors may vary.

LEVEL UP YOUR SKILLS WITH TANDY

HOW TO THREAD YOUR NEEDLES:

1. Cut your thread to 5 times the length of the seam you are sewing and feed one end through the eye of one needle, moving over to the opposite end of the thread. Repeat step 1 for the second needle. (Figure 1)
2. Take the point of your needle and push it through the longer portion of the thread. Once the needle is all the way through, give a gentle tug to lock thread into place. (Figure 2)
3. Repeat Step 2 with the second needle. There should now be a knot behind both needles to secure the thread in place as you are stitching. (Figure 3)

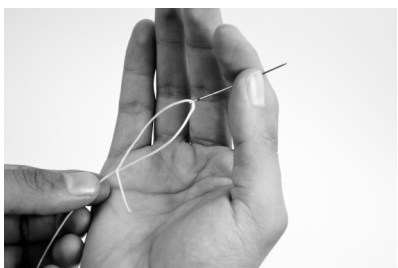
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Figure 2



Figure 3



HOW TO EDGE LOCK STITCH:

An edge lock stitch joins two separate pieces of material over a flat edge to prevent unravelling and can be used at the start or end of a saddle stitch.

1. Insert one of the threaded needles through the first hole. Pull the needle through until there are equal lengths of thread on either side.
2. Take one of the needles and make a loop that goes around the outside edge of leather. Insert the opposing needle through the opposite side to close the loop. (Figure 1)
3. Resume saddle stitching as normal. (Figure 2)
4. To finish with an edge lock stitch, reverse your needles and place them back through the last stitch hole. Making a loop that goes around the outside edge of leather.
5. Another example of an edge lock stitch can be used when all edges are flush and the thread loop goes around the outside edge of all layers of leather. (Figure 3)

Figure 1



Figure 2

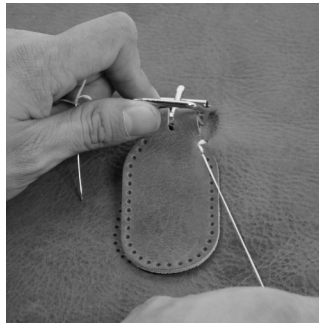
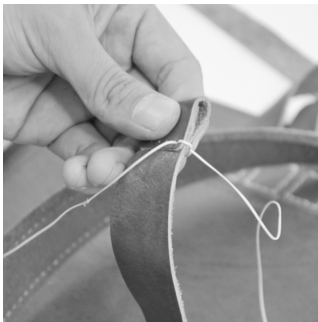


Figure 3



HOW TO SADDLE STITCH:

The saddle stitch is a strong stitch that is made up of two independent stitches that lock together. This allows the stitches to hold even if a stitch is broken.

1. Thread your needles with a length of thread that is 5x the length of the line you are stitching. *Tip: Use a Stitching Horse to secure your pieces in place and allow for easier sewing*

2. Holding one threaded needle in each hand, begin saddle stitching by inserting one needle into the first hole of your stitching line. Pull the needle and thread through the hole until you have equal lengths of thread on either side. (Figure 1)

3. With one needle in each hand, begin weaving the needles through the next stitch hole, one needle at a time. It is important to be consistent with your motions, always starting each stitch with the same hand. *We will start with the left-hand needle for each stitch for these instructions.* Push the left needle through next hole in your stitch line.

4. Once the left needle is through the hole, insert your right-hand needle through the same hole, being sure to pull the left thread back to avoid piercing it with the right needle. Pull the thread from both needles all the way through the hole and give the thread a gentle tug to tighten up the stitches. (Figure 2)

Optional: If your stitch holes are large enough, you can insert your needles in the same hole at the same time. Cross your needles into an "X" as you push them through the hole. Be sure to always place the same side needle on the top and bottom for each stitch, then pull the needles through and tighten up the thread with a gentle tug.

5. Repeat Steps 3-4 until you reach the end of your stitch line, starting with the same side needle for each stitch. Be sure to give the thread a light tug at the end of each stitch to keep even tension.

Figure 1

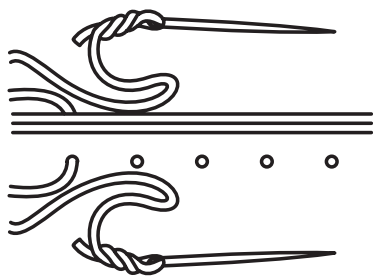
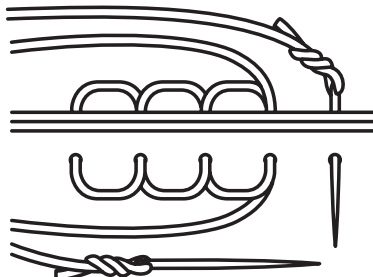


Figure 2





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