

LEVEL

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# PAXTON MESSENGER KIT

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## KIT CONTAINS:

Pre-Cut, Pre-Punched Leather  
Button Studs (2)  
Open Back Screw Posts (6)  
Instructions & Pattern



French and Spanish  
Instructions available  
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## YOU WILL NEED:

• Medium Flathead Screwdriver

## LEVEL UP YOUR SKILLS WITH TANDY

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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, DYING, AND TOOLING SHOULD BE DONE PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY

**WHAT'S INCLUDED?**

- Main Body (A)
- Flap (B)
- Weaving Strap (C)
- Retention Strap (D)
- Shoulder Strap (E)
- Shoulder Pad (F)
- Top Handle (G)
- Pre-Constructed Keepers (H)
- Button Studs (I)
- Open Back Screw Posts (J)

**Not Shown:**  
Instructions & Pattern

**SKILLS USED:**

Hardware Installation

**RECOMMENDED TOOLS:**

- Loctite® Threadlocker\* to secure hardware
- Edge Beveler (Size #1) for edge finishing.
- Multi-size Wood Slicker to burnish edges.
- Gum Tragacanth for burnishing edges.

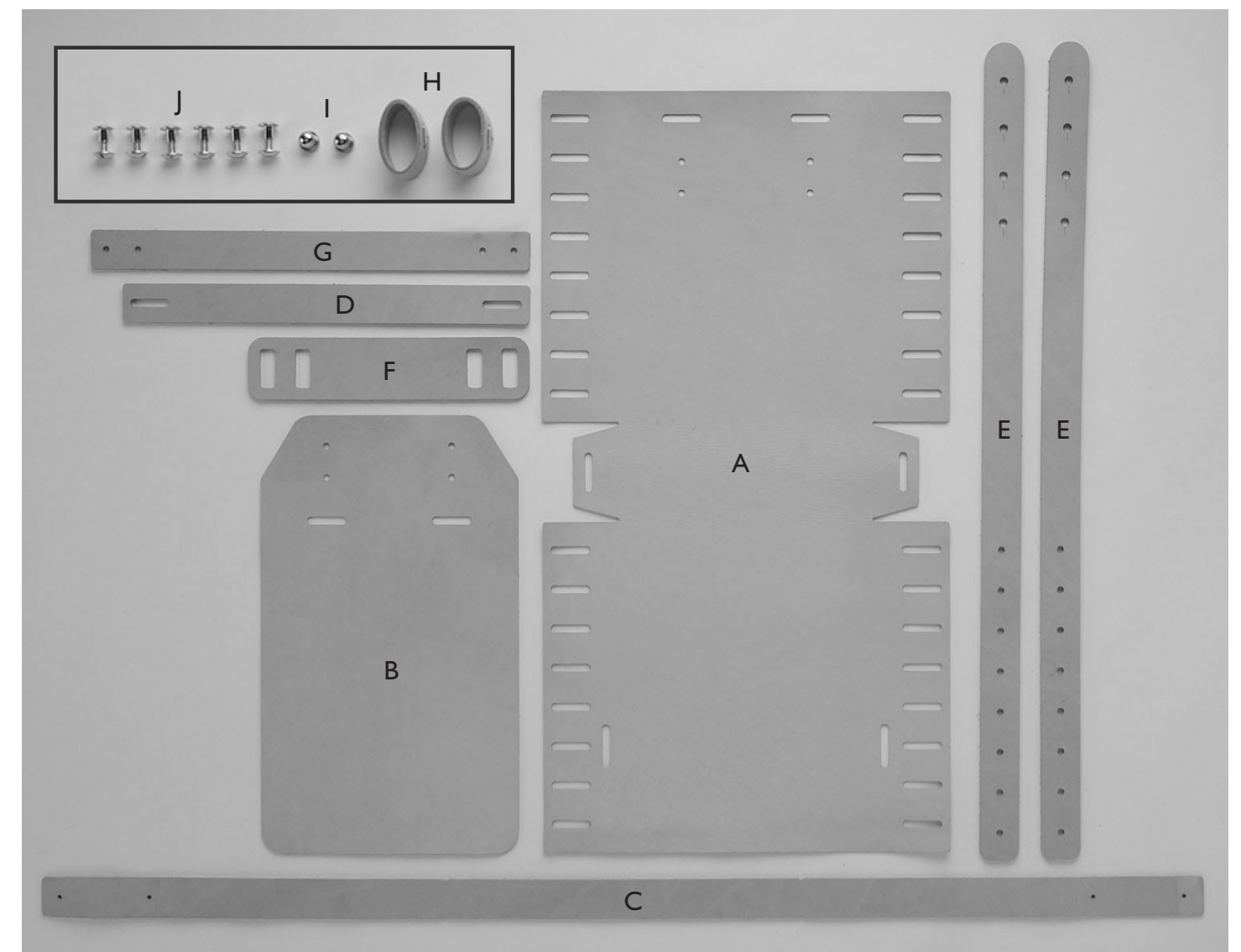
**GLOSSARY:**

**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.



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**WARNING:**  
CHOKING HAZARD - Small parts. not for children under 3 years.

## ATTACHING TOP HANDLE TO FLAP & MAIN BODY

1. Insert Top Handle (G) through the oblong punch holes of Flap (B). Grain side should be facing up for both pattern pieces. (Figures 1 & 2)
2. Locate Main Body (A) and insert the Top Handle (G) through the grain side of the oblong slots located above the four punch holes. The Handle (G) should now be threaded through the Main Body (A) and the Flap (B). (Figure 3)
3. Align punch holes to secure one side of the Top Handle (G). Insert the Open Back Screw Posts (J) through the Main Body (A) and Top Handle (G). Then insert cap through Flap (B) and tightly secure with a flathead screwdriver. Repeat for second hole. (Figures 4-5)
4. Repeat to secure the opposing side.

Figure 1



Figure 2

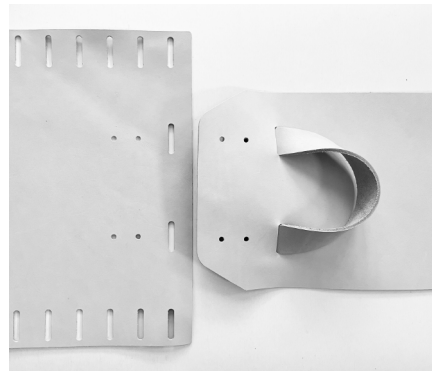


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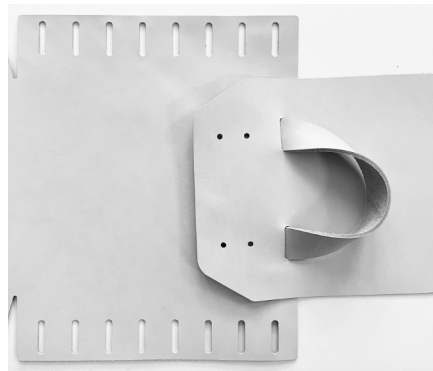


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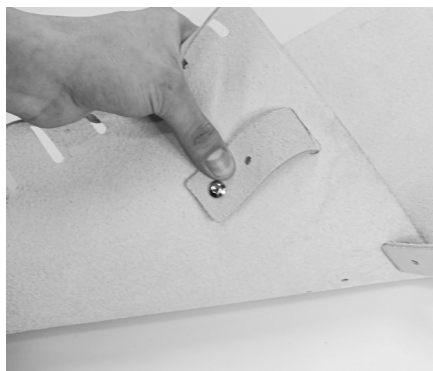


Figure 5



## ASSEMBLING THE GUSSET WITH WEAVING STRAP

5. Locate Weaving Strap (C), and assembled piece from the last section.
6. Gently fold Main Body (A) in half so that the flesh sides face one another. Begin to align the oblong punches from the center (the base of the bag) and each side of the gusset. (Figure 6 & 7)
7. Be sure that the front of the Main Body (A) covers/ overlaps the back panel. The Top Handle (G) side represents the back panel. Also see that the middle tab is positioned to the inside of the bag. (Figures 6 & 7)

Figure 6



Figure 7



8. Insert Weaving Strap (C) into the oblong hole closest to the bottom so all three layers are secured. The grain side of the Weaving Strap (C) should be exposed. (Figure 8)
9. Pull Weaving Strap (C) through the first hole and up through the second (leave about 24" out). (Figure 9)
10. Continue this process of weaving in and out until you get to the perpendicular oblong punch (three holes remaining). (Figure 10)

Figure 8



Figure 9

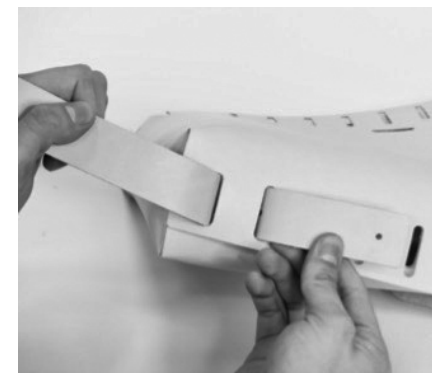
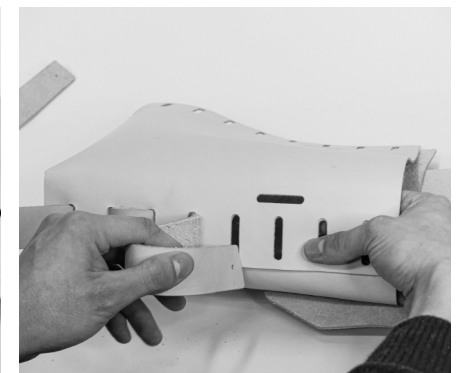


Figure 10



11. Insert the Retention Strap (D) through the perpendicular oblong hole in front of the bag. (Figure 11)

12. The goal is to capture and secure the Retention Strap (D) as you weave through the sixth hole. (Figures 12-13)

Figure 11

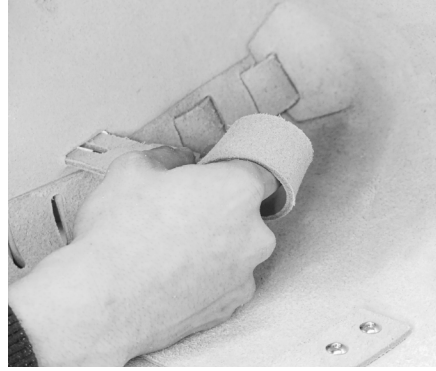


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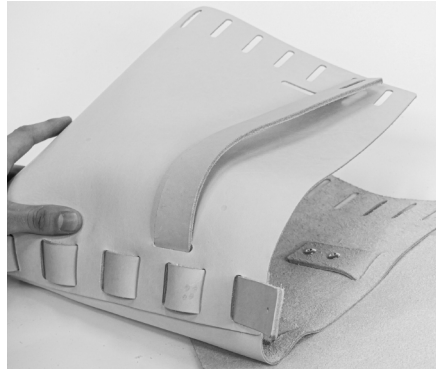
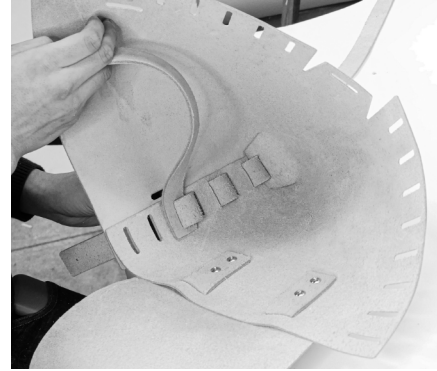


Figure 13



13. Continue weaving until the strap end hangs out of the last hole on top of the bag. (Figure 14)

14. Repeat weaving on the other side of the bag. Ensure the Weaving Strap (C) is even and fully aligned on both sides. (Figures 15 & 16)

Figure 14

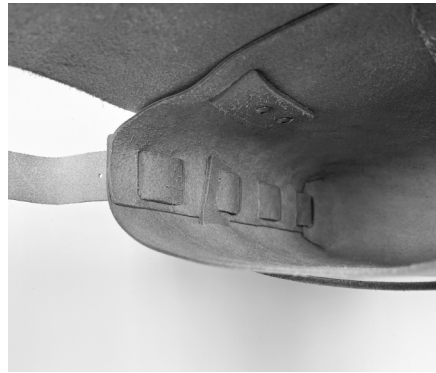


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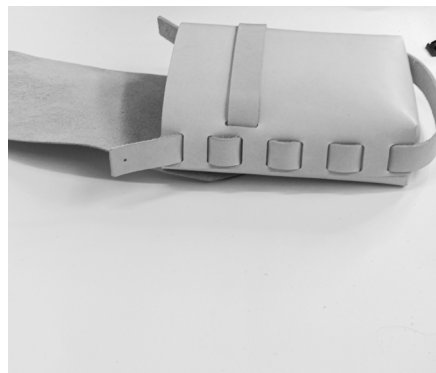


Figure 16



## ATTACHING KEEPERS & STUDS

15. Next, take one of the pre-constructed Keepers (H) and insert it over Weaving strap (C). Be sure the staple is facing inward. (Figure 17)

16. Fold the Weaving Strap (C) over the Keeper (H) and align the punch holes. Insert the Button Stud (I) through the two pre-punched holes and secure with flathead screwdriver. (Figures 18-19) Repeat on the opposite side. **Pro Tip: Use Loctite® threadlocker to secure them over time. (Figure 20)**

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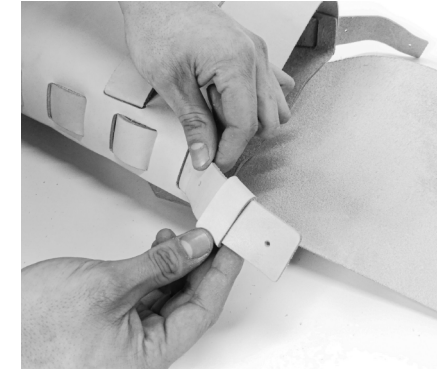


Figure 18



Figure 19



Figure 20



## ATTACHING SHOULDER PAD & STRAP

17. Next, locate the Shoulder Straps (E) and Shoulder Pad (F). (Figure 21)

18. Using one Shoulder Strap (E), insert the side with the eight punch holes through the first slot on the Shoulder Pad (F) and up through the second slot hole. Be sure the grain side is exposed or facing out. (Figure 22)

19. Pull the Shoulder Strap (E) across the Shoulder Pad (F) and down through the first opposite slot and up through the second/ last slot. (Figures 23 & 24)

20. Locate the other Shoulder Strap (E).

21. Start from the opposite side of Shoulder Pad (F). Insert the side of Shoulder Strap (E) with the eight punch holes on top of the first strap. It should go through the first slot and up through the second slot. This may be tricky and tight, but both straps will fit snug and secure. (Figure 25)

22. Pull the Shoulder Strap (E) towards the opposite slot holes. (Figure 26)

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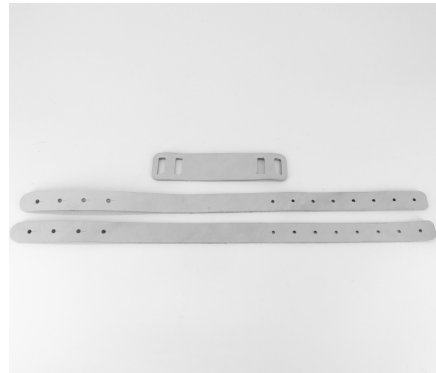


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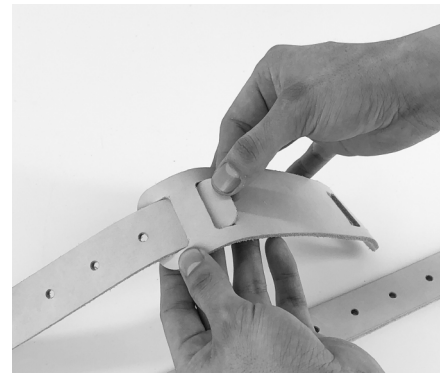


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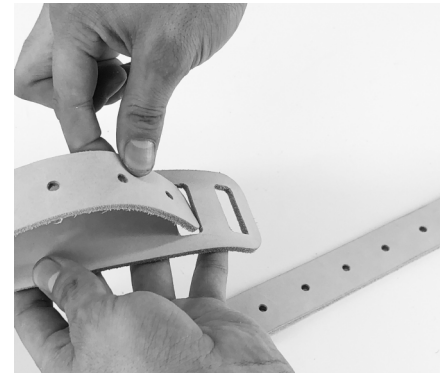


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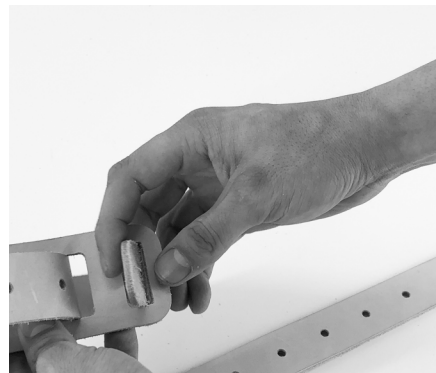
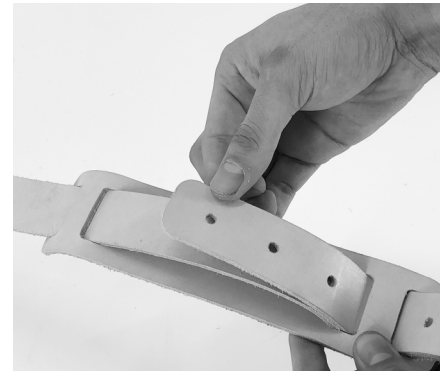


Figure 25



Figure 26



23. Align the holes of the straps to your desired length and be sure the straps are even.

24. Locate the last two sets of Open Back Screw Posts (J). Starting from the inside of the straps, push the post through both holes, and secure with a flathead screwdriver. Repeat with the other set of open back screw posts. (Figures 27-30)

**Pro Tip: We suggest applying the thread locker before you assemble the screw posts. (Figure 31)**

Figure 27

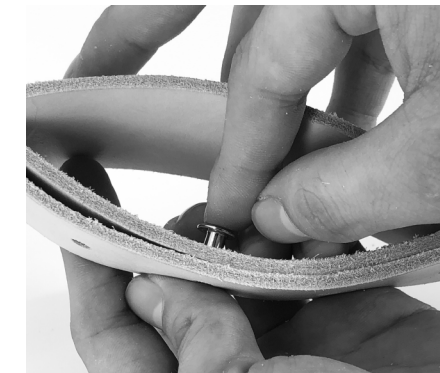


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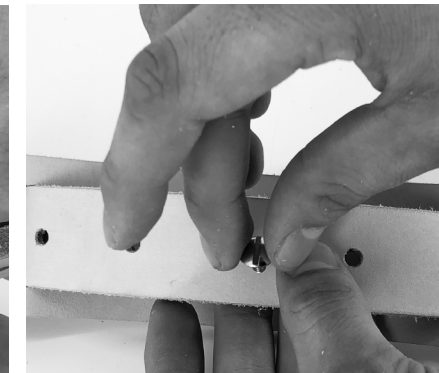


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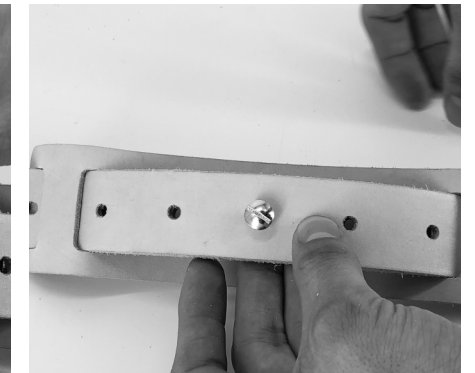


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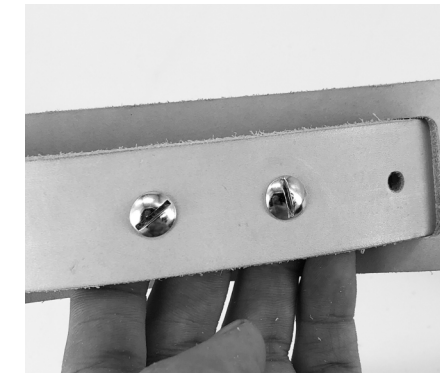


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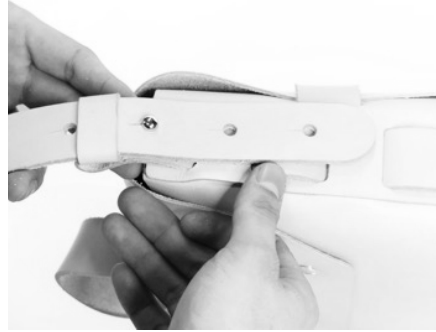
## ATTACHING SHOULDER STRAP TO BODY

25. Slide each end of the Shoulder Strap (E) through Keepers (H) on the Main Body (A). Identify desired length and firmly press strap punch holes over the Button Studs (I). (Figure 32-33)

Figure 32



Figure 33



## CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'VE MADE A PAXTON MESSENGER!



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