

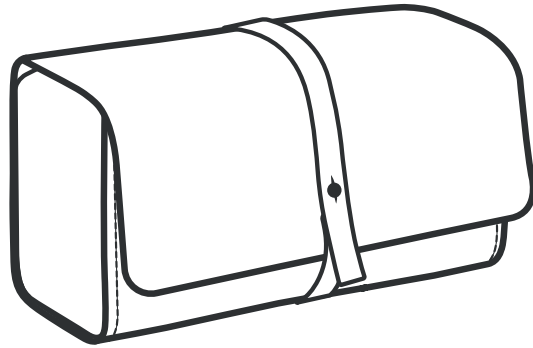
TACOMA DOPP KIT

LEVEL

2

KIT CONTAINS

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



BEFORE YOU BEGIN, YOU WILL NEED:

- Flathead Screwdriver
- Thread Cutter or Scissors

⚠ CAUTION

CUT HAZARD: Functional sharp points. **CHOKING HAZARD:** Small parts.
Keep out of reach of children.

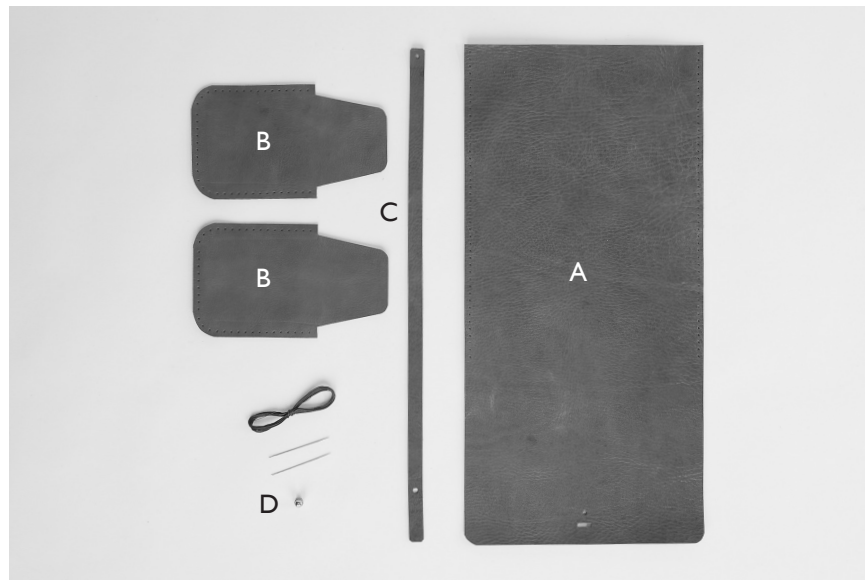
PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING PROJECT.

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Bag Body (A)
- Gussets (B)
- Strap Closure (C)
- Button Stud (D)
- Needles & Thread

Not Shown:
Instructions & Pattern



SKILLS USED:

- Edge Lock Stitch
- Saddle Stitch
- Backstitch
- Hardware Installation

RECOMMENDED TOOLS:

- Binder Clips or Preferred Adhesive to secure leather pieces.
- Stitching Horse to hold leather pieces while stitching.
- Scratch Awl to widen stitch holes.
- Loctite® Threadlocker to secure hardware.

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.

ATTACHING GUSSETS

1. Align the grain side of one of the Gussets (B) to the flesh side of the Main Body (A). (Figure 1)
2. Cut thread 5 times the length of total stitch line, and thread both ends with harness needles. **See Level Up Your Skills starting on page 9 for detailed instructions on How to Thread a Needle.**
3. Perform an edge lock stitch in the top corner. Then saddle stitch down to the bottom corner. (Figures 2-3) **See Level Up Your Skills starting on page 9 for detailed instructions on How to Edge Lock Stitch and Saddle Stitch.**

Figure 1

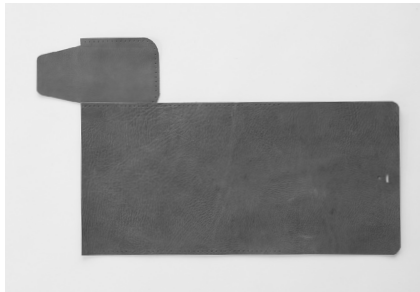


Figure 2



Figure 3



NOTE: The corners can be difficult to stitch. Ensure the threads stay taut for nice crisp corners.

4. Carefully begin to fold the Main Body (A) around Gusset (B). Continue to saddle stitch until all three sides are formed. (Figures 4-7)
5. Perform an edge lock stitch, then backstitch 2-3 stitches to secure. Trim thread. (Figures 8-9) **See Level Up Your Skills starting on page 9 for detailed instructions on How to Backstitch.**

Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9



6. Repeat steps 2-5 with the other Gusset (B). (Figures 10-14)

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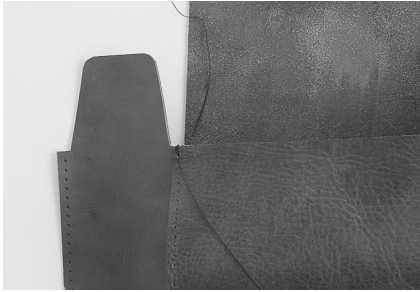


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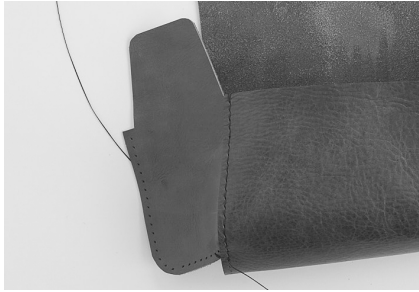


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Figure 13



Figure 14



ATTACHING THE STRAP CLOSURE

7. Take Strap Closure (C) and place the end with the punched hole through the small rectangular cut-out on the Bag body (A). Match the two punch holes. (Figures 15-16)

8. Take the screw of the Button Stud (D) and place it through the hole from the flesh side of the Main Body (A). Screw the button stud on. (Figures 17-18) **Pro Tip: Use Loctite® Threadlocker (found at most hardware stores) to secure Button Stud (D).**

9. Fold the Gusset (B) flaps in, wrap the Strap (C) around the bag, and fold the flap over to close. (Figure 19)

Figure 15

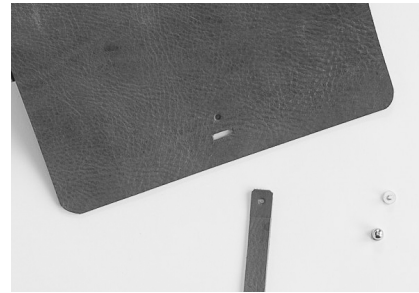


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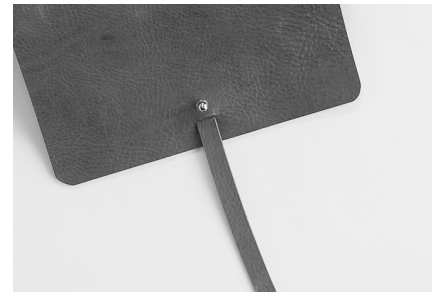


Figure 19



**CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'VE MADE A
TACOMA DOPP KIT!**



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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)

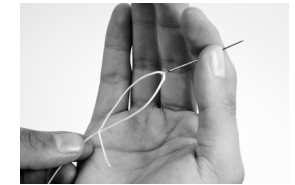
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Figure 3



HOW TO BACKSTITCH

1. When you reach the final hole in your stitch line, reverse the direction of your needles and saddle stitch back through the last 2-3 holes in your line. If your stitch line meets back where the line began, you can simply saddle stitch over your first 2-3 stitches without reversing the direction of your needles to lock them in. *Tip: It may be tighter to get the needles through the holes that have already been stitched, you can use a pair of needle nose pliers to help pull the needles through if needed.* (Figures 1-3)
2. To finish, pull the remaining thread to the less visible side of your work. Snip off the excess then tuck it into the last hole.

Figure 1

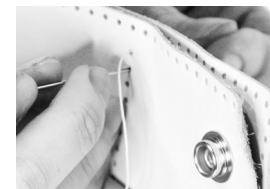
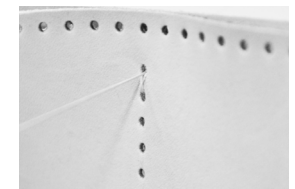


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Figure 3



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 needle and make a loop that goes around the outside edge of leather. Insert 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 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

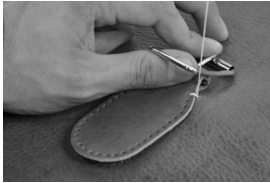


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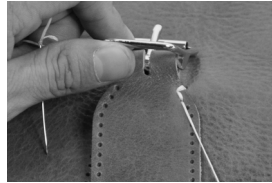


Figure 3



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

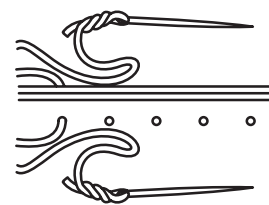
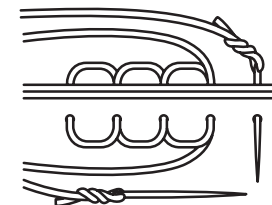


Figure 2



LEVEL UP YOUR SKILLS WITH TANDY

<p>LEVEL</p> <p>1</p>	<p>LEVEL</p> <p>2</p>
<p>Includes basic project assembly skills with no hand-sewing or hardware setting required.</p>	<p>Introduces skills like hand-sewing with pre-punched stitching holes, hardware setting, and edge burnishing.</p>
<p>LEVEL</p> <p>3</p>	<p>LEVEL</p> <p>4</p>
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