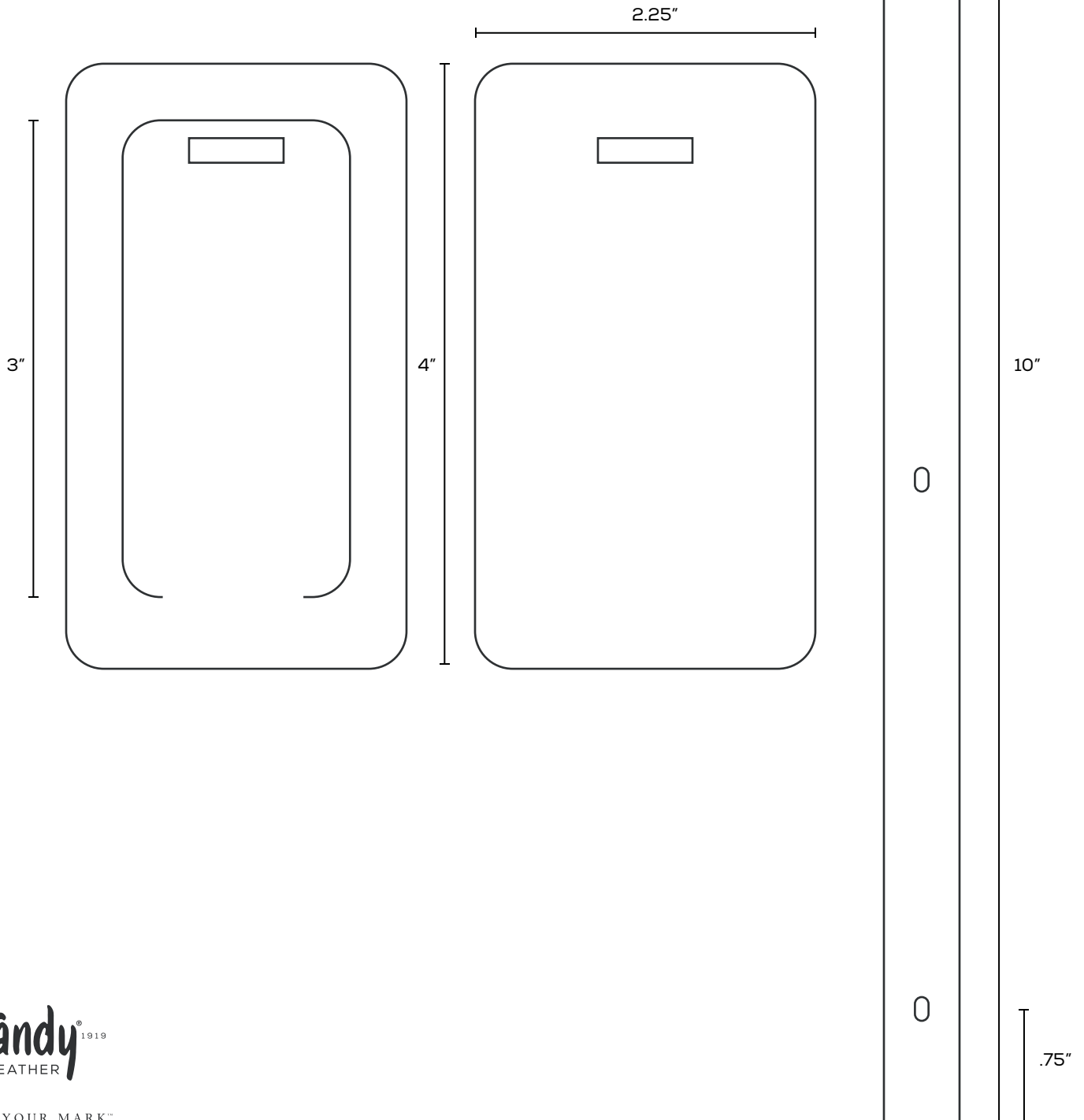


# GIFT IDEA #11

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**PATTERN** 



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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut out the pattern on heavy paper or cardboard. Cut out pattern on card stock or cardboard. Place pattern on leather and trace around it. Remove pattern and cut leather.
2. Use No. 0 punch to round ends of the strap slot. Cut between holes with the craft knife.
3. Cover flesh sides with masking tape to prevent stretching while tooling. Dampen leather with sponge on grain side and allow surface moisture to evaporate until leather returns to its natural color.
4. Transfer tooling design to tracing film making sure no lines are omitted.
5. Center tracing of the tooling pattern on damp leather. Transfer design to leather using stylus. Push just hard enough to make a clear impression.
6. Before removing tracing film, lift one corner at a time and check to ensure no lines have been omitted.
7. After design has been transferred, use sponge to moisten grain side of leather. Leather must be almost wet for cutting the design.
8. Cut design with swivel knife. Ensure swivel knife blade is sharp. — a dull blade can drag as you cut the leather. Strop blade often on a leather strap impregnated with jewelers rouge.
9. Tool design as desired.
10. Use filigree blade to cut line opening for window. Do not cut all the way through. Use craft knife to finish cut after finishing tooling.
11. Use the spoon modeling tool to smooth and add roundness to beveled edges.
12. Stamp leather and allow to dry.  
Next step: Color tags as desired then apply finish of choice to seal pores of the leather.
13. Cement the three edges of flesh sides of both tag pieces together. Set adjustable groover to 1/8" and run a stitching groove around the three edges.
14. Mark stitching holes with #6-overstitch wheel inside stitching groove.
15. Punch holes for stitching with diamond-bladed awl.
16. Place tag in stitching pony and saddle stitch together with needle and waxed thread. Trim excess thread.
17. Mix edge coating (2 parts Cova Color of choice and 1 part Super Shene) and apply with small wood dauber.
18. Set strap cutter at 1/2" and cut strap. Trim ends according to pattern.
19. Punch hole using No 0 punch and cut two slots as shown.
20. Place a thin piece of clear plastic over card area (overhead projector film works great).
21. Place strap with flesh side up in a 1/2" strap buckle. Insert flat end of strap through slot in tag and fasten the strap to buckle. To hold tag to luggage or gift, place tapered end of strap through buckle.

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