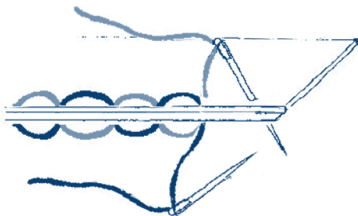


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HAND SEWING LEATHER

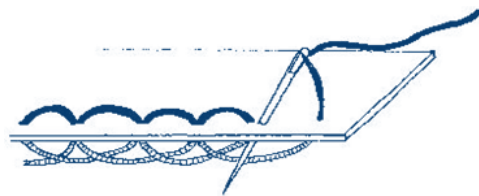
saddle stitch

Saddle stitching uses two needles (blunt ended) and gives a neat stitch that looks the same from each side.



back stitch

Back stitching uses one needle (blunt ended) and gives a neat stitch one side and an overlap stitch on the reverse.



tools

Guide line - wing dividers or an adjustable groover.

Holes - an awl, stitching chisel (diamond hole) or drive punch (round hole).
When using an awl, a marker wheel is used to get even stitch holes.

A stitching pony to hold the leather.

Needles used are typically blunt ended. For fine leathers, use a needle with a sharp diamond tip, to pierce and stitch.

threads

The thickness of the thread and stitch length govern aesthetics and functionality. The smaller the item, usually the smaller the stitch length and finer the thread.

Threads for hand stitching can be pre-waxed to enable the stitch to be pulled tight as well as preserving the thread.

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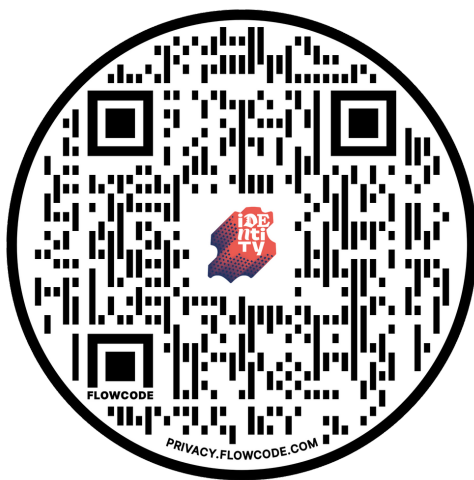
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