



Leather Stockings

What You Need: Stocking Kit (includes pre-cut stocking main body, cuff and tab, Ritza Tiger Thread and 2 Needles)

[Maul](#)

[Stitching Chisels](#)

If making the stocking with your own leather you will also need:

[Thread](#)

[Needles](#)

[Scissors](#)

[Scratch awl](#)

Pattern (downloadable patterns below)

[Stocking](#)

[Cuff](#)

[Tab](#)

Step-by-Step Instructions (with pictures):

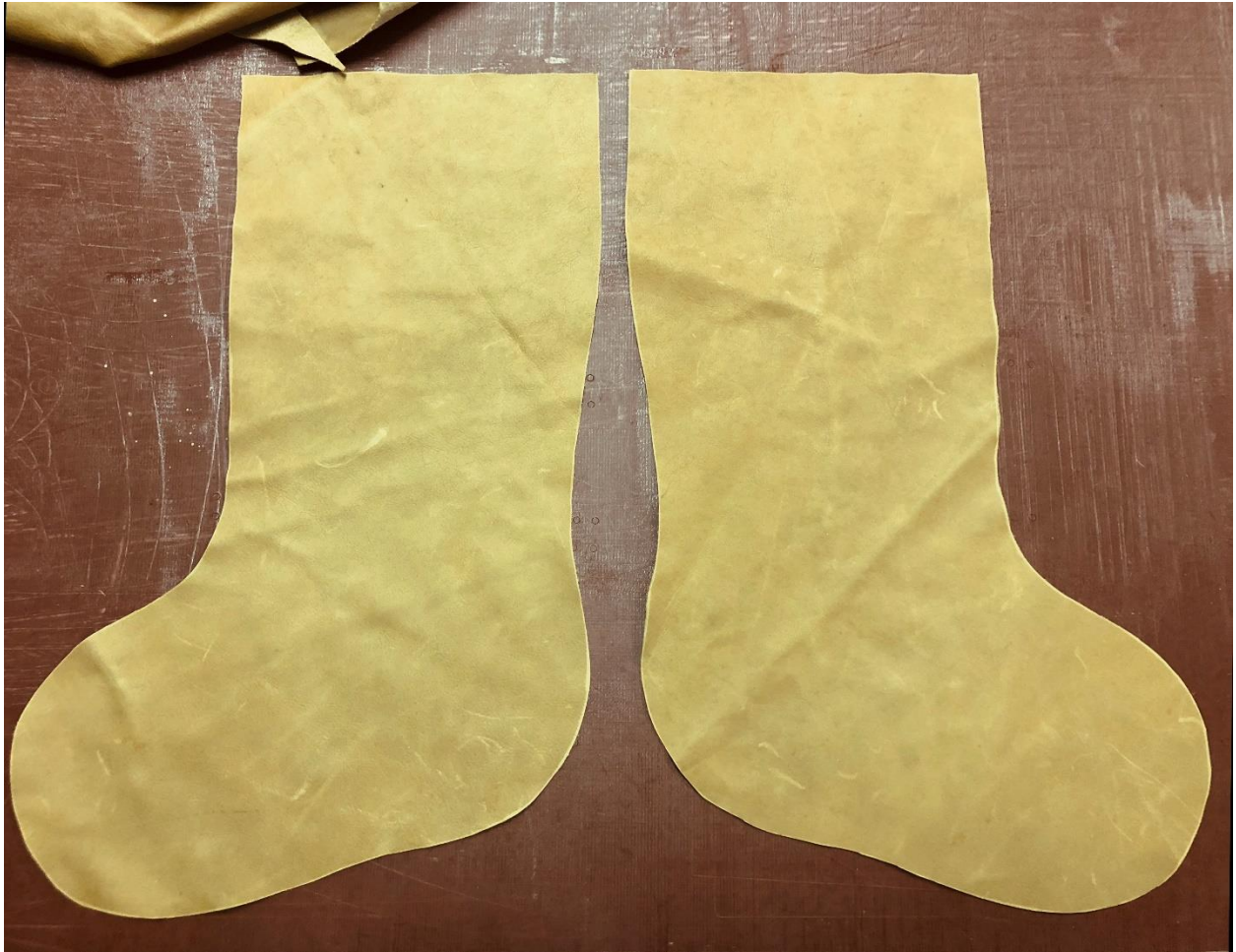
Step 1: *Mark and cut out the leather stocking and tab



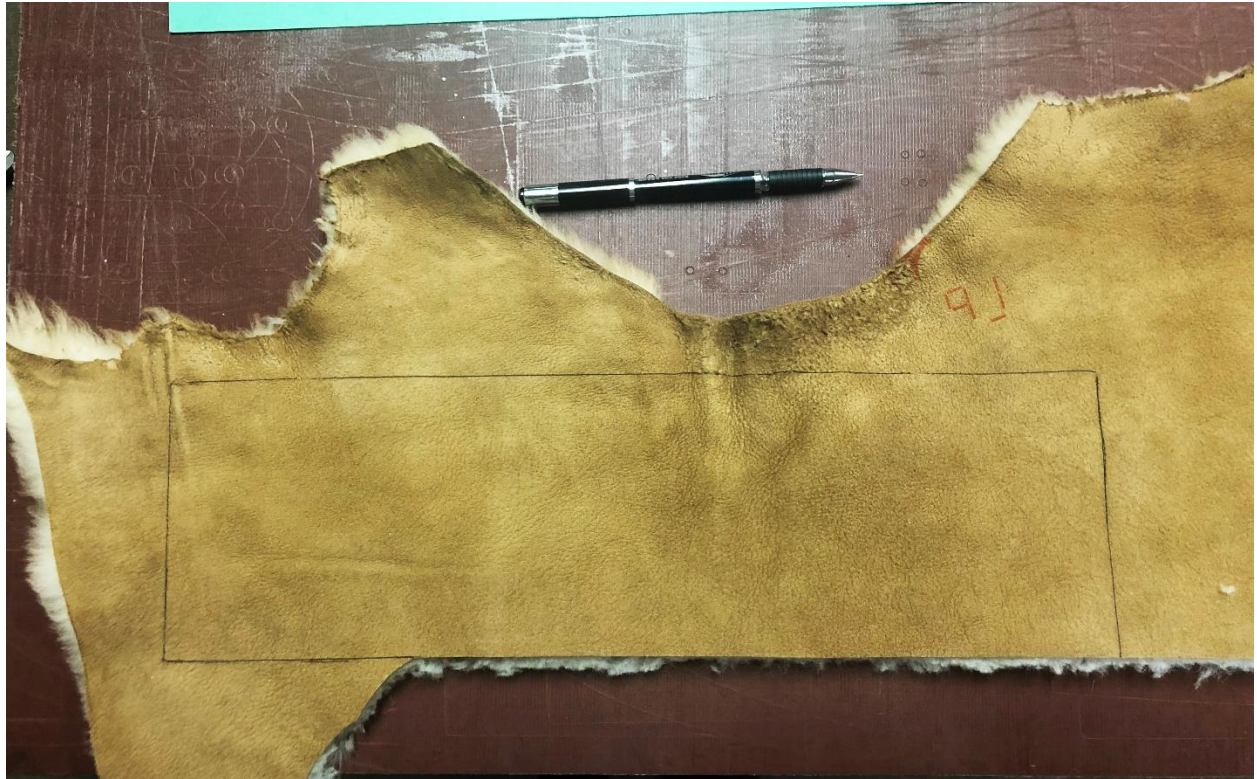
Print out the free downloadable pattern or use an old stocking as a pattern.

I used a scratch awl to mark the pattern onto my leather. If a scratch awl does not work on the leather you are using you can use a pen or marker. I was able to use leather scissors to cut out all the patterns but use whatever you are comfortable with.

***Important note-** you'll have to mark one side of the stocking and then flip the pattern over to mark the other side, otherwise you'll have one side grain out and one side flesh out when you go to sew.



Step 2: Mark and cut out the shearling cuff



I used scissors to cut the shearling also.

Step 3: Stitch together your stocking main body

If you are using a sewing machine go ahead and sew the stocking together.



If you're hand stitching, use a stitching chisel (I used 5 mm on the whole stocking), punch your stitch holes, and then sew the stocking together using a saddle stitch, leaving about an 1/8" margin. You can do the stitching in sections or if you're impatient like me, use a very long piece of thread 😊 You'll need three times the length of the area you are stitching. If you have questions on how a saddle stitch looks, check out this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPHJcOrRCc> starting at 9:26.



Step 4: Sew the cuff

Take the cuff of your stocking and fold it in half so the shearling is facing in. Sew the two short sides together leaving a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. If hand sewing, mark a $\frac{1}{2}$ " stitching line, punch with the stitching chisel, and sew with a saddle stitch.

Sewing Machine:



Hand Sewing:



After stitching, I used a scissor and trimmed the shearling around the top of the seam so it's easier to see the stitch holes when we get to the next step



Step 5: This step is for hand stitching only. Punch your stitching holes along the top of the stocking, the shearling and the tab



Step 6: Sew the cuff and tab to your stocking

This is going to be the trickiest part of sewing the stocking together. Leave the stocking inside out and wrap the cuff around the top of the stocking (shearling facing in). Make sure the seam of the shearling is at the back seam of the stocking. Fold the stocking tab in half and sandwich between the cuff and the stocking, grain side out. I put my tab right at the seam but if you want the tab a little more towards the back go for it. If you feel more comfortable gluing the pieces together before stitching you certainly can. Start sewing at the seam where your tab is layered in and sew all the way around the stocking. If there is extra shearling just sew a small tuck in as you finish the last stitches, you won't be able to see this once the stocking is turned right side out.



If you're hand stitching, getting the needle through all three layers can be a little bit frustrating but there's only about three stitches for the tab and once you get past that it's a breeze. I used a saddle stitch on all parts so the thread wouldn't peek through when I turned it right side out.





I had a little bit of extra shearling when came back around to my starting point, so I just sewed a tuck in and when I turned the stocking out it was not noticeable.



Step 7: Turn your stocking right side out

Start by folding down the top of the stocking once and then push up the toe and heel part of the stocking. Once the stocking is right side out, fold down the cuff and you're all done. The stocking is complete!



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