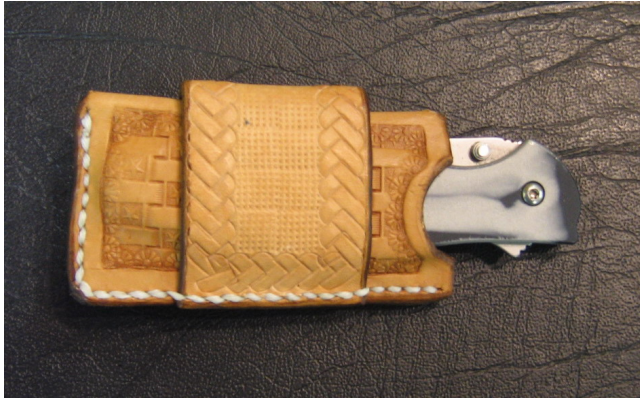


Guild Project - Horizontal Knife Holster



This month's project is a unique horizontal knife holster presented by Sam C. Your knife or tool fits easily in the pouch, but once it is attached to your belt, the additional thickness of your belt helps hold the knife in place. The holster is the same on both sides making it reversible to mount on either side of your body.

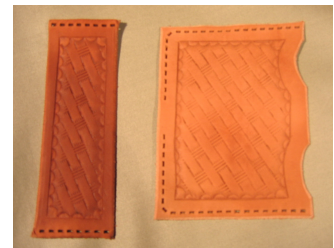
It consists of two rectangles of leather. These dimensions may differ depending on your knife or tool, but for this project we used one rectangle at 3"w x 4"h for the

main part of the knife holster, which is then folded on the 4" side to make an over all pouch of about 3"w x 2"h. The second rectangle, the belt loop, sized at 1.5"w x 4.5"h.

From playing with this project a little, it seems you can or may need to adjust your main rectangle size accordingly to your knife size, but for the second rectangle, 1.5" is a good width for the belt loop and then just adding a half inch to the folded part of your main rectangle will give you a nice snug grip on your knife once it is on your belt.

While leather glue or contact cement might work to hold the pieces together, since we are relying on pressure from the belt to help hold the knife in place, it might be a better idea to stitch or lace the edges to give it additional strength. In this example, I am choosing to lace the edge.

1. Using the example pattern below, cut out your two rectangles of leather. Adding the notches is not necessary, but depending on how deeply your knife sits in the holster, it might help you access it better.



2. I marked the area that might be a good tooling area. Remember this holster is reversible, so if you are going to tool or stamp, do it so both sides will look nice. These areas are just suggestions, of course, and whatever tooling you do is up to you.

3. Also on the pattern I made suggested lines for stitching designated by the dashed line. If you are pre-punching your holes, now might be a good time to do it. Notice that the stitching line does not go all the way along the long side of the holster piece. This is because when you fold it, there will be a little gap or loop at the fold that you probably don't want to have to stitch or lace.



4. Next you need to go ahead and stain/dye and seal the piece according to the directions of whichever process you are using.

5. Finally, once the piece is dry, finish up your stitching/lacing and you are good to go...except through the airport, of course.

Pattern Example (not to scale)

