LEATHER PATTERN PACK No. 8

BUSINESS CARD CASE

Front, back and flap with a snap, hand stitched on three sides

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Finished size	3 7/8 x 2 1/2 in closed (98 x 64 mm)
Leather	3-4 oz (1.2-1.6 mm) vegetable-tanned
Holds	Standard US 3.5 x 2 in business cards; capacity depends on the card stock
Skill level	Beginner
Paper	US Letter or A4, printed at 100%

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Build guide with photos and video: marcellinony.com/leather-business-card-case-pattern/

Materials, Tools and Print Check

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MATERIALS

- Leather: 3-4 oz vegetable-tanned. Back with flap 3 7/8 x 3 3/4 in, front 3 7/8 x 2 1/4 in. A 6 x 8 in piece is enough.
- Hardware: one Line 20 or Line 24 snap; a 1 in disc of 2 oz leather to back the stud.
- Thread: 0.8 mm waxed polyester or linen thread, 24 in. Glue, edge dye (optional), burnishing gum.

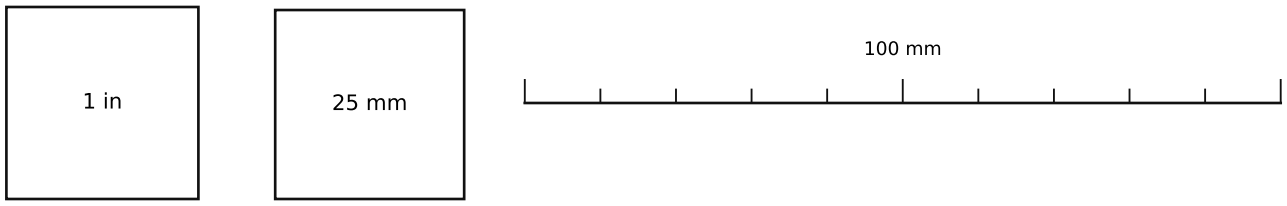
TOOLS

- Diamond stitching chisel, 3 mm pitch (2-prong and 4-prong)
- Snap setter and mallet; hole punch to suit the snap post
- Two harness needles
- Knife, steel ruler, cutting mat
- Slicker, sandpaper, edge beveler
- Poly cutting board

WHERE THE DIMENSIONS COME FROM

- US business cards are 3.5 x 2 in. shopify.com/blog/business-card-dimensions
- Inner width is 3 7/8 in minus 1/8 in stitch margins each side = 3 5/8 in, leaving 1/8 in each side around a 3.5 in card.
- Front is shorter than the back so the top card edge shows; thumb notch is 1 1/4 in wide and 9/32 in deep.
- A published card case of this layout uses a back panel with a flap and a closure; see Instructables, instructables.com/Leather-Business-Card-Case/
- Flap length, snap position and notch are a Marcellino NY design. Cut a paper version first and check that the flap reaches the stud.

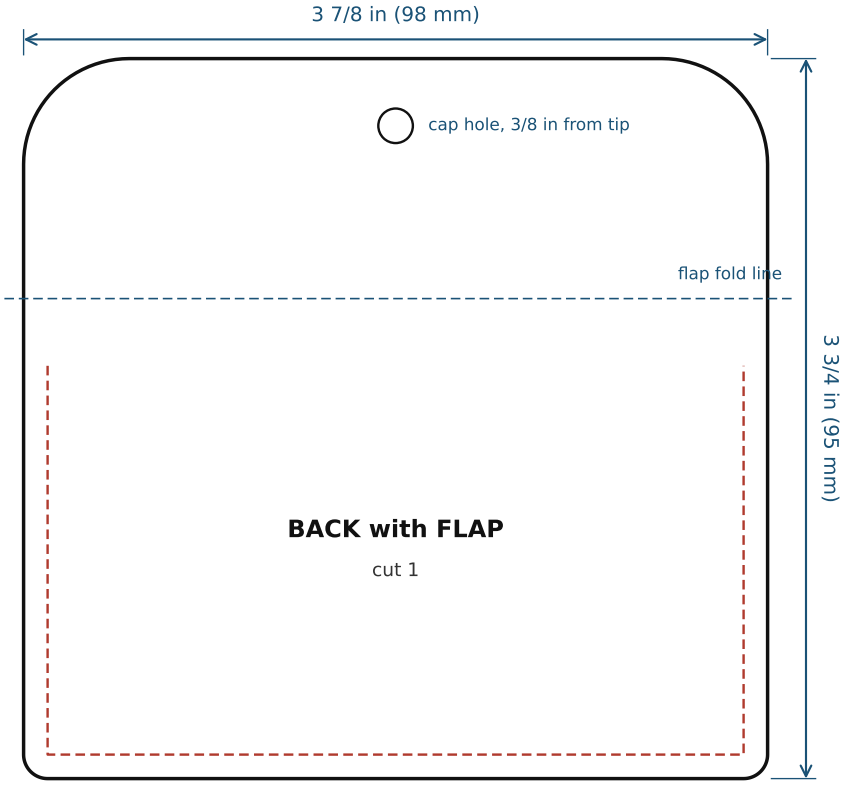
PRINT CHECK (print every page at 100% / Actual Size)

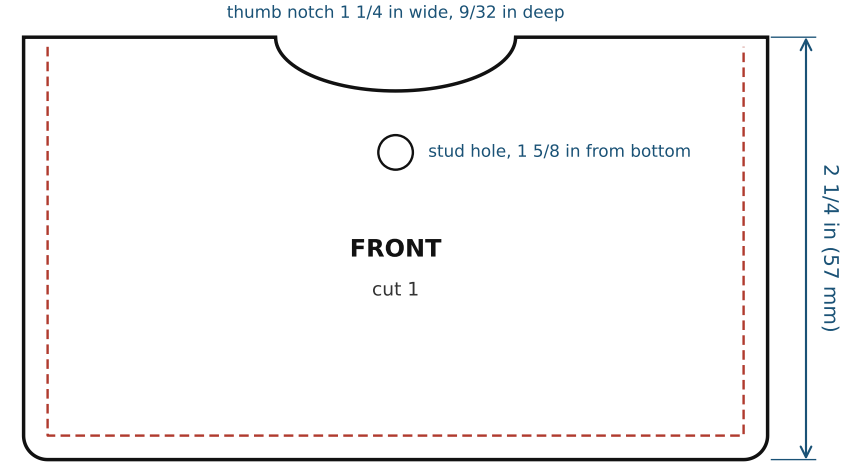


Measure the squares and the bar with a ruler before cutting anything. They must read 1 in, 25 mm and 100 mm. If they do not, switch off 'Fit to page' or 'Shrink to fit' in the print dialog and print again. Printer margins vary; keep pattern pieces inside the printed area. Content on every page sits within 0.5 in of the edge of Letter paper.

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Cut 1 back with flap and 1 front, 3-4 oz. Stitch left, bottom and right. The top stays open.





SPECIFICATIONS

Cards

US business cards, 3.5 x 2 in.
Inner width 3 5/8 in.

Stitch

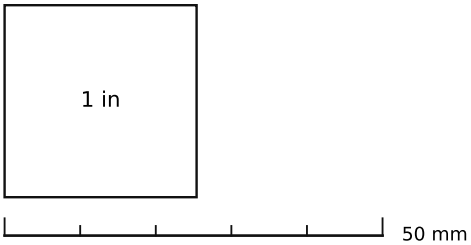
3 mm chisel, 1/8 in from the edge.
Stop at the top of the front.

Snap

Back the stud with a 1 in disc of 2 oz leather glued inside the front.

Finished

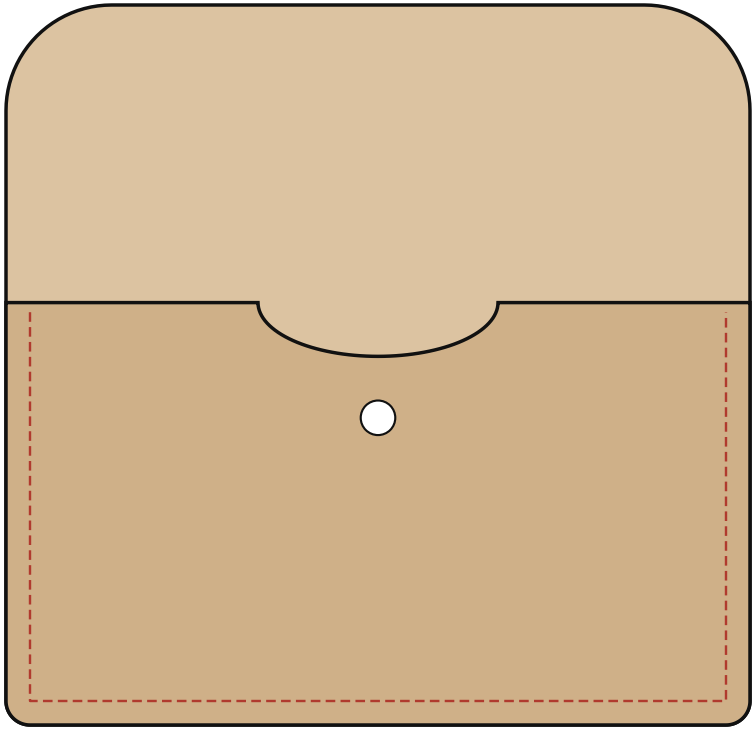
3 7/8 x 2 1/2 in closed.



SCALE CHECK: the square must measure 1 in and the bar 50 mm. If not, reprint at 'Actual size'.

Assembly Diagram

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Open case: front over back. The flap folds over the front to the stud.

Assembly Instructions

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1. Print every page at 100%. Confirm the scale square on page 2. Cut paper copies and test with a stack of your own cards.
2. Cut the back with flap (3 7/8 x 3 3/4 in) and the front (3 7/8 x 2 1/4 in) from 3-4 oz leather. Round the corners with the radii shown; the flap tip is a 9/16 in radius.
3. Cut the thumb notch in the front: a half-ellipse 1 1/4 in wide and 9/32 in deep, centered on the top edge.
4. Punch the snap post holes: cap hole on the flap, 3/8 in from its tip; stud hole on the front, 1 5/8 in above its bottom edge. Set the cap and socket on the flap.
5. Glue a 1 in disc of 2 oz leather on the inside of the front behind the stud hole, then set the stud through both. The disc keeps the post off the cards.
6. Bevel and burnish the front's top edge, the notch and the flap edges now. They cannot be reached after stitching.
7. Lay the front on the back, flesh sides together, bottom and sides flush. Glue the margins only.
8. Mark the stitch line 1/8 in from the left, bottom and right edges. Punch both layers with the 3 mm chisel and saddle stitch left side, bottom, right side. Stop at the top of the front. Lock at both ends.
9. Sand, bevel and burnish the stitched edges.
10. Fill with cards, fold the flap over and snap it. Adjust by moving the stud only on the next case, not this one.

Pattern Terms and Notes

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HOW TO READ THE PATTERN PAGES

- Solid black line = cut line. Red dashed line = stitch line. Open circles = punched holes.
- Blue numbers are finished dimensions. Add nothing unless a page says so.
- Trace onto card stock or thin chipboard, cut it out, and keep it as a permanent template.

NOTES FOR THIS PATTERN

- The seam stops at the top of the front panel. The back extends above it as the flap.
- A thicker stack of cards stretches the pocket. If you carry more than a dozen, add 1/8 in to each side width.
- Cut a paper or card stock version first and check every fit before cutting leather. Leather weights and book sizes vary; adjust the template, not the leather.
- Dimensions were compiled from published standards and commercial equivalents (listed on page 2) and checked against the geometry of each assembly. Test-cut the template in paper before leather.

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