LEATHER PATTERN PACK No. 4

PASSPORT COVER

Outer panel with two stitched pockets

Finished size	3 5/8 x 5 1/4 in closed (92 x 133 mm)
Leather	3-4 oz outer, 2-3 oz pockets
Holds	One US passport book, 4.92 x 3.46 in (125 x 88 mm)
Skill level	Intermediate
Paper	US Letter or A4, printed at 100%

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Build guide with photos and video: marcellinony.com/leather-passport-cover-pattern/

Materials, Tools and Print Check

Passport Cover | 3-4 oz outer, 2-3 oz pockets

MATERIALS

- Leather: outer 3-4 oz, about 39 sq in; pockets 2-3 oz, about 26 sq in. A 12 x 8 in piece of each.
- Thread: 0.8 mm waxed thread, 24 in per pocket, about 48 in total.
- Glue, edge dye (optional), burnishing gum.

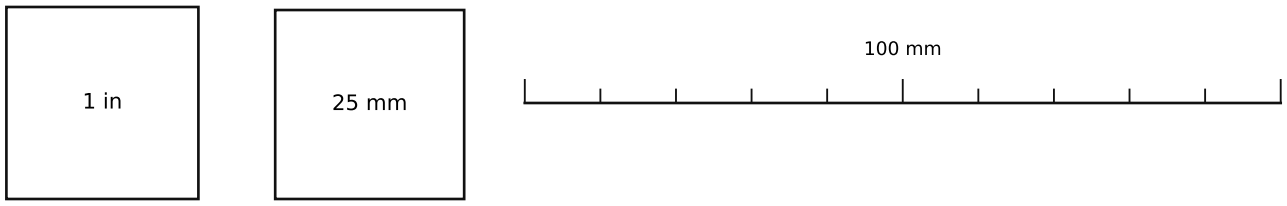
TOOLS

- Diamond stitching chisel, 3 mm pitch
- Two harness needles
- Knife, steel ruler, cutting mat
- Slicker, sandpaper, edge beveler
- Mallet and poly board

WHERE THE DIMENSIONS COME FROM

- US passport book size is 125 x 88 mm (4.92 x 3.46 in), per the US Department of State. travel.state.gov/content/dam/passports/forms-fees/Passport%20Book%20vs%20Card%20_ENG_2022.pdf
- The same 125 x 88 mm (B7) size is used by commercial passport wallet patterns, for example RM Leather Supply, MAKESUPPLY and Buckleguy.
- Open cover 7 3/8 x 5 1/4 in; each pocket is 2 1/2 in wide, which holds the passport covers about 1/2 in from the edge.

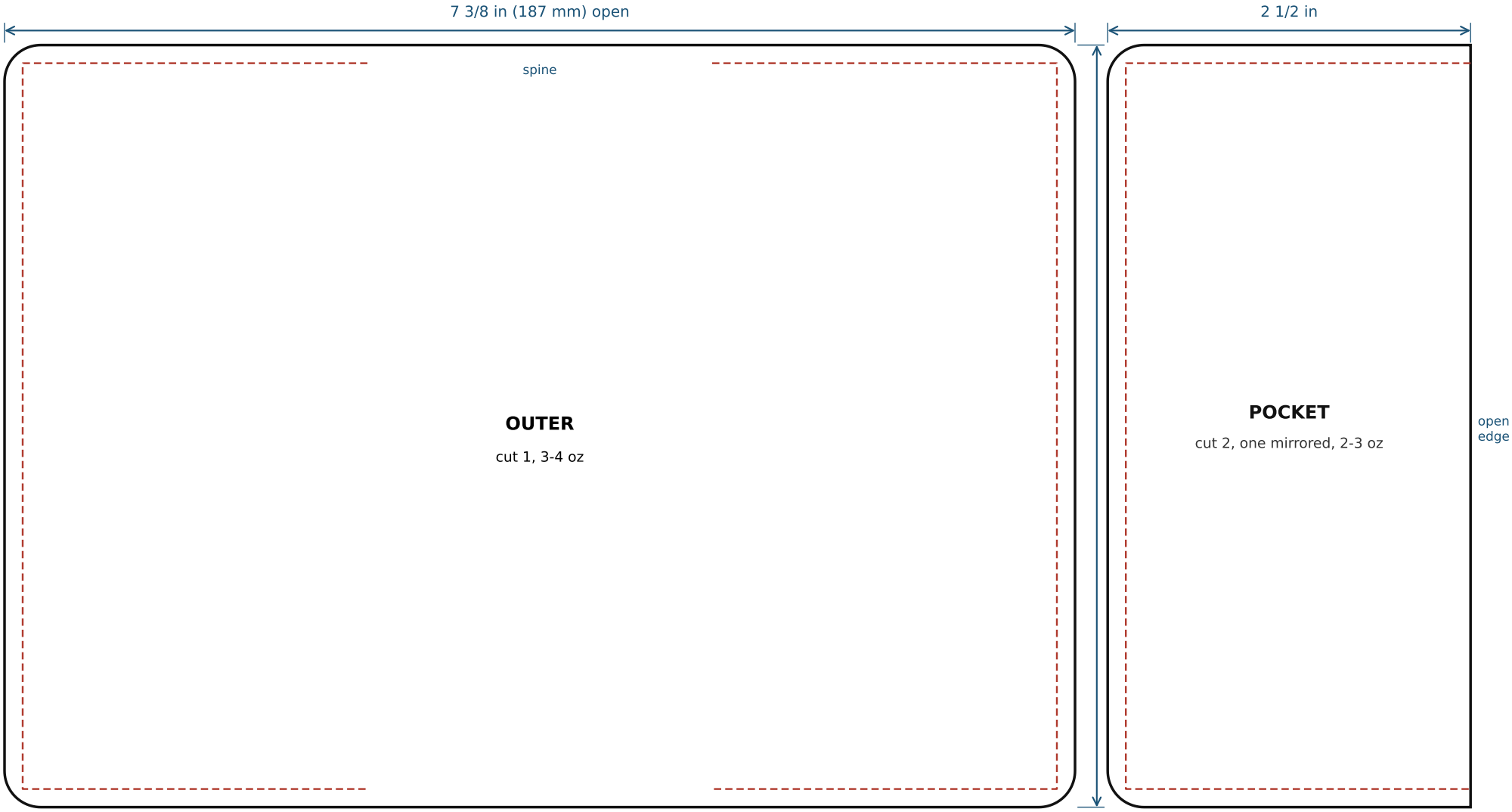
PRINT CHECK (print every page at 100% / Actual Size)



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.

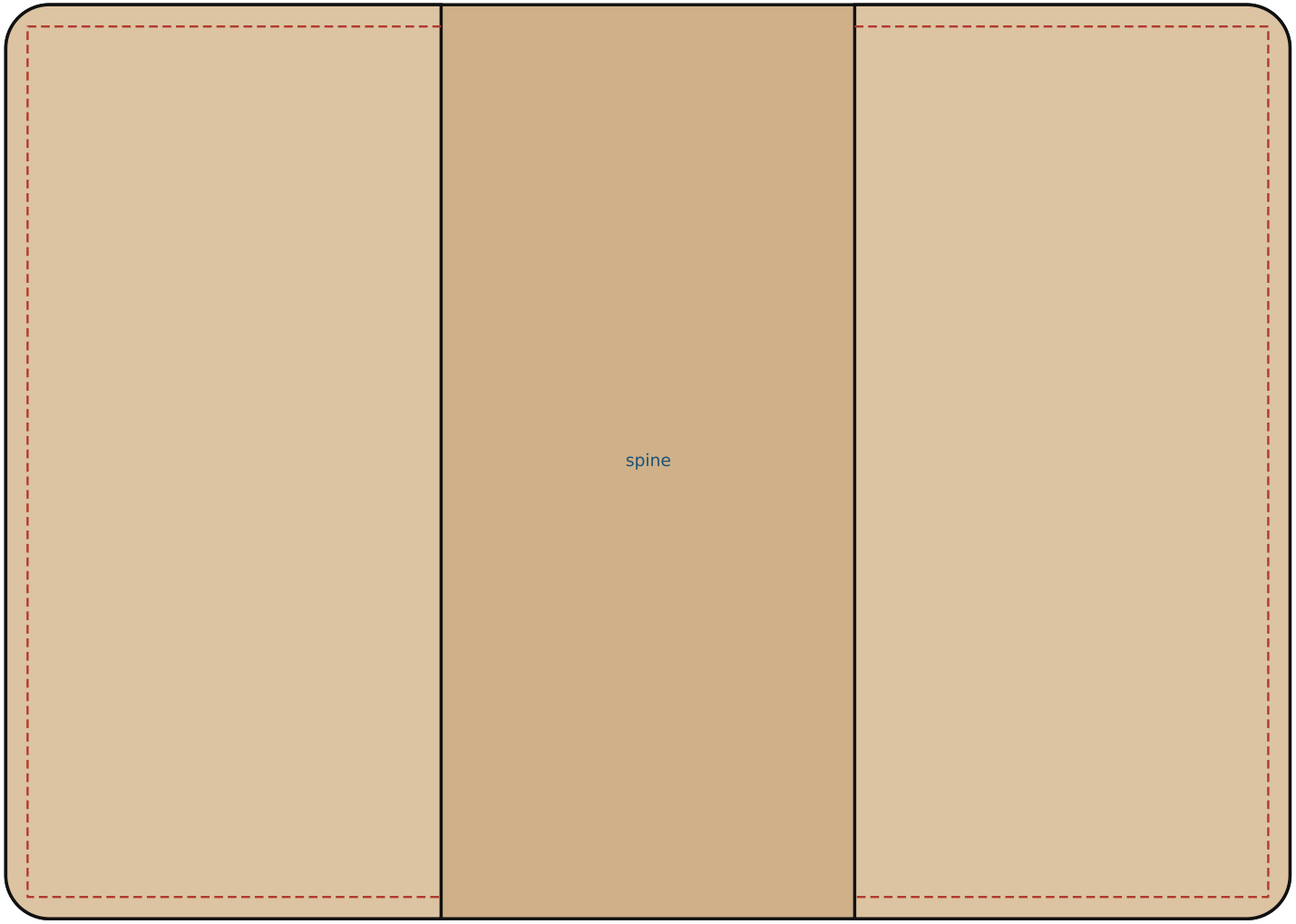
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Fits a US passport book, 4.92 x 3.46 in (125 x 88 mm). Outer plus 2 pockets, stitched on three sides each.



Assembly Diagram

Passport Cover



Inside view. Pockets sit on the outer at each end. The passport covers slide into the open inner edges.

Assembly Instructions

Passport Cover

1. Print every page at 100%. Confirm the scale square on page 2. Cut paper copies and check the passport sits in the pockets.
2. Cut the outer 7 3/8 x 5 1/4 in with 1/4 in corner radius. Cut two pockets 2 1/2 x 5 1/4 in; one is the mirror of the other. Round the outer corners only.
3. Bevel and burnish the inner (open) long edge of each pocket now. It is the edge the book slides past.
4. Place each pocket on the outer, flesh sides together, outer edges flush with the left and right edges of the outer.
5. Glue lightly along the stitch margins only. Mark the stitch line 1/8 in from the top, bottom and outside edge of each pocket (9 3/4 in of stitching per pocket). Stop at the inner edge.
6. Punch through both layers with the 3 mm chisel. Saddle stitch each pocket, locking at the inner edge top and bottom.
7. Check fit with the passport. Trim if too tight before final edge finishing.
8. Sand, bevel and burnish the stitched outer edges.
9. Fold at the spine (the 3/8 in strip in the middle). Press under a book overnight.

Pattern Terms and Notes

Passport Cover

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 inner edge of each pocket is not stitched. It is the opening.
- Condition the leather lightly before stitching if it is dry.
- 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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