LEATHER PATTERN PACK No. 5

POCKET NOTEBOOK COVER

Outer, two pockets and a pen loop

Finished size	3 3/4 x 5 3/4 in closed (95 x 146 mm)
Leather	4-5 oz outer, 3-4 oz pockets
Holds	3.5 x 5.5 in memo book, one or two
Skill level	Intermediate
Paper	US Letter or A4, printed at 100%

INSIDE THIS PACK

- Materials, tools and print check (page 2)
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Build guide with photos and video: marcellinony.com/leather-field-notebook-cover-pattern/

Materials, Tools and Print Check

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MATERIALS

- Leather: outer 4-5 oz, about 43 sq in; pockets 3-4 oz, about 23 sq in; loop 3-4 oz, 2 1/2 x 5/8 in.
- Thread: 0.8 mm waxed thread, about 60 in.
- Glue, edge dye (optional), burnishing gum.

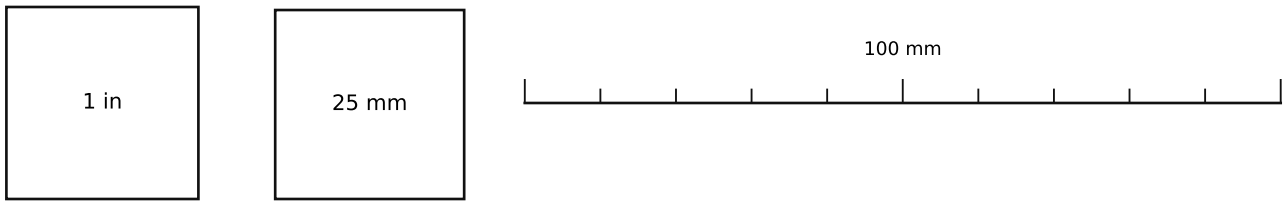
TOOLS

- 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

- Memo books such as Field Notes measure 3.5 x 5.5 in. jetpens.com/blog/field-notes-a-comprehensive-guide/pt/417
- The 1/4 in spine allowance is a starting value. Measure your own book and adjust the outer width before cutting.
- Open cover 7 1/2 x 5 3/4 in; pockets are 2 in wide.

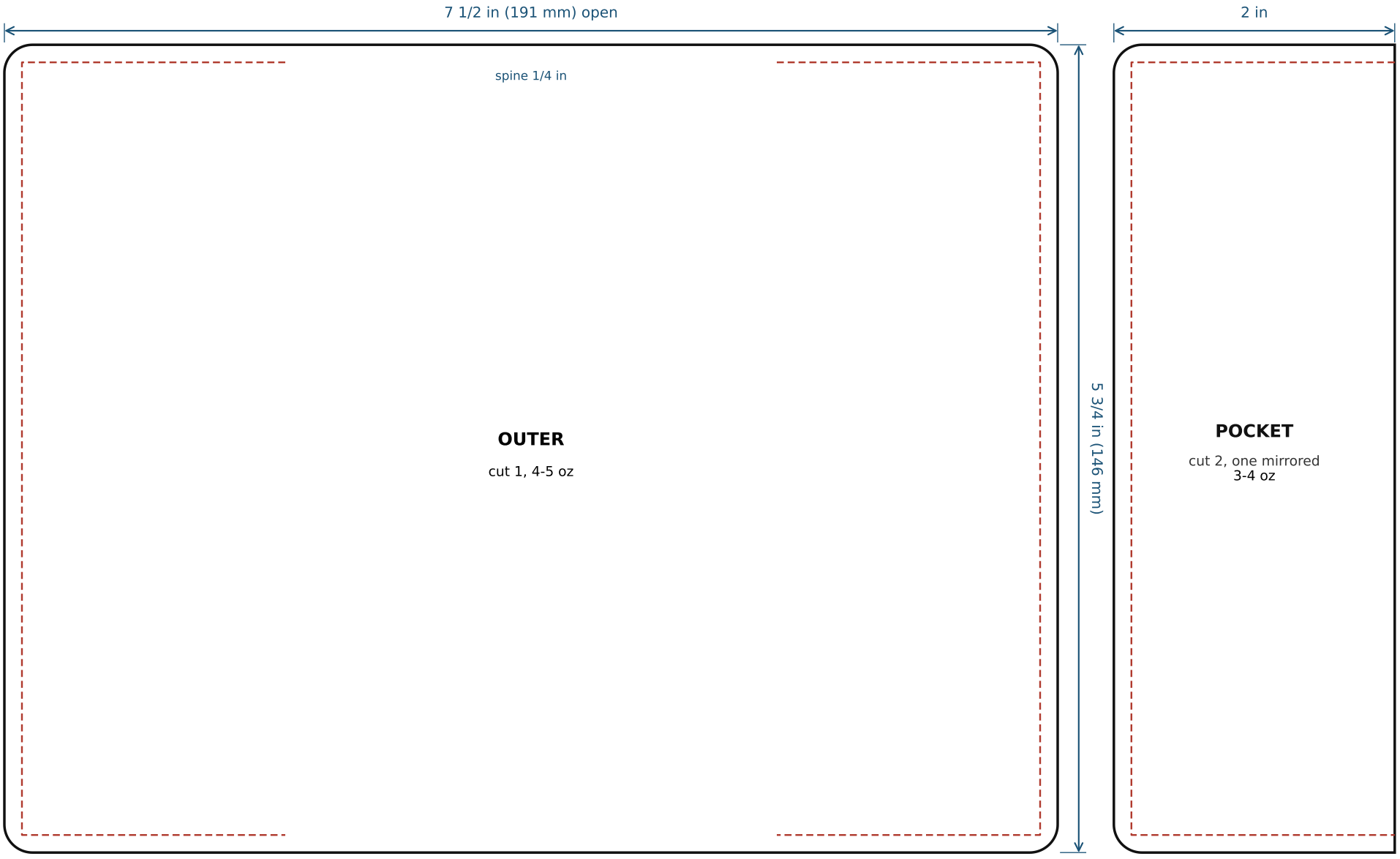
PRINT CHECK (print every page at 100% / Actual Size)



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.

5 Pocket Notebook Cover

For a 3.5 x 5.5 in memo book. Outer plus 2 pockets and a pen loop. Spine allows 1/4 in; test with your book.



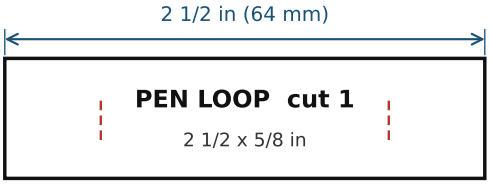
Pen loop template is on the next page.

1 in 50 mm

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

5 Pocket Notebook Cover: Pen Loop

Cut 1, 3-4 oz. Stitch both ends to the front cover edge so the loop stands about 1 1/4 in proud.



SPECIFICATIONS

Placement

Stitch each 1/2 in tab to the outer's front panel edge, about 1 3/4 in down from the top, before the pocket goes on.

Pen fit

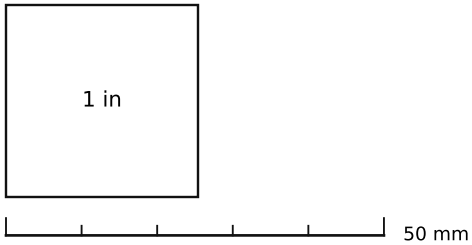
The 1 1/2 in free span suits a pen about 1/2 in across. Measure your pen and trim to fit.

Notebook

Field Notes style memo books measure 3.5 x 5.5 in. Fit the book to the cover before stitching the second pocket.

Spine

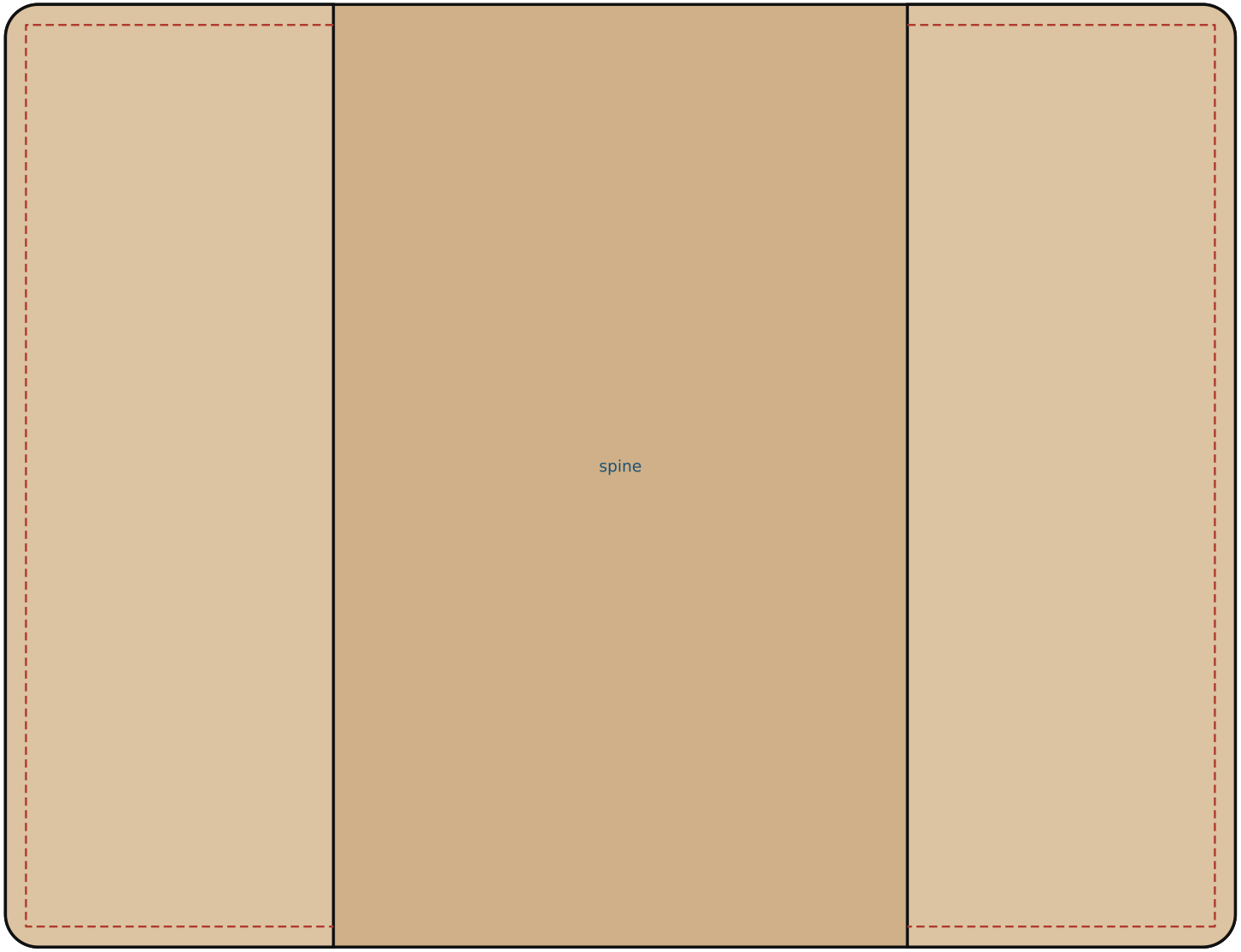
The 1/4 in spine allowance is a starting value. Measure your book and adjust before cutting.



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

Assembly Diagram

Pocket Notebook Cover



Inside view. Pen loop is stitched to the outside of the front panel edge.

Assembly Instructions

Pocket Notebook Cover

1. Print every page at 100%. Confirm the scale square on page 2. Cut paper copies and test with your notebook.
2. Cut the outer 7 1/2 x 5 3/4 in. Cut two pockets, 2 x 5 3/4 in, one mirrored. Cut the loop 2 1/2 x 5/8 in.
3. Bevel and burnish the inner (open) edge of each pocket and both long edges of the loop.
4. Stitch the loop first: mark a line 1/8 in from each end of the loop tabs (1/2 in each). Stitch the tabs to the outside of the front panel edge about 1 3/4 in down from the top.
5. Lay each pocket on the outer, flesh sides together, outer edges flush. Glue the margins.
6. Mark the stitch line 1/8 in from the top, bottom and outside edge (9 1/4 in per pocket). Punch both layers with the 3 mm chisel.
7. Saddle stitch each pocket. Lock at the inner edge.
8. Sand and burnish the stitched edges. Fit the notebook and check the spine.
9. Press under weight overnight to set the fold.

Pattern Terms and Notes

Pocket Notebook 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 loop stands about 1 1/4 in proud. Measure your pen: the free span is 1 1/2 in.
- Spine allowance is 1/4 in. Adjust for a thicker book.
- 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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