LEATHER PATTERN PACK No. 1

SLIM CARD HOLDER

Three stacked pieces, stitched on three sides

Finished size	3 3/4 x 2 3/4 in (95 x 70 mm)
Leather	3-4 oz (1.2-1.6 mm) vegetable-tanned
Holds	2 to 3 standard cards per pocket, 6 cards total with the open top
Skill level	Beginner
Paper	US Letter or A4, printed at 100%

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Build guide with photos and video: marcellinony.com/slim-card-holder-pattern/

Materials, Tools and Print Check

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MATERIALS

- Leather: 3-4 oz vegetable-tanned. The three pieces total about 25 sq in; a 6 x 8 in piece covers it with room for error.
- Thread: 0.8 mm waxed polyester or linen thread, about 3.5 times the seam length per seam. Cut 36 in.
- Contact cement or water-based leather glue, edge dye (optional), gum tragacanth or burnishing gum, beeswax.

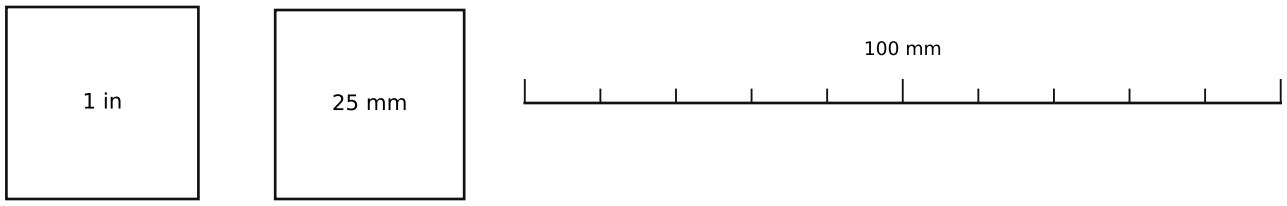
TOOLS

- Diamond stitching chisel, 3 mm pitch (2-prong and 4-prong, or a lacing chisel set)
- Two harness needles
- Sharp knife or rotary cutter, steel ruler, cutting mat
- Wooden slicker or burnishing tool, sandpaper (320 and 600 grit), edge beveler
- Poly cutting board and mallet

WHERE THE DIMENSIONS COME FROM

- Card size: ID-1 cards are 3.370 x 2.125 in (85.60 x 53.98 mm), ISO/IEC 7810. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO/IEC_7810
- Pocket depths step by 1/2 in (2 3/4, 2 1/4, 1 3/4 in) so every card shows its top edge.
- Stitch margin 1/8 in at 3 mm pitch is the common spacing for hand-stitched small goods.

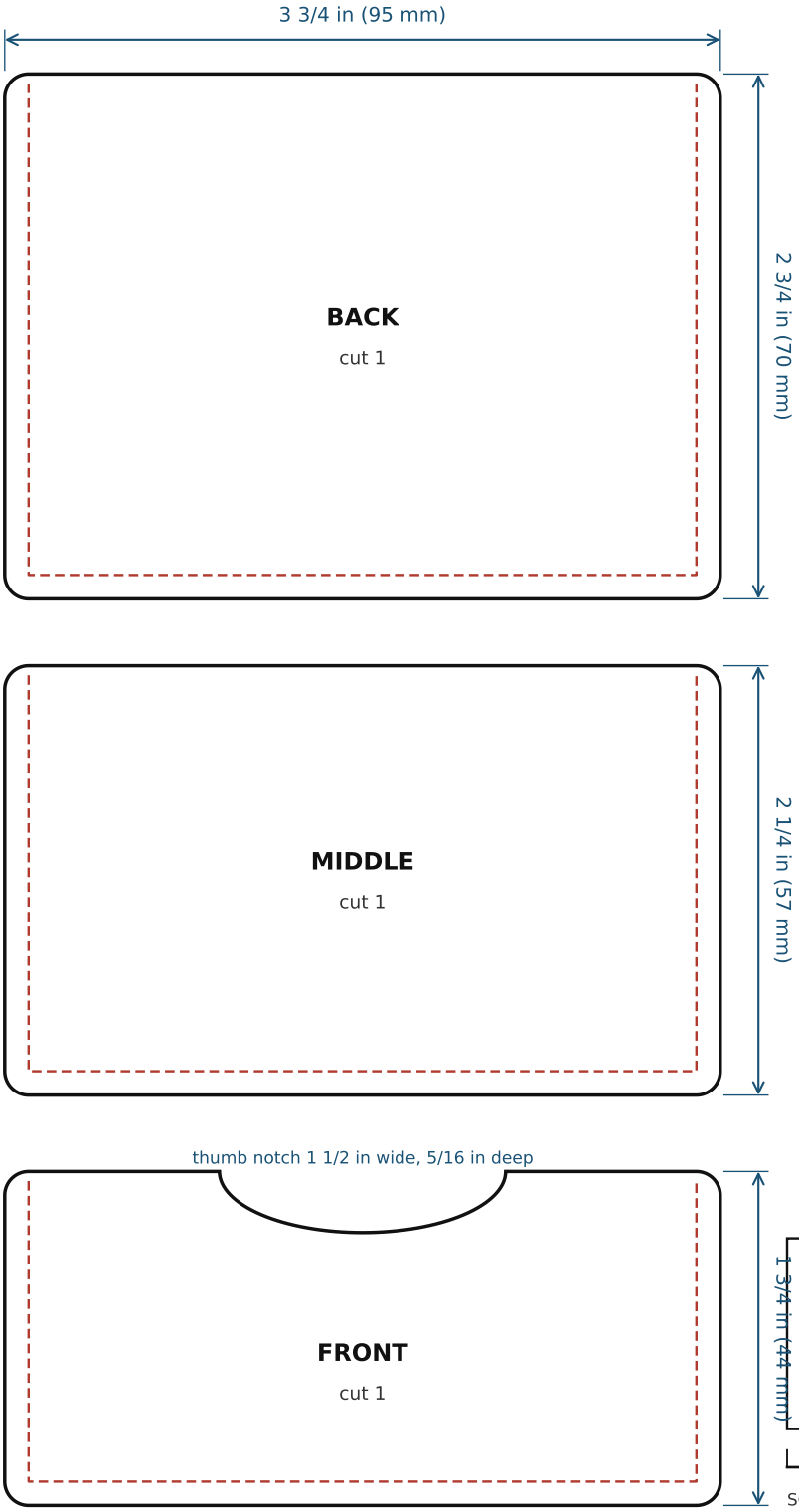
PRINT CHECK (print every page at 100% / Actual Size)



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 of each piece, 3-4 oz leather. Stitch left, bottom and right through all three layers.



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

SPECIFICATIONS

Fits

Standard ID-1 cards, 3.370 x 2.125 in (85.60 x 53.98 mm), ISO/IEC 7810.

Leather

3-4 oz vegetable-tanned. Bridle or natural veg-tan.

Stitch line

1/8 in (3 mm) from the edge, left, bottom and right. Tops stay open.

Chisel

3 mm pitch, about 8 1/2 stitches per inch.

Order of work

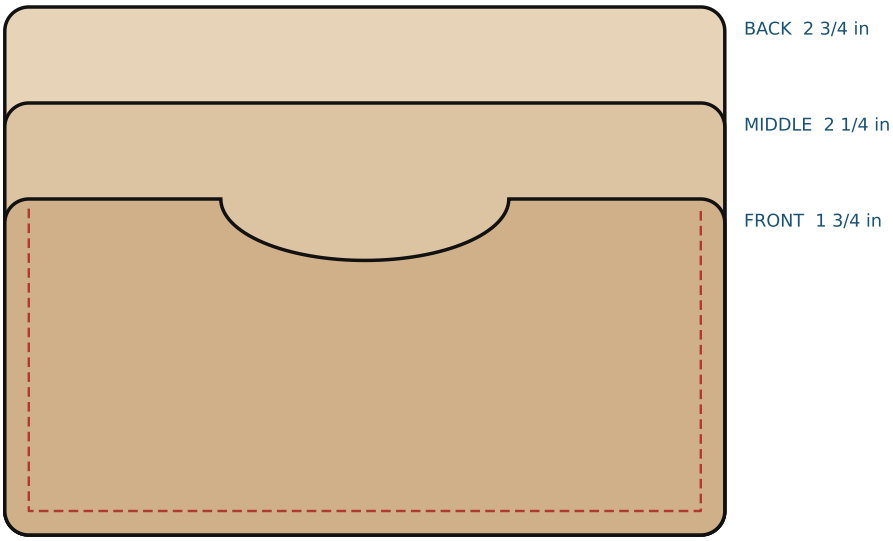
Bevel and burnish the top edges of all pieces before assembly. Glue the layers dry-fit, punch all three together, then stitch.

Finished size

3 3/4 x 2 3/4 in.

Assembly Instructions

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Assembled, seen from the front. Red = stitch line through all 3 layers.

1. Print every page at 100%. Confirm the 1 in square on page 2. Trace each piece onto card stock and cut a permanent template.
2. Trace the templates on the flesh side with a scratch awl. Cut the back (3 3/4 x 2 3/4), middle (3 3/4 x 2 1/4) and front (3 3/4 x 1 3/4) with a sharp knife. Round the corners with the 1/8 in radius shown.
3. Cut the thumb notch in the front piece: a half-ellipse 1 1/2 in wide and 5/16 in deep, centered on the top edge.
4. Bevel and burnish the top edge of every piece now. These edges cannot be reached once the layers are stitched.
5. Stack the pieces with the bottom and side edges flush: back, middle, front. Glue them dry-fit, edges only, away from the stitch line.
6. Mark the stitch line 1/8 in (3 mm) from the left, bottom and right edges. Run the chisel along the line through all three layers and punch. Keep the chisel square to the leather.
7. Saddle stitch left side, bottom, right side in one pass with one thread and two needles. Lock the end by stitching back two holes.
8. Sand the three stitched edges level, bevel both faces, dye if desired, and burnish with gum and a slicker until glassy.
9. Open the pockets by sliding a bone folder or a card inside. Leather stretches with use; the card holder will loosen slightly.

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

- Stitching through three layers of 3-4 oz leather is the hard part. Use a mallet and keep the chisel vertical.
- If three layers will not take the chisel, stitch back to middle and middle to front separately.
- 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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