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Leather Stockings

SUPPLIES

Templates
(following pages)

Lambskin leather
Removable spray
mount

Poly cutting board

Leather punch

Poly mallet

Rubber cement
or leather glue

Craft tool spacer

Stitching awl

Polyester heavy-duty
thread

Stitching needle

Cotton twill tape
ribbon, ¼ inch wide

THE DETAILS:

Lambskin leather (#9125-61), from \$40 for 5 sq. ft.; poly cutting board, from \$10; mini leather punch set, \$14; poly mallet, from \$23; Craftool spacer set, \$30; Craftool Pro stitching awl, \$30; and stitching needle, \$4 for 10, tandyleather.com. Gutermann Top Stitch Heavy Duty thread, \$1.75, createforless.com. Cotton twill tape, ¼", \$1.25 per yd., purlsoho.com.



1

Print out both templates. Fold your leather piece in half (right sides facing), and lay the stocking pattern on top. Mark the top edge with a pencil, but don't cut anything yet. Determine where your punched monogram will be, and make another slight mark there. Unfold the leather to a single layer again. Create a monogram in dots on a piece of paper, in reverse from how you want it to appear (as shown, above). Cut it out, spray it with removable spray mount, and lightly press it onto the designated spot on the backside of the leather. Place leather on cutting board. Put some thicker leather (or a few scrap layers) between the stocking leather and the board. (The scrap piece doesn't need to be the full size of the letter; just move it along as you punch.) Place the punch directly on one of the dots of the paper template, and bang down with mallet firmly through the paper and leather. (You may have to hit harder than you might imagine; take care not to tear the leather instead of cutting it.) Continue punching out the dots, moving your scrap piece underneath as you go.



2

When your punched monogram is finished, lay the larger stocking template back on and trace it with a sharp pencil onto the wrong side of the leather. Cut out with sharp scissors. Repeat the process for the back of the stocking (which doesn't have the punched monogram). Using rubber cement or leather glue, adhere the front and back of the stocking (wrong-sides facing), only at the very edge, about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch all around. Let dry. Take the leather seam pattern; center it on top of your stocking. (It will be slightly smaller than the stocking, and will be used to create the sewing seam for the stocking.) Using the spacer wheel, slowly trace along the pattern. (If you need to stop at some point, make sure to start again at the same distance of the small indentations the wheel is making, as these will be your guide for sewing.) Use the stitching awl to poke through all indentations through both layers of the stocking, making sure you're pushing straight down. (The spacer wheel won't press through to the other side, so this extra step will help keep your stitches straight.) With sewing thread and a leather hand-sewing needle, start a running stitch from from one of the top edges.



3

When you've sewn all around, secure the thread with a dab of glue and cut, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or so extra (this will be hidden under the ribbon). Cut about 7 inches of ribbon for the loop. Sew it with a few stitches to the top, sides aligned with the stocking side. Cut approximately 17 inches of ribbon for the edge, and glue it to the top edge with glue or cement, overlapping by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch on the wrong side of the stocking. Let dry.


Stocking Pattern



Stocking Pattern



Leather Seam Template



Leather Seam Template



Jude and Truman's Stockings

SUPPLIES

Templates
(previous and following pages)

Medium-weight fabric

Shearling

Sewing supplies

Cotton twill tape ribbon, ¼ inch wide

THE DETAILS:

Shearling hide,
From \$29 each,
moodfabrics.com.
Cotton twill tape,
¼", \$1.25 per
yd., purlsoho.com.

1

Print and cut out the stocking pattern (see previous pages) and the cuff template (following page).

2

Fold the fabric (right-sides facing), and place the pattern on top. Cut out both layers at once. Sew all around. Turn the stocking right-side out.

3

Cut ribbon and hand-stitch a loop onto the top edge. (The raw edge will be hidden behind the shearling.)

4

Fold the shearling (right-sides facing). Place the cuff template on top, left (straight) side on the fold of the shearling. Cut out the shearling. Hand-stitch the shearling cuff to the top edge of the stocking. Stitch the edges closed using a whip stitch.

On fold

Cuff for Children's Stocking



Donkey Stocking

SUPPLIES

Template
(on following page)

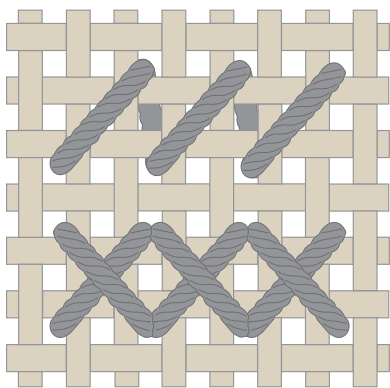
Jute stocking

Wool-silk embroidery floss

Embroidery needle

THE DETAILS:

Jute stocking
(T153-21), 10" by 24", \$10, burlapfabric.com. **Trio floss**, \$6, purlsoho.com.



1

Print out cross-stitch template. Mark out on the stocking's cuff where your design will begin.

2

Split the embroidery floss to a single strand. Following the cross-stitch pattern, start at the left and sew a half-stitch (from bottom left to top right) across each row (as shown, left), counting out your stitches. Complete the cross-stitch by going back, left to right.

