WESTERN CLASSIC II HANDBAG

KIT CONTAINS:

PRE—CUT, PRE—PUNCHED LEATHER PARTS HARDWARE PATTERNS AND INSTRUCTIONS

YOU WILL NEED:

16 YDS' 1/8" LEATHER LACE AND NEEDLE TRACING FILM PLIERS MALLET CEMENT

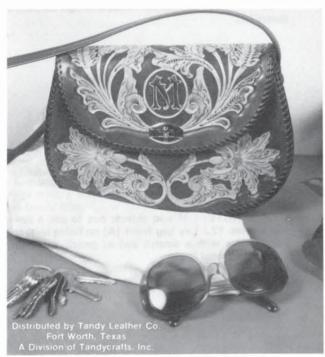


OPTIONAL:
IF LINING YOUR BAG:
1-2 OZ. LINING LEATHER
4 ft. 1/8" LEATHER LACE
No. 0 MINI PUNCH
SHARP KNIFE OR SHEARS
PROTECTO BOARD

IF BUCKSTITCHING YOUR BAG: 5/32" ANGLE CHISEL 5/32" SINGLE PRONG CHISEL 3 YDS. 5/32" BUCKSTITCH LACE

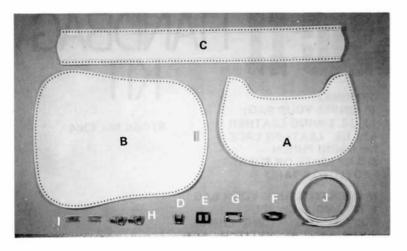
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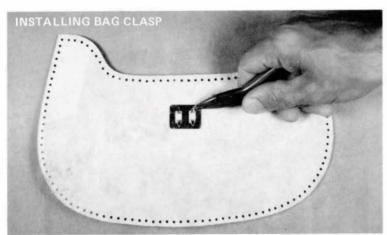


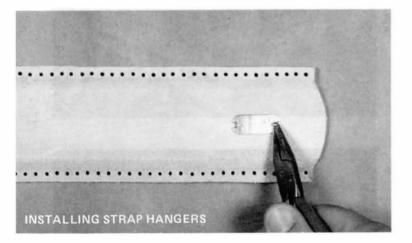




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KIT PARTS:

A- BAG FRONT

B- BAG BACK AND FRONT

C- GUSSET

D- BAG CLASP

E- CLASP BACK PLATE

F- BAG CLASP EYELET

G-EYELET BACK PLATE

H- STRAP HANGERS

I- HANGER BACK PLATES

J- BAG STRAP

DO ALL TOOLING, DYEING AND FINISHING BEFORE ASSEMBLY.

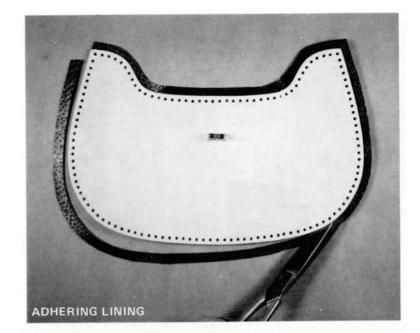
If you have chosen a pattern with decorative buckstitching, see instructions for punching holes and stitching on pattern sheet.

STEP 1. Insert 4 prongs of bag clasp (D) through slits from grain (smooth) side of bag front (A). Turn leather over and place clasp back plate (E) over prongs. Bend prongs out over clasp back plate (E) with pliers. Place a piece of scrap leather under the clasp to protect it and tap prongs flat with a mallet.

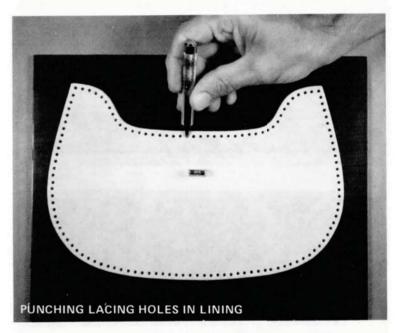
STEP 2. To install strap hangers (H), insert prongs of hanger through slits from grain (smooth) side of gusset (C). Position hanger back plate (I) over prongs on flesh (rough) side of gusset (C). Bend prongs inward over back plate (I). Tap prongs flat with a mallet, putting a piece of scrap leather under hanger to protect it. Install a hanger on each end of the gusset (C).

STEP 3. NOTE: (If you choose not to add a lining to bag, skip to step 12.) Lay bag front (A) on lining leather and trace around edge with a scratch awl or pencil. Cut lining slightly larger than traced line.

STEP 4. Apply cement to flesh side of bag front (A) and to back of lining. Adhere lining to bag front (A), then trim off excess lining even with edges of bag front (A).

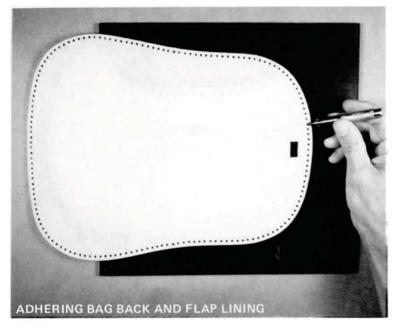


STEP 5. Punch lacing holes in lining with a No. 0 mini punch using holes in bag front as a guide. Do all hole punching on a protecto board to keep from damaging punch.

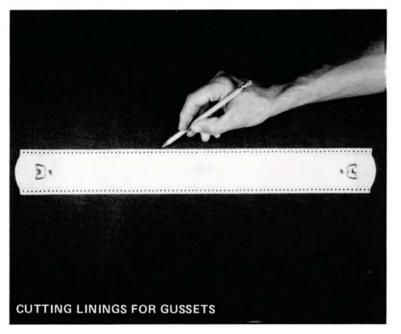


STEP 6. Lay bag back and flap (B) on lining leather and trace around edge with a scratch awl or pencil. Cut lining slightly larger than traced line.

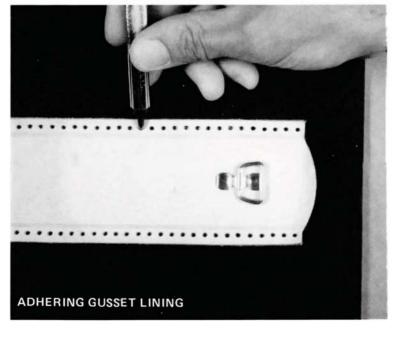




STEP 7. Adhere lining to bag back and flap (B) then trim and punch lacing holes as in steps 4 and 5. Cut out slot in lining for bag clasp eyelet using slot in bag back and flap (B) as a guide.



STEP 8. Lay gusset (C) on lining leather and trace around edge with a scratch awl or pencil cut lining slightly larger than traced line.



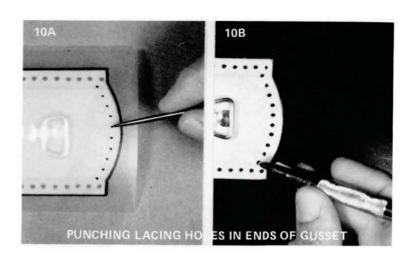
STEP 9. Adhere lining to gusset (C) then trim and punch lacing holes as in steps 4 and 5.

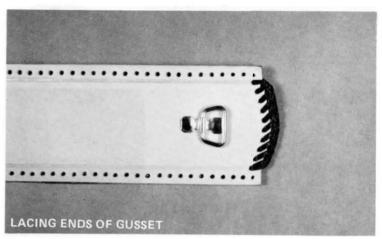
STEP 10. Using tracing pattern given on pattern sheet, mark hole postions across each end of gusset (C). (See photo 10A.) Punch lacing holes with a No. 0 mini punch where marked. (See photo 10B)

STEP 11. Lace across each end of gusset (C) using double loop lacing instructions given in this booklet, except when you start, catch the end of the lace under the first few stitches on the lining side of the gusset. When ending, go through the last hole and run lace under the last few stitches on lining side of gusset and trim off.

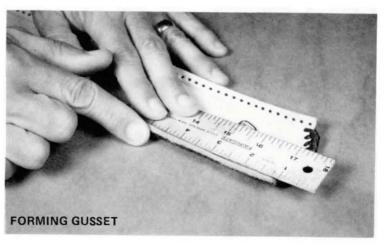
STEP 12. Attach bag clasp eyelet (F) to back and flap (B) by inserting eyelet prongs through slot in bag flap from grain (smooth) side of leather. Turn leather over and place eyelet back plate (G) over prongs, aligning it with the slot. With pliers, bend prongs outward over eyelet back plate (G) and down into impressions. Tap flat with mallet, putting a piece of scrap leather under eyelet to protect it.

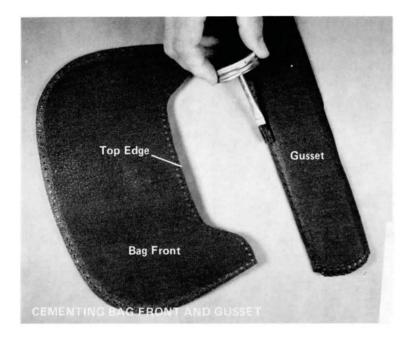
STEP 13. Place gusset (C) on table with grain (smooth) side up. Using a straight edge, fold edges of gusset (C) up and



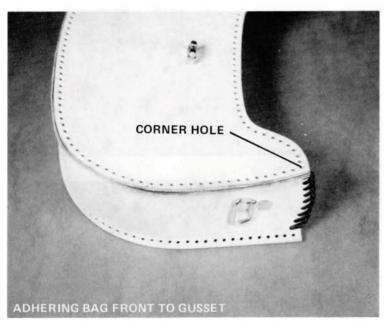




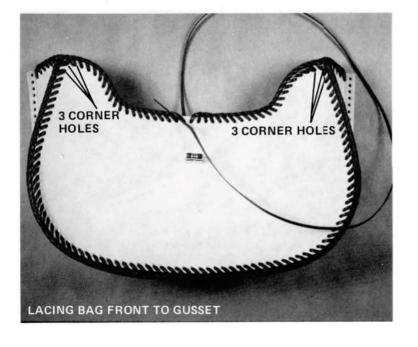




STEP 14. Apply cement to one long edge of gusset and to edge of bag front (A) on flesh (lining side if used) side. Do not apply cement along top edge of bag front.

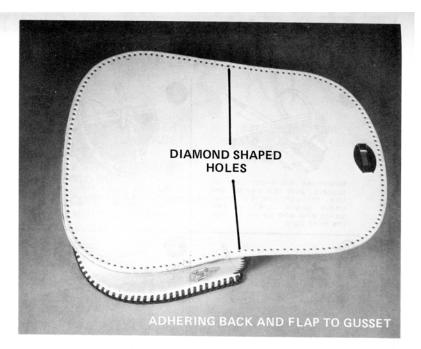


STEP 15. Line up corner hole of bag front (A) with corner hole of gusset (C). Adhere bag front (A) to gusset (C) carefully lining up lacing holes as you work your way around bag front.

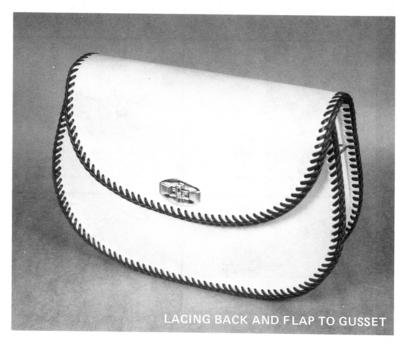


STEP 16. Use 7 yds. of lace around bag front (A), using double loop lacing instructions included in this booklet. Begin lacing in center of top of bag front (A), picking up gusset (C) as you come to it. Lace through 3 corner holes twice.

STEP 17. Locate diamond shaped holes on each side of bag back and flap (B) apply cement along edge of bag back only, between diamond shaped holes and along edge of gusset (C) on flesh (lining side if used) side. Adhere gusset (C) to back and flap (B) as in step 15, lining up corner holes in gusset (C) over diamond holes in bag back and flap (B).



STEP18. Again use Double Loop lacing instructions to join the back and flap (B) to gusset (C) using 9 yards of lace.



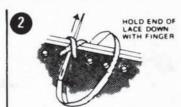
STEP 19. To attach bag strap (J), snap each end of the strap to a strap hanger (H) attached to gusset (C).



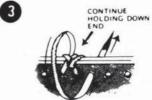
HOW TO LACE & SPLICE THE DOUBLE LOOP STITCH



Beginning on front side of project, pull the needle and lace through the 1st hole. Leave about 3/4" of the lacing end and go on to lace the next hole.



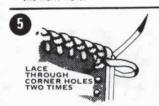
Pull the stitch tight, lacing over the end you left free. This forms a cross or "bight".



Pull the stitch under the bight snug but not tight. Lace through the next hole.



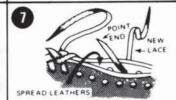
Follow the same procedure as in Steps 1 and 2 making a cross or bight. Once again go under the bight and pull the stitch snug.



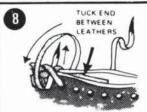
When lacing a corner, stitch it two times. Be sure to go through bight on corner stitches.



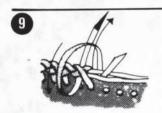
Lace until only 5" or 6" of lacing remain. You will now have to splice with a new length of lace.



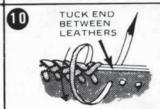
Insert new lacing down between leathers, 4 holes from lacing; pull out back side. Leave 3/4" of lacing between leather.



Tuck end of lace between leathers and continue lacing your project with the old lace.



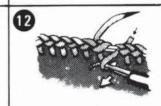
Pull the old lace up tight, cut off the end at an angle, allowing about 3/4" to remain. Attach needle to new lacing.



Tuck the end of the old lacing between the leathers and lace over it with the new lace so that it is caught and won't show.



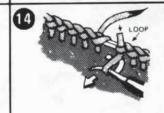
Continue lacing to starting point.



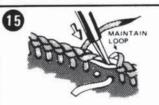
To tie off lacing, pull end of beginning lace free of stitches.



From back side pull the end of lace out of the hole.



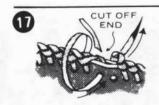
From front side, pull end of lace out of the loop.



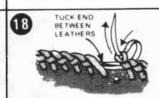
Push tool or needle down between leathers and hook it over the lace.



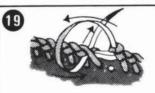
Pull end of lace out of hole and up between leathers. Two empty holes should appear on the front side; one on the back.



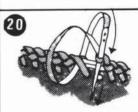
Cut off the end of the lace you have pulled out and tuck the end of the lace between the leathers. Lace through the next hole.



Pull stitch tight and lace up through loop from the back side. All holes on the back side should be filled.



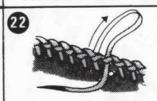
Lace under the bight . . . do not pull this stitch tight.



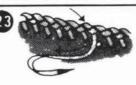
Carefully cross over as shown ... and push needle down through the loop.



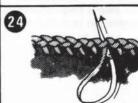
Pull needle through. Push laced edges together to adjust starting loops for easier completion.



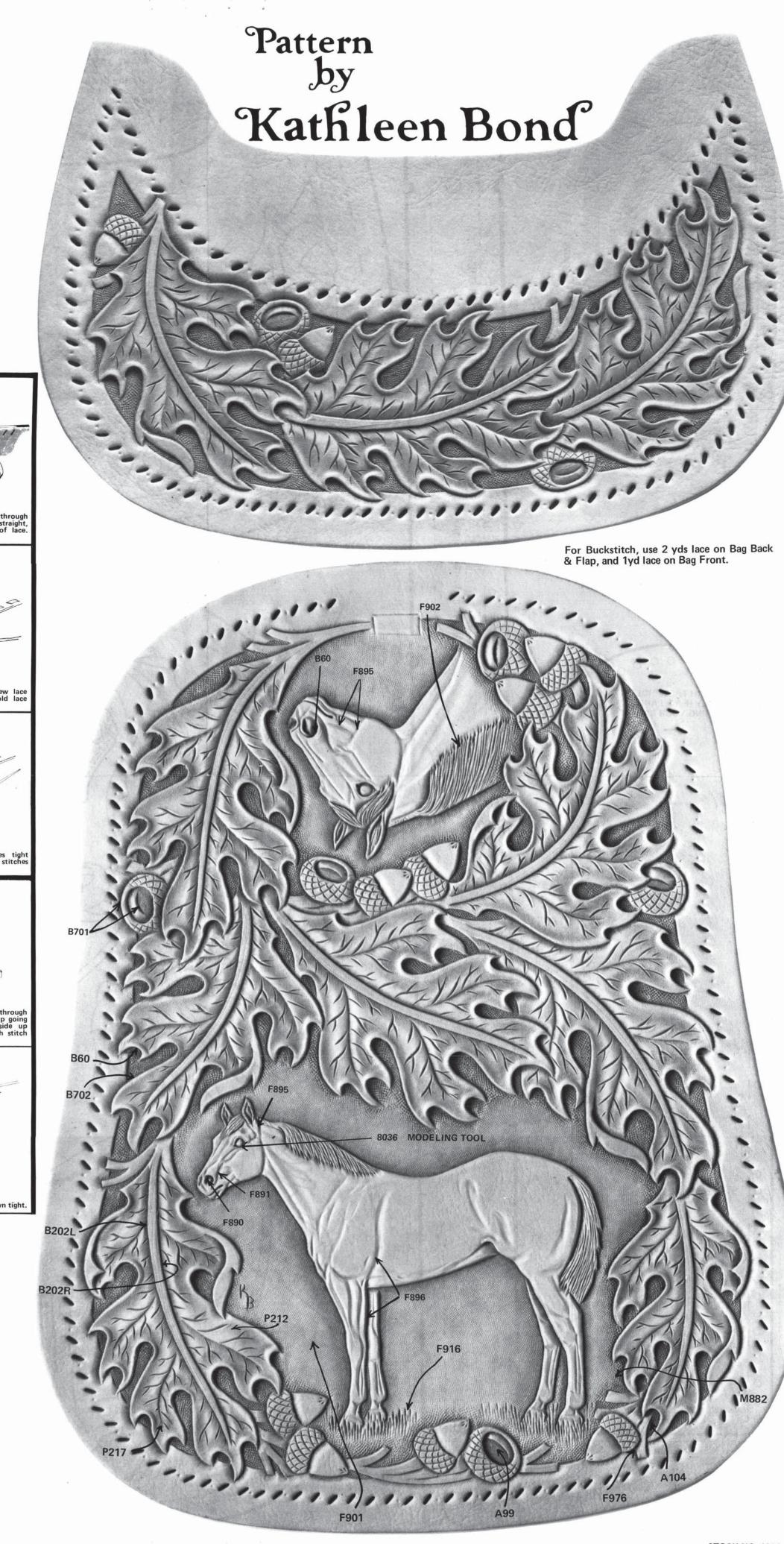
Pull any slack out of the first loop and adjust lacing with fingers to make all your stitches appear equal.

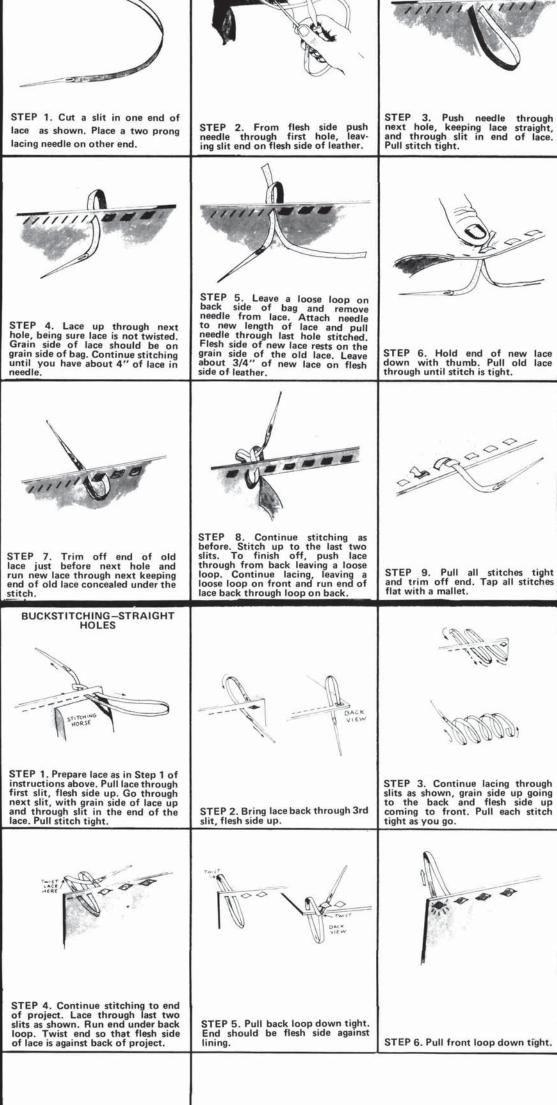


Pull the end of the lacing down tight. Make sure all stitches appear even and equally spaced.



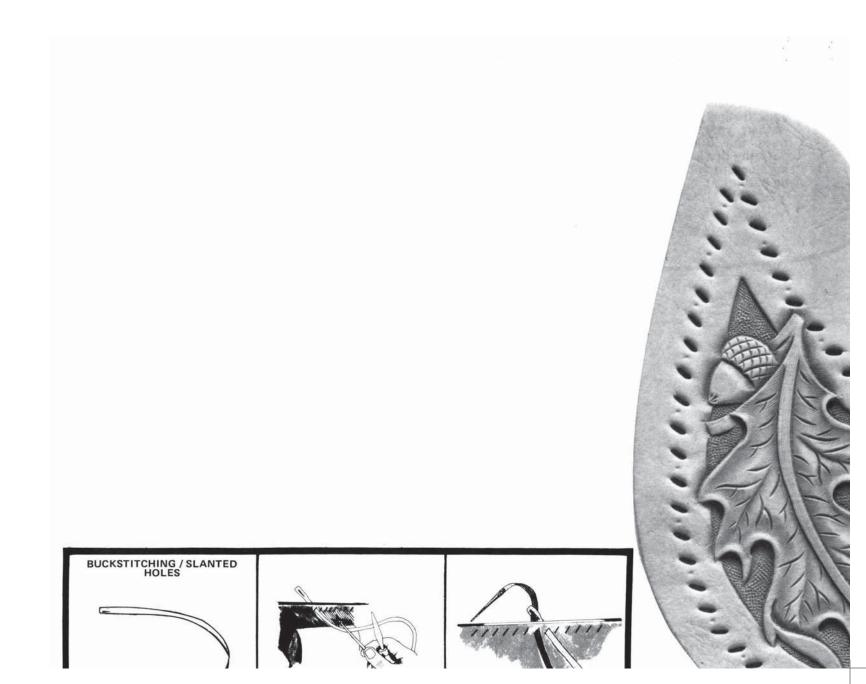
Push needle through the last hole as shown. Bring it up between the leathers and out between the lacing. Cut off the excess lace. Printed in U.S.A.



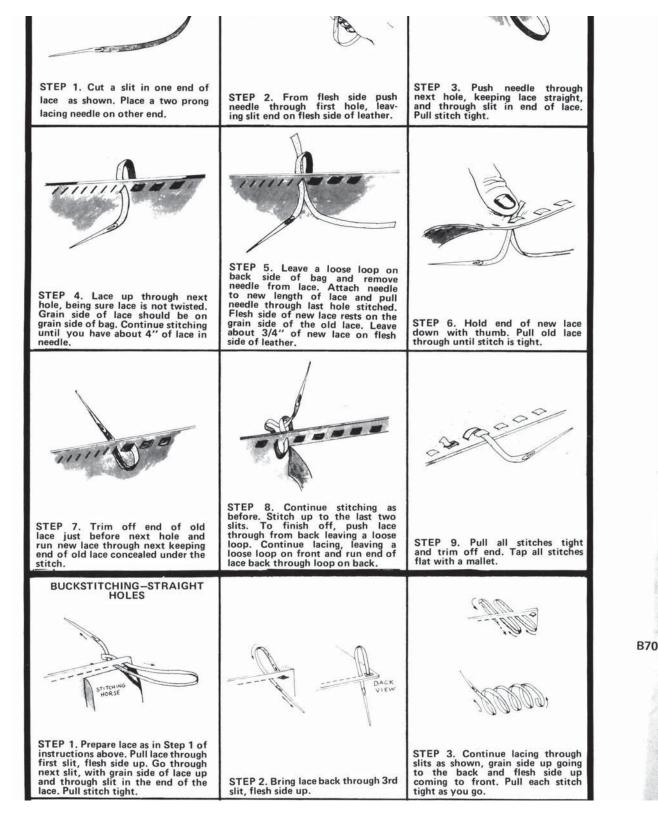


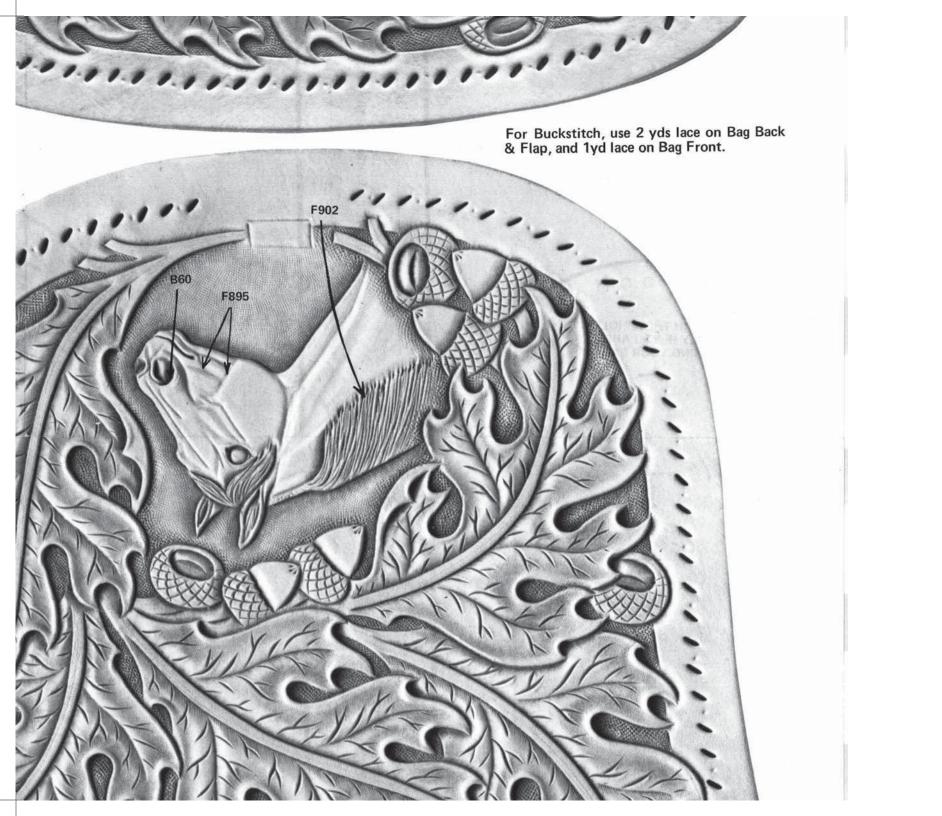
BUCKSTITCHING / SLANTED HOLES

STEP 7. Pull end through to tighten the twist in the end and tap all stitches down with a mallet.



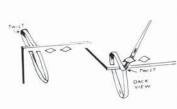








STEP 4. Continue stitching to end of project. Lace through last two slits as shown. Run end under back loop. Twist end so that flesh side of lace is against back of project.



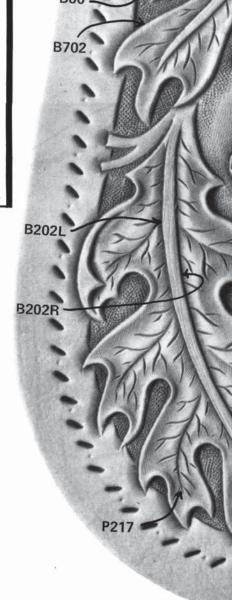
STEP 5. Pull back loop down tight. End should be flesh side against lining.



STEP 6. Pull front loop down tight.

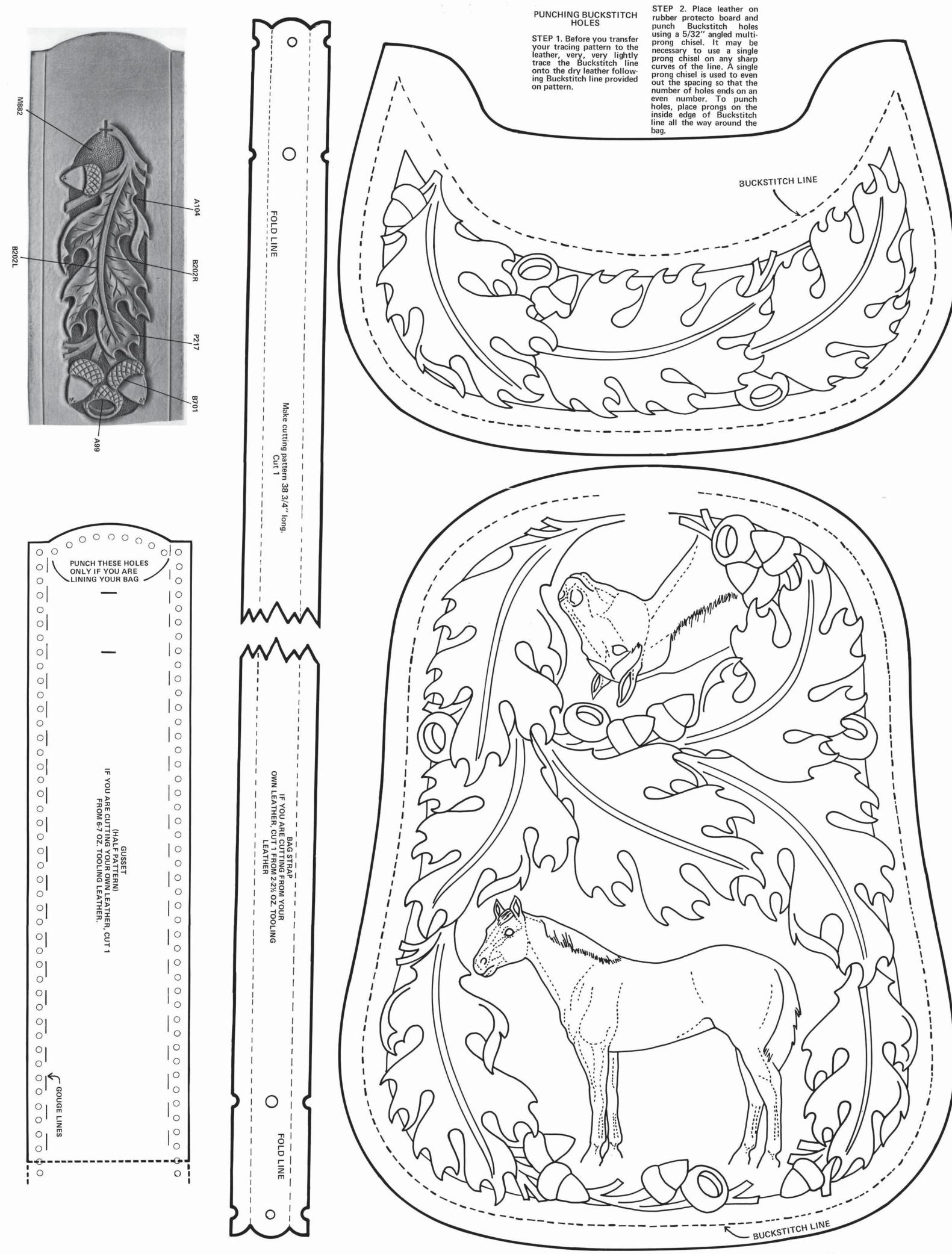


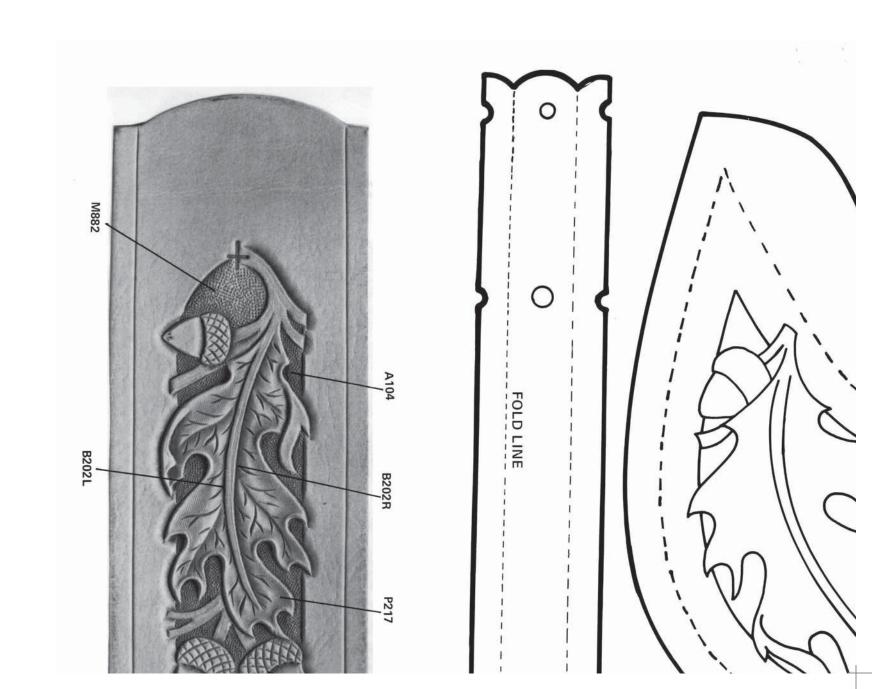
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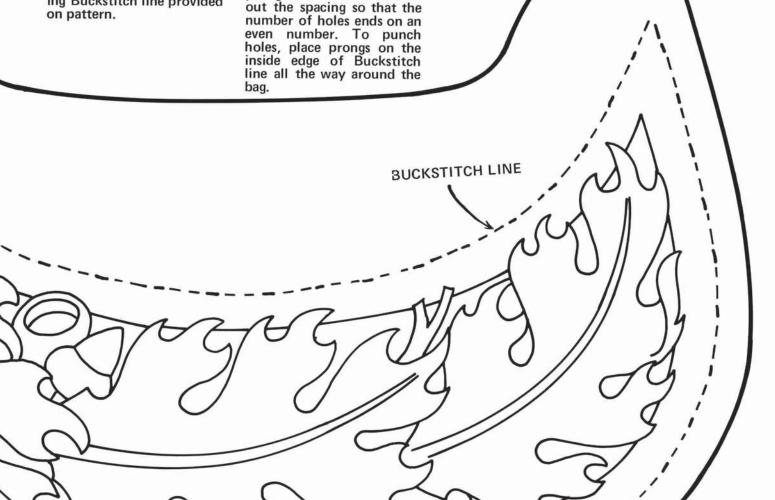


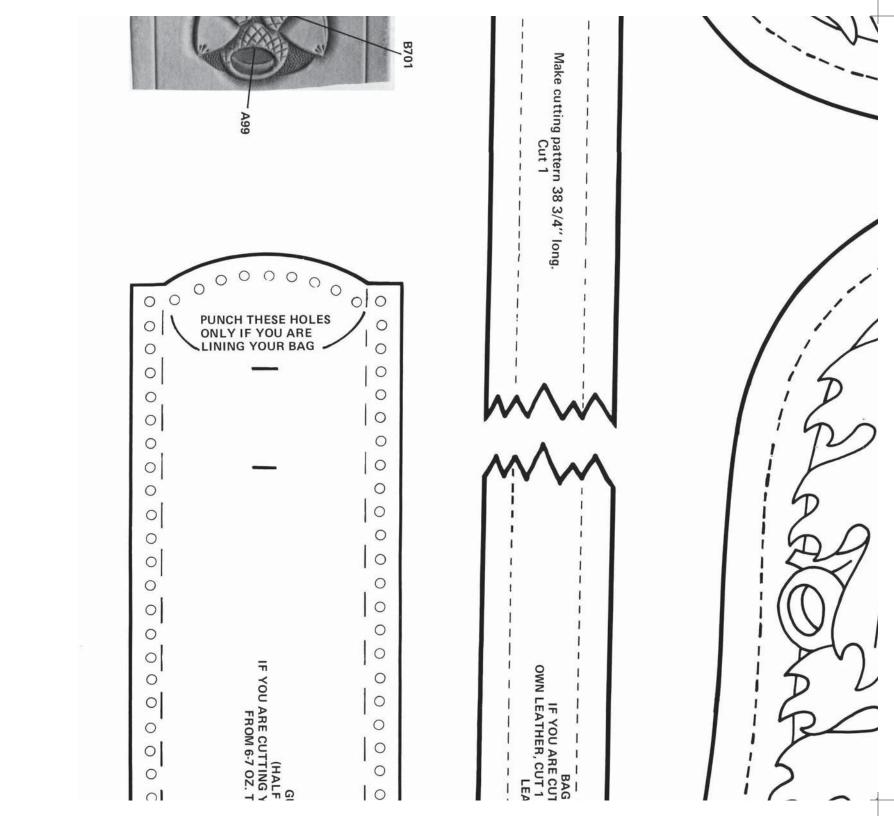


PUNCHING BUCKSTITCH HOLES

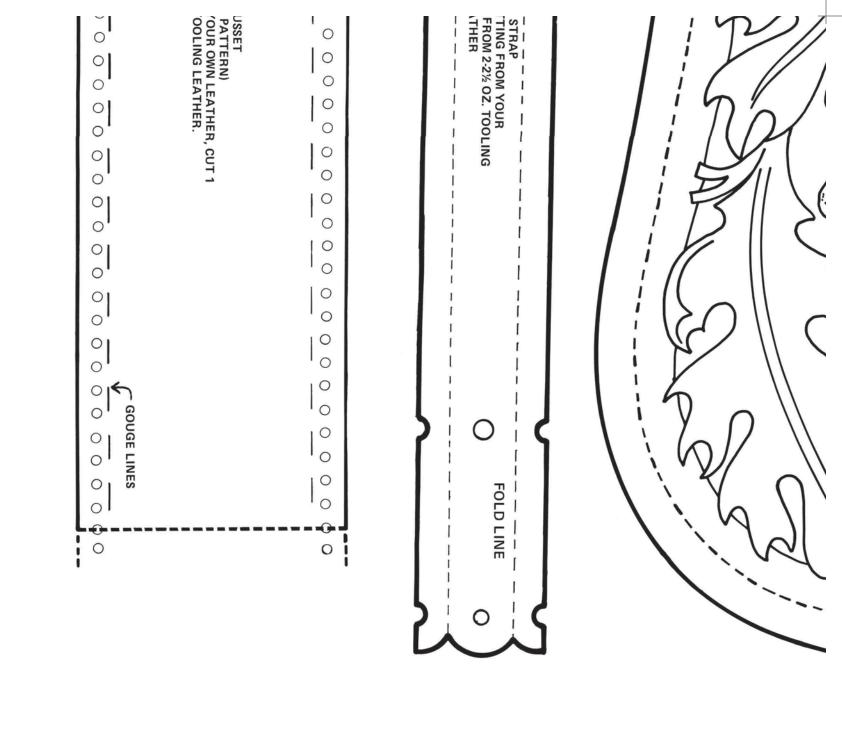
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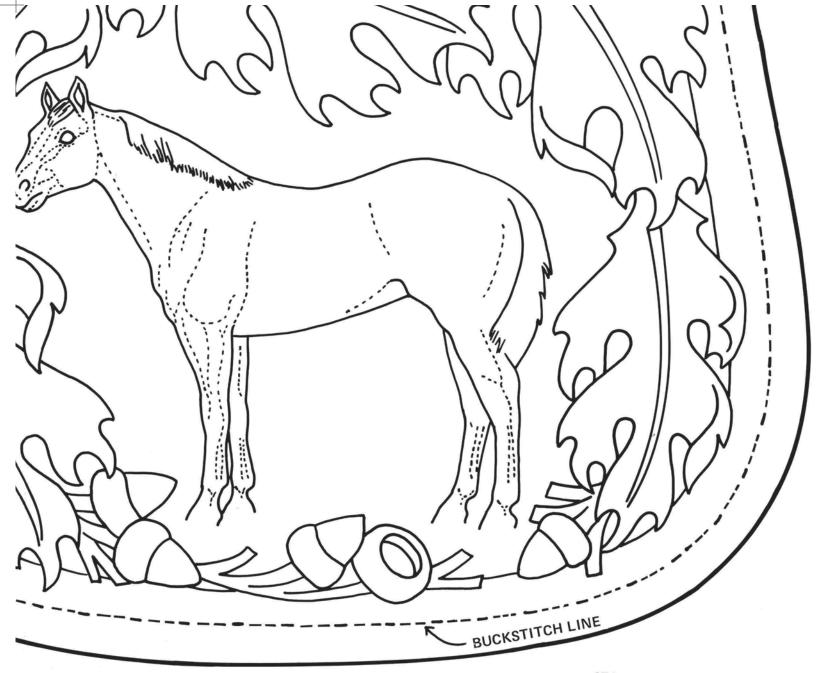
STEP 2. Place leather on rubber protecto board and punch Buckstitch holes using a 5/32" angled multiprong chisel. It may be necessary to use a single prong chisel on any sharp curves of the line. A single prong chisel is used to even out the spacing so that the number of holes ends on an even number. To punch holes, place prongs on the inside edge of Buckstitch line all the way around the bag.











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