

# The Learning Circle

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## NECKLACE POUCH

There are a number of designs for necklace pouches being made but the basic ideas are the same. A small square shaped or a round pendant shape are usually used. they are attached to a soft leather thong to go over the head and hung around your neck. The pouches usually end up being no more than 2 inches wide and 2 inches or so high. The techniques and materials listed here can be used to make either a round or square pouch.

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" piece of soft leather
- 1 - Soft leather thong, 48" long
- 4 - Acrylic hairpipe 3/4" long
- 8 - Acrylic 7mm crow beads
- 2 - French Brass beads
- 1 - Horn hairpipe 1/2"
- 2 - Metal cones 3/4"
- 1 - Size 6 Glovers needle
- 1 - Yard V. Fine Simulated Sinew

You will need a scissors and a pliers for this project.

Figure 2 shows how to cut the leather for either the square pattern or the round flapped pattern. For the square patterned pouch, piece A is 1 3/4" wide by 3 3/8" long; B is 1 3/4" wide by 2 1/8" (note this piece is cut with the length opposite A); parts C for the fringe are cut from the remainder.

For cutting the round flap pouch, part D is 1 3/4" wide; part E for the flap is about 2 1/2" in length and width.

Thread the glovers needle with the very fine sinew, double over and tie a knot at the end.

### Making the square pattern:

You are going to sew the pouch up while it is inside out. Match the bottoms of pieces A and B. The two pieces for C are for the fringe and are laid side by side and placed inside the A and B as shown in Figures 3 and 4. The top surface of the fringe leather faces the same direction as piece A.

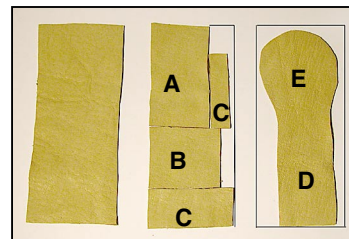
Begin by sewing the bottom edge of the pouch as in Figure 4 using the whip stitch shown, You are sewing through all three layers of leather so a pliers is helpful. next whip stitch up both sides as shown in figure 5, but do not sew through the fringe layer between A and B. Before you start on a side, push the fringe layer inside using something to poke it in. Finish by tying of knots at the end of the sewing.

Turn the pouch right-side out. Turn over the flap in the correct position. The horn hairpipe is used for a flap button. It is drilled through the middle so you can sew it on the front of the pouch. Cut a small slit in the flap in a matching position. See finished photo, Figure 1. Cut the fringe as you see in Figure 1.

For the neck thongs, cut into two pieces. Attach the cones to the bottom of each by slipping the thong end into the top of the cone and squeeze the top of the cone shut with a pliers. String beads and hairpipe onto both thongs according to your pattern (Figure 1). Sew the thongs to the back of the pouch as shown in Figure 6. Judge the length of the neck thong so it will go over your head and tie a knot.

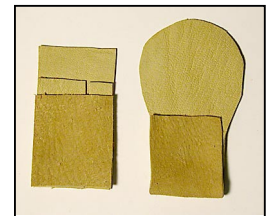


Figure 1



Full piece Square pattern Round pattern

Figure 2



Square pattern Round pattern

Figure 3

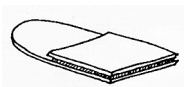


Figure 4

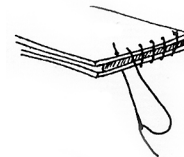


Figure 5



Figure 6

### Making the round flap pattern:

All the steps are the same except you don't have to sew up the bottom of the pouch, as it is folded over as shown in Figure 3. In this pattern fringe is a part of the pouch flap and not sewn in. To cut the fringe of the cover flap, you can use a sharp object like the glovers needle to trace the edge of the fringe cut. Do this on the back side of the flap. Do not use pen or pencil.