



Men of Iron

Dagger Frog

Squires and Knights alike all need a secure way to attach their dagger to their belts. It is simply not enough to just slide the dagger into the belt. Wearing it in this fashion while quick can lead to the loss of the blade. To ensure that the dagger is always at hand, it should be secured with a dagger frog.

Why is it called a frog? It was a common term in the middle ages to describe an item used to join two other items that were shaped like a Y or a fork. In this case it was used to refer to the loop used to join the belt and a sword. Termed so because it looked like a frog and its legs setting behind him. Thus the term began to be applied to all such devices.

Materials needed

1 square ft 4-8 oz leather color of your choice
Waxed cotton thread

Equipment needed

Leather Scissors
Exacto Knife
Metal ruler
Flexible measuring tape
Leather awl and block
Hole punch

Instructions

Begin by cutting out the patterns for the belt loop and wrap for the frog from this instructable.

Measure the circumference of the dagger sheath where the wrap will be. Take the exact measurement and reduce by $3/8$ " so that there will be a $3/8$ "

space between the edges of the wrap (Fig 3).

This will ensure that the lacing can be made tight enough to secure the dagger in the frog. The pattern included here is for a dagger sheath $2\ 5/8$ ". Adjust yours as necessary.

On your leather lay out the pattern and lightly mark the lines to cut with the awl and cut out both pieces.

Punch four holes on each end of the wrap as shown on the pattern with a $1/8$ " hole punch.

Lay the wrap on the belt loop 1 " from the fold of the belt loop and punch holes along the vertical stitch line inside of the wrap (Fig 1).

If you are using a suede leather with no hair side (smooth side) it won't matter how the leather is stitched, however, if you want the smooth hair side to face out, be sure to position your pieces so that the smooth side will show out when completed.

After the wrap is stitched on both sides, fold the belt loop at the top and stitch across the bottom stitch line (Fig 2).

Finally, from the scrap leather, cut a circle approximately 3 " in diameter. Starting at the outside edge, begin to cut around the circle to make a leather lacing for the wrap. Cut the strip no more than $1/4$ " wide as you cut around the circle. This will give you plenty of lacing to work with.

Take the lacing and begin lacing at the top two holes. Start by inserting the ends at the top and crossing back out underneath. Cross on the top and behind once more and then the laces should end facing out of the bottom two holes. Secure the lacing with a square knot (Fig 3).

This frog can be worn in conjunction with the belt pouch made from the Men of Iron Belt Pouch pattern.



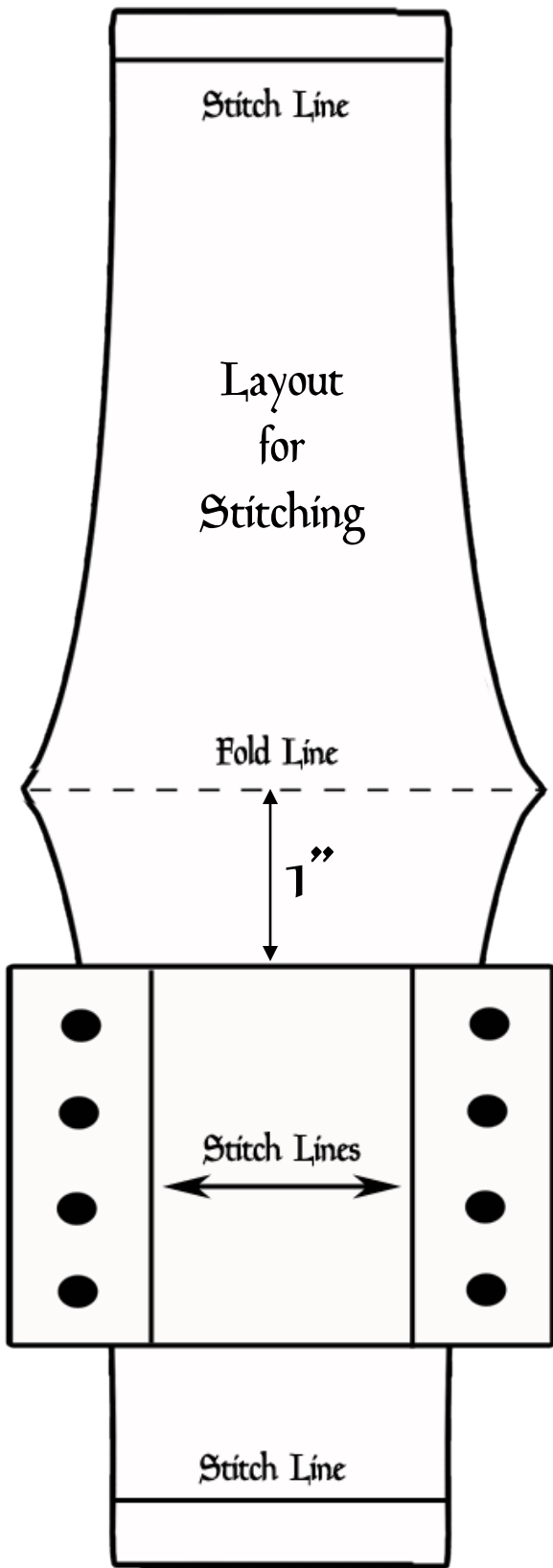


Figure 1

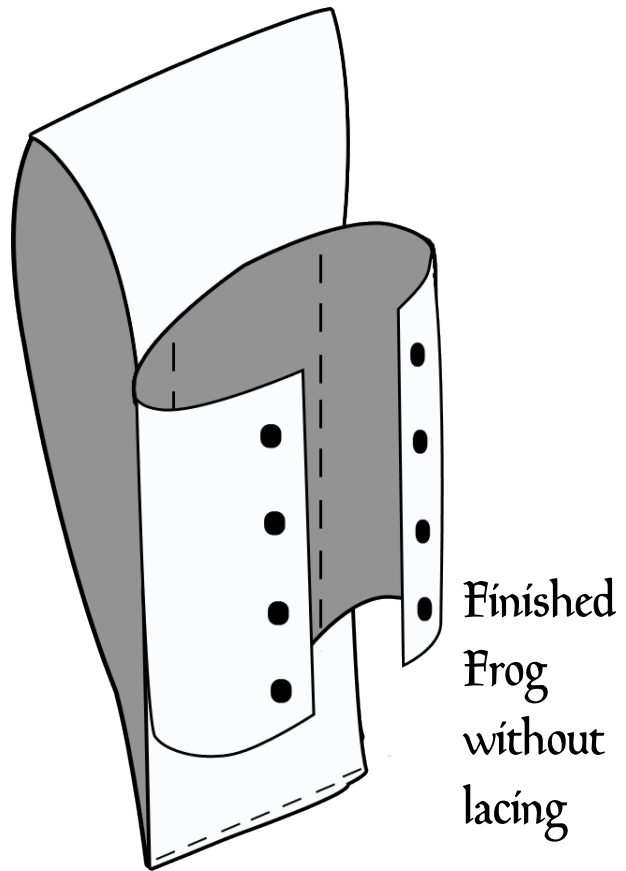


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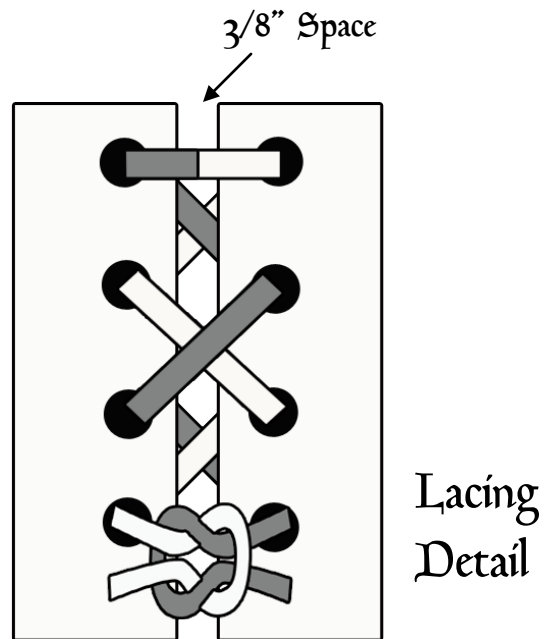


Figure 3





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Dagger Frog Pattern

