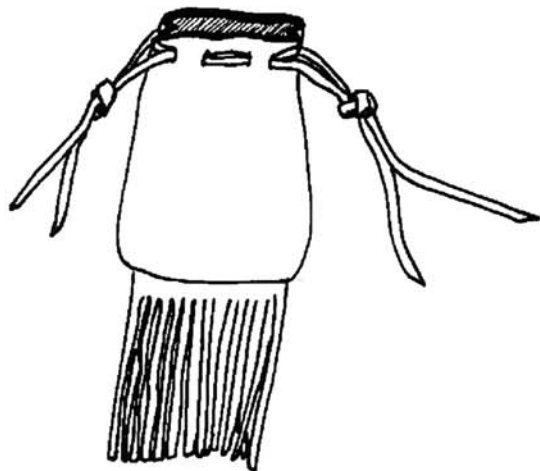


SMALL POUCH KIT



Small pouches come in handy for a dancer as extra pockets when they have their dance clothing on. This kit provides you with all of the materials to make a deerskin pouch 2 ½ inch wide and 3 ½ inch high with 3 ½ inch fringe. You will need a scissors and maybe a long nose pliers.

Materials list:

- 2 Pre-cut leather side pieces
- 1 pre-cut fringe piece
- 1 piece of leather thong for draw strings
- Size F nylon thread
- Size 6 Glovers needle
- Piece of bees wax

Cut off about 4 feet of nylon thread. Make the end pointed by cutting it at an angle. Thread the gloves needle, and with the thread doubled, tie a knot at the bottom end. Using the small piece of bees wax, pull the thread through the wax as you press the thread with your thumb. Waxing it several times will prevent the thread from getting tangled.

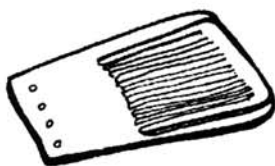


Figure 1

You will be sewing the bag inside out. Lay one of the sides down on a table with the smooth side up. Lay the piece of fringe on the first side as show in Figure 1. Match the first side with the second by laying the second piece on top with the smooth side down. Start sewing through all three layers at the bottom center of the pouch with a whip stitch as shown in Figure 2. Sew up one side of the pouch to the top. Tie a slip knot at the top as shown in Figure 3. Cut off the thread.

A couple of hints: When you are sewing through all three layers at the bottom of the pouch, you might find it easier there to use a long nosed pliers to push and pull the needle through. The stitches should be about 3/16 inch from the outer edge of the leather and about 3/16 inch apart. Pull each stitch tightly after each stitch.

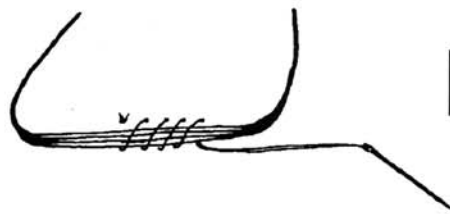


Figure 2

Put another knot at the end of the doubled thread and again wax the thread. Again, start at the bottom center of the pouch and sew up the other side. Finish that side with a slip knot.



Figure 3

Pull the inside of the bag out. Now the fringe hangs down. Cut the pull string thong in half, making the cut on an angle which will make it easier to thread through the pre-punched holes along the top of the pouch.

Figure 4



Thread one of the thongs through the holes as shown in Figure 4 all the way around the pouch and tie as shown. Start the second thong from the opposite side. This one is harder because you are threading through the same holes as you used for the first thong. Do this by wetting the pointed end of the thong and spinning in your fingers until it is pointed and stiffer than before. At each hole pull down on the first thong exposing the hole enough to get the pointed end through.

Personalize your pouch by putting crow beads on some of the fringe or draw thongs. You may even cut some of the fringe into a shape. Small patterns of beadwork can be sewn to the sides of the pouch. A size 10 gloves needle can be used to applique size 10 seed beads directly to the leather. We suggest sewing the beads on before you sew up the pouch. Our book, "Beadworking with Today's Materials", shows many of the beadworking techniques that could be used.