

Heart Gift Box



INSTRUCTIONS

Materials:

I used 6-7 oz firm leather (red), 3-4 oz for lid joint, 5 oz for the bottom and 5.5-6 oz firm for the inner layer of the bottom part.

It's a box, so there's no soft leather. Top, bottom and sides can be 5-7 oz medium to firm temper. Important! The inner layer of the bottom part (white one that stick out above the box sides which you can see when the box is open) has to be very firm temper. Probably not less than 5-6 oz. The stiffer the better. The very bottom heart isn't so important and can be 5 oz medium. The joint - 3-4 oz, can be soft or medium, that isn't too important. Looks good with a contrasting color.

Hardware:

None

Tools:

Scissors, knife (paper knife or rotary cutter would also work).

Stitching irons: my pattern is made for 5mm stitching irons (5 stitches per inch).

Needles - according to your thread size, a pair of harness needles.

Mallet.

Instructions:

Print the pattern at actual size (100%). Use the reference on top of each page to make sure everything is printed correctly. Join the pages together. Cut the pieces.

Burnish your edges - this box will look its best when the edges are neat.

First you need to determine the location of the back seam. It doesn't really matter but I would say, somewhere on the back, just not in the center. Mark those holes on both top and bottom - but note that they should be mirrored if you want them to line up.



After you are done, help the box take the right shape, close it and leave it for a while so it gets used to its new form. After it does, it will be easier to close it, which will be a bit hard right after you finish stitching.

I also included a shape for a lining if you want to put it on the bottom. Read the details on the pattern. Another option for the bottom would be to stitch the bottom heart part grain side up, and use the same leather you are using for the sides. You can also stitch the inner layer of the bottom part of the box grain side in, and this way the box will be really nice inside :)

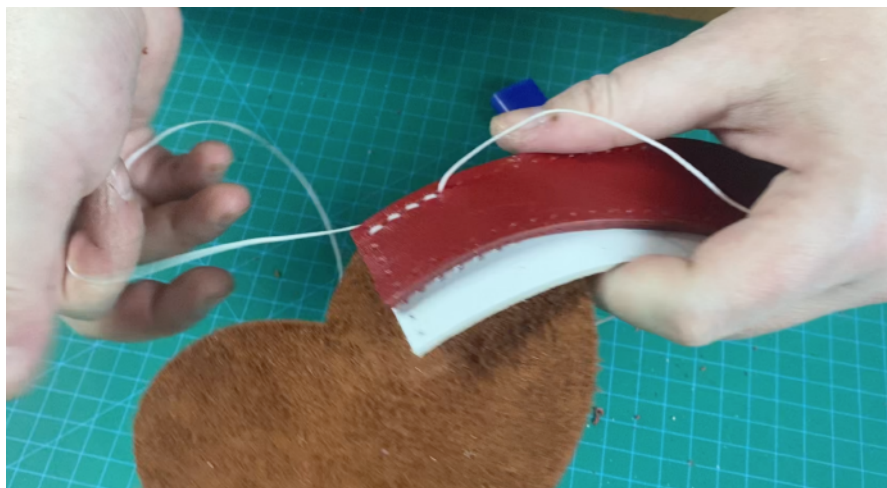
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When I was making it, I forgot to complete the top stitch on the side so I had to do it when I was already stitching the bottom on, and it's not the best idea, so you do this first.



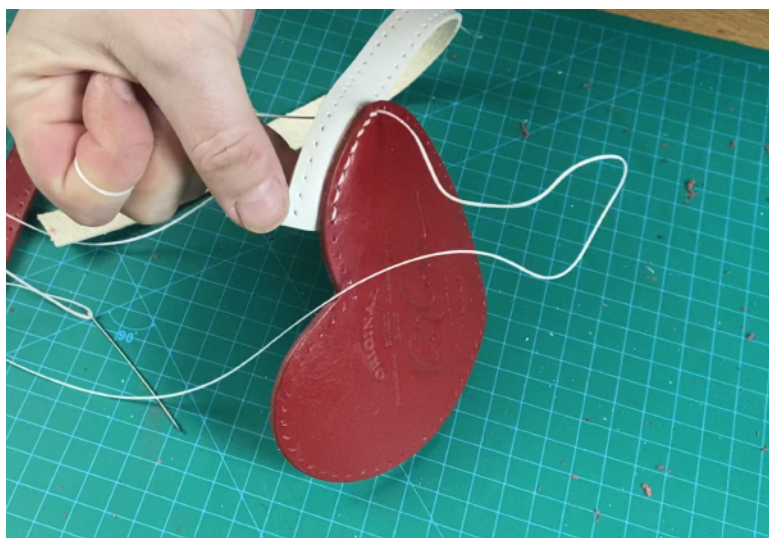
After you complete that seam, attach the bottom heart to this double layered bottom side. Start from the marked hole, in a mirrored direction. There will be some tough stitching.



Sew the ends together, both layers at a time. and then just the white inner layer.



Starting at the selected hole, attach the lid joint to the lid (the top heart). Overlapping stitch, the joint being on the bottom. I don't feel too comfortable using this word but I couldn't find another one. Joint.



Then take the lid side and stitch it to the joint with overlapping stitch, joint being on the bottom. Then stitch the ends together with parallel stitches (or any other stitch that you'd prefer).

