

Basic Guide On How To Make Your Own Moccasins With Ease

MAKING MOCCASINS THAT REALLY FIT

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THIS Objibwa type, two-piece moccasin fits like a shoe and is splendid for still hunting and hiking, for camp use, for canoeing and yachting, and to wear as a house slipper.

Materials: 1 pc. heavy oil-tan leather 12 by 22 in., 3 yd. 1/4-in. lacing, and 1 pair 3/16-in. thongs for ties. The cost is from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Any dealer in leather can supply regular moccasin stock and laces.

Lay off the toe and bottom patterns on cardboard, cut to shape, and punch out the holes. To obtain a right and a left for each piece, merely turn the templates over. Cut the leather with a sharp knife, pressing hard enough to cut clear through the first time.

Punch the lace holes with a leather punch, or if you want tight seams, use a tempenny nail. These holes must be opened up with an ice pick when you lace, but as the moccasin dries, the leather shrinks tightly about the laces and makes the shoe watertight. Note that the lace holes in the bottom of the moccasin are spaced almost twice as far apart as the holes in the toe. You must pucker or "full" the bottom piece between each stitch by pulling on the lace until each pair of holes are drawn opposite and even.

Bevel or skive off the edge of each bottom around the toe on the wrong side or inside. The smooth side of the leather is the right side and the outside. Soak the bottoms in water until thoroughly softened, but do not soak the toe pieces.

Count off holes on either side and begin to lace through the center hole of each piece. Draw the 1/4-in. lace halfway through and lace down one side of the moccasin with one end. Pull each stitch very tight, butting the edges of the leather together. Do not let them lap; the seam should be flat. Keep the lace flat and untwisted. Pull very hard until each pair of holes are opposite. Lace through the last pair of holes twice and push end of lace under the last two stitches.

Lace up the other side and then, while the moccasin is still damp, either jam the toe full of paper or slip it over a piece of wood roughly shaped like your foot and hammer the seam until it is perfectly smooth and the laces are beaten down flat.

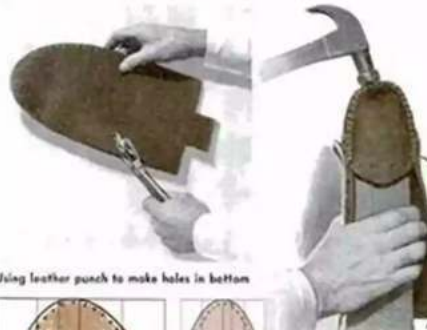
Slip the moccasin on your foot and fit the heel. Make the two heel cuts deeper if necessary, and cut off the ends of the two tabs which butt together until they fit snugly. (All pattern sizes are purposely made a trifle long for fitting.)

Lace up the heel as shown, lay it over some solid rounded object, and hammer the bends in the leather. String in the 3/16-in. ties, making the loop across the heel come outside to prevent chafing. The ends of the ties are tied into a double bow knot on top of the foot. Soak the moccasins in water again until soft, slip them on your feet over woolen socks, and walk until the leather is dry.

The pattern sizes are for medium to wide feet. If your foot is quite slim, make the patterns first on paper, then fold each piece lengthwise down the center and take a small tuck as shown in a sketch.



Four steps in lacing toe and bottom together

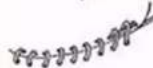


Using leather punch to make holes in bottom



The patterns, in drawing then, follow dimensions below

The toe is hammered over a rounded piece of wood



Sketch at left shows how to narrow a pattern, if necessary. Above, method of fastening end of the lace



The heel tabs are cut and fitted until the moccasin conforms smoothly to the foot

DIMENSIONS FOR PATTERNS

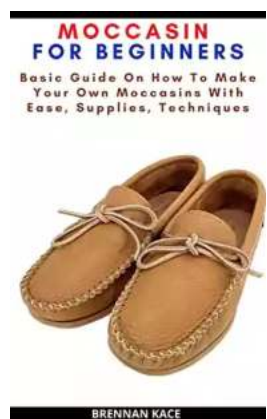
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Are you interested in crafting your own moccasins? Whether you're a beginner or an experienced DIY enthusiast, creating your own footwear can be a rewarding and fulfilling activity. In this comprehensive guide, we'll take you through the step-

by-step process of making your very own moccasins. From gathering the necessary supplies to implementing various techniques, we'll cover it all!

Supplies You'll Need

Before diving into the moccasin-making process, let's ensure you have all the necessary supplies at hand. Here's a list of materials you'll need:



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- Leather or suede fabric - Choose a material that best suits your preference and desired moccasin style.
- Scissors and/or a rotary cutter - Essential for cutting the fabric, so ensure they are sharp.
- Leather or fabric glue - Used for holding the moccasin pieces together.
- A pair of needles - Opt for a sturdy needle that can withstand the thickness of the fabric.

- Waxed thread - Provides durability and strength when stitching the moccasins.
- Awls or hole punches - Used for creating holes and perforations in the fabric.
- Lacing - Choose a lacing material that complements your moccasin design.
- Decorative items (optional) - If you want to add embellishments to your moccasins, prepare items like beads, feathers, or fringes.

The Techniques Involved

There are various techniques you can employ to create your moccasins. Let's explore a few of them:

1. Pattern Making

The first step in crafting moccasins is creating a pattern. This pattern will serve as a template for cutting the fabric. You can either download a ready-made pattern online or draw your own based on your foot measurements. Make sure to account for seam allowances while drafting the pattern.

2. Cutting the Fabric

Once you have your pattern ready, lay it on top of the leather or suede fabric. Use sharp scissors or a rotary cutter to carefully cut along the pattern's outline. Ensure clean and precise cuts for better results.

3. Stitching the Pieces Together

Apply a small amount of leather or fabric glue along the edges of the moccasin pieces. Press them firmly together and let the glue set for a few minutes. Once the pieces are secure, you can proceed to stitch them together using a waxed

thread and a durable needle. Hand-stitch the pieces along the marked seam lines, making sure to maintain even tension throughout.

4. Creating Sole and Insole

To ensure comfort and durability, you can add a sole and insole to your moccasins. Trace the shape of your feet on a piece of leather or rubber material. Cut out two identical sole pieces and attach them to the bottom of your moccasin using strong adhesive. Similarly, create insole pieces to provide cushioning and support for your feet.

5. Adding Laces and Embellishments

Once you've completed the main construction of your moccasins, it's time to add laces. Using awls or hole punches, create evenly spaced holes along the edges of the moccasin openings. Thread your chosen lacing material through these holes, ensuring a snug fit. You can also incorporate decorative items like beads, feathers, or fringes to personalize your moccasins and make them unique to your style.

Making your own moccasins can be a fulfilling and creative journey. With the right supplies and techniques, you can craft custom footwear that matches your style and fits perfectly. Follow this basic guide, unleash your creativity, and step into the pride of wearing moccasins of your own making.

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In this shoemaking guide you will learn how to make moccasins from scratch.

This so interesting shoe type is very different from every other type of footwear, so you will learn here many new approaches in shoe making:

Pattern making is a start point of your learning. It is very important step in moccasin making because only precise pattern of moccasin will guarantee you that you will make good and quality moccasins. The pattern of moccasins is very unique, because it is one cut pattern that includes the part of the insole that overlaps the shoe last bottom and sewn with the front part of moccasins -the tongue. If every other shoe type consists of few different part, where the upper is made apart from the insole, so in moccasins, the upper is the hole shoe. That's why the upper pattern construction of moccasins is so important. So here you will learn unique shoe making technique on how to make one cut pattern of moccasins using your shoe last. This special pattern making technique to make moccasins is one of the kind and you will learn it step by step

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