INSIDE-BOOT CARD HOLDER

Build guide / materials + sewing

A slim portrait sleeve for 1–2 standard ID or credit cards, suspended INSIDE a boot from an existing pull tab. The hanger is not a leg strap. A separate snap keeper closes over the cards.

CUT LIST — PER HOLDER

A: back + integral hanger — cut 1. Body 70 × 104 mm; overall 70 × 196 mm.
B: front — cut 1, 70 × 96 mm. Top scoop and bottom push notch are front-only.
C: keeper — cut 1, 18 × 56 mm. Square-ended 14 mm tail attaches to back.
D: cap covers — cut 2, 18 × 18 mm from thin smooth lining. Trim flush if needed.

LEATHER + HARDWARE

Back/hanger: flexible, firm 3–4 oz leather (about 1.2–1.6 mm). Front: 2–3 oz (about 0.8–1.2 mm). Use thin, flexible keeper and smooth cap covers. Thick, stiff leather will be bulky against your leg.

Two SMALL snap sets per holder: one keeper closure + one hanger loop. About 10 mm cap/glove snaps suit this draft; seller naming and post lengths vary. Match your actual hardware to the finished stack. Crosshairs are placement guides, NOT universal hole sizes. No rivets required.

SEWING ORDER

1. Print the Letter OR A4 pattern at 100% / Actual size. Measure both calibration marks. Make the whole paper mockup and check your boot pull tab before cutting leather.

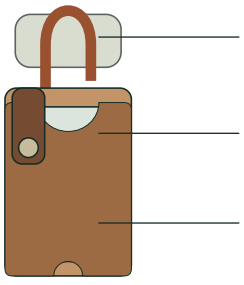
2. Cut A, B, C and TWO D covers. Case/tool/dye before assembly if desired, using your own decoration. Do not copy the reference maker’s turquoise motif. Finish pocket mouths and exposed edges first.

3. Dry-fit the front keeper stud near its marked center. Set it per your hardware instructions. On the CARD-FACING back of B, glue a thin D cover over the metal cap; trim flush to the scoop if needed. Never cover a working snap face.

4. With C pointing UP, sew its square-ended 14 mm tail to A’s LEG-FACING BACK in the LEFT-SHOULDER box, x 4–22 / y 90–104 mm. Coordinates are FRONT-view: through-mark the box to the BACK without switching shoulders. Keep stitches flat and C outside the card slot.

5. Align A and B at the bottoms and sides. Lightly glue only the seam margins, then mark paired stitch holes together. Stitch 4 mm inside the sides/bottom, leaving the marked bottom gap at the front notch open. Backstitch at seam ends. Do not stitch the pocket mouth shut.

6. Fit the hanger and keeper exactly as page 2 describes BEFORE punching the remaining snaps. Cover the hanger stud’s leg-facing metal back with the second D patch. Burnish/smooth edges, let finishes/adhesives cure to their labels, then test with dummy cards.



A: through the EXISTING boot pull tab, then snap the hanger to itself.

C: LEFT-shoulder keeper goes over the cards and snaps to the front of the sleeve.

Pocket hangs INSIDE the upper shaft. Nothing wraps around your leg.

Attachment schematic — NOT a full-size cutting template

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Attachment / snap orientation + first prototype

HOW THE TWO STRAPS WORK

HANGER: A’s integral 20 mm tongue goes upward through an EXISTING boot pull tab and folds back to snap to itself. The pocket hangs inside the upper outer shaft. Do not wrap a strap around your ankle or leg, puncture the boot or force it between a tight shaft and your calf.

Place the socket near the hanger tip mark, 12 mm from the cut end. Choose ONLY ONE matching stud location after the paper/leather boot fit. The lowest default mark is 10 mm above the body; the other two are alternatives, not three required studs. Keep hardware away from skin; cover the stud’s leg-facing back with D.

CARD KEEPER: C’s 14 mm tail is already sewn to the back. Bring the free end over the FREE LEFT SHOULDER (not across the integral hanger) and the top of the cards, then down the FRONT to B’s stud. Mark/set the matching socket only after inserting your actual card stack. Printed snap centers are flat-layout starting points; leather thickness and the fold change the final reach.

Snap orientation: a cap is the smooth outside face. A socket is the female working half; a stud is the male working half. The working socket and stud must face each other. Check a loose sample first, and follow the snap maker’s die/post instructions.

FLAT-LAYOUT CHECKS (NOT A FIT GUARANTEE)

Default hanger centers: 114 and 184 mm from body bottom; midpoint/fold guide 149 mm. A boot pull tab is not a universal size: test the loop on YOUR boot before setting the stud.

Keeper attachment: square tail bottom at 90 mm; fold at 104 mm. Socket guide 47 mm from tail corresponds to front stud 71 mm in the zero-thickness paper model. Mark final snap placement after fitting, rather than forcing this paper coordinate through thick leather.

A standard card is 53.98 × 85.60 mm. Side stitch lines are 62 mm apart. Capacity, comfort and retention depend on actual leather, glue, card stack and shaft space; start with one card, not a stuffed wallet.

BEFORE MAKING YOUR SHOW PAIR

• Use scrap first. Confirm card insertion/removal and both snap closures. Shake and invert over a soft surface with dummy cards; a closed keeper should stop cards escaping.

• Wear the prototype while walking, sitting, bending, dancing and removing the boot. Stop if you feel rubbing, pressure, numbness or circulation discomfort. Move/resize it rather than tolerating a painful fit.

• Check stitching, hanger strength, loose snaps and metal covers. Test sweat/dye transfer with a damp white cloth. Not waterproof, loss-proof or physically validated by this draft.

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