

CFH - Kids Moccasin Kit



Step 1: Getting started

Welcome to your new Kids Moccasin Kit! Before you start, familiarize yourself with the pieces. The larger of the pieces is the sole, followed by the tongue, rectangular ankle wraps, and a small scrap intended for use as a thimble, there is also a lace strand and finally 18 feet of sinew. A needle is taped to these instructions; please save all packaging and instructions until your moccasins are complete. (1)

The sole pieces are already designed for both feet. Choose which side you would like to show: the smooth (grain) side out, or the fuzzy (suede) side out. As long as you sew both shoes with the same side out, you will have a pair. Lay your sole piece so that the side you want to show is down. The instructions shown are grain side out. (2)

Step 2: Sewing the Heel

You will need 9 feet of sinew per moccasin; with the provided sinew, cut it in half, and half again, for two 4 and a half foot pieces per shoe. Set the second set of strands aside with the other pieces. Peel off the needle taped to these instructions and thread it with the sinew. Fold your sole piece in half length-wise, and match up the quarter panel corner. Start with the second hole and backstitch to the first hole to sew an anchor loop. (2) Then, you will straight stitch down the rest of the length until you arrive at the slope for the heel tab. These moccasins are designed so the last hole of the quarter panel matches up with the middle hole of the half-moon-shaped heel tab (3). Continue down one side of the heel tab, then reverse course and follow the moon to the other side, then back again to make a chain stitch for the heel tab (4a.) When you arrive at the top of the moon, run the needle underneath the stitch adjacent to the end point twice (4b.) Snip your thread.

4a.



4b.



1



2



3



Step 3: Sewing the toe

(5.A) Line up the notches on the toe section of the tongue with the notch on the sole.

As with the quarter panel section, you will make the same anchoring stitch as on the heel steps, and continue to the other side. The sole side of the seam will pucker against the vamp; this is normal (5.B) Firmly pull the sinew in the direction you are stitching every three to four holes to ensure a strong seam. The notches will line up when you get to them, indicating you have sewn it right! When you arrive at the final hole, anchor the seam with the same stitch as the one you started with. To finish, pass your needle through one hole, then out the seam (between the pieces [6]) This will hide your exposed thread.

5.A



5.B



6



Step 4: The Ankle Wrap

The next step is to attach your trim ankle wrap. Start with the second hole of the topline, but leave about an inch of sinew tail so you have something to hang onto when you back stitch an anchor loop. Pass the needle through the corresponding hole in the ankle wrap, backstitch to the first hole, pass through all three layers, and continue on to the other side, similarly to how you sewed the vamp (7) Finish attaching the ankle wrap by making an anchor loop, then pass the needle through an adjacent hole in the ankle wrap only, and cut your thread. The ankle wrap will be folded over the topline to give a nice, finished look (8).

7



8



Step 5: Lacing the moccasin

Now, fold your show lace in half and cut it into two three-foot pieces. Cut a little triangle in the ends to form a point; this will make threading the lacing much easier. Thread your lacing through the holes, starting with the lowest holes. Lace into the inside, from bottom to top. (9)

Step 6: Cutting the Fringe

Last, you may decide if you would like to cut fringe. In our picture we are cutting about 1/4" thick, but you can cut however thick or thin you want. This is totally a preference, and it won't hurt your moccasin! (10).

9



10

