

## Edge finishing

If you are making a bookmark kit, you can skip the part for now (You'll come back to it later). If you have a wallet kit, now is the time how you want to finish your edges. You have two options: As Cut, or Burnished. These two options are shown below:



*Figure 1: Edge finish options. "As Cut" shown on top, "Burnished" shown on bottom.*

This is primarily an aesthetic choice. Burnishing the edge will bring the color of the leather out on the edge. This is especially evident on brighter color leathers. Not burnishing the edges is perfectly fine too! Your piece will last just as long, and will serve you just as well.

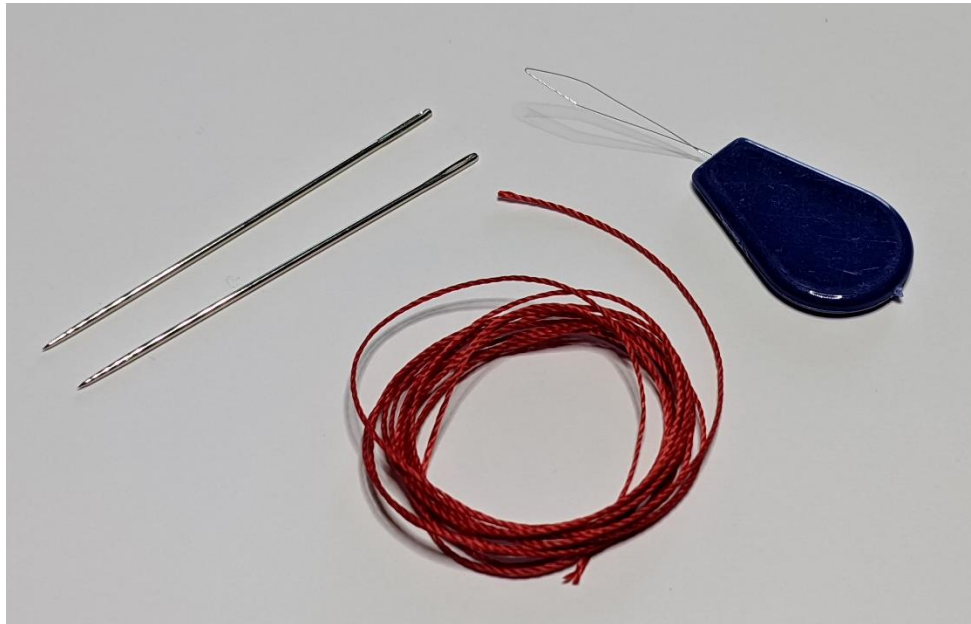
If you've got a wallet kit, this is decision time. If you want to burnish the edges of your leather, you'll need to do so to the edges of your outer pockets now, as you won't have the ability to burnish them once you've started stitching. You'll need to burnish both outer pockets, and then stitch them to the inner pocket components. Once you've stitched both inner pocket components together, you can burnish the outer edge of your wallet.

To begin burnishing, you need the following items from your kit: Your leather piece of leather, 800 and 1200 grit sandpaper, your burnishing compound (Shown below). In addition, you'll need the following items not included in your kit: cotton swab, with the end cut off on swab, and cloth (old t-shirt, microfiber cloth)

Start by lightly sanding the edges of your leather with the 800 grit sandpaper. You are looking to sand until all of the "burnt" looking edge is gone. Once you've finished, you'll want to lightly wipe the edges of your piece with the cloth, and repeat the process with the 1200 grit. Wipe the edge once more, and open up your burnishing compound, and begin lightly applying the burning compound to the edge. I suggest using a cotton swab, with the end cut off. Once your compound is applied, you'll use a clean section of cloth to vigorously rub it into the edge.

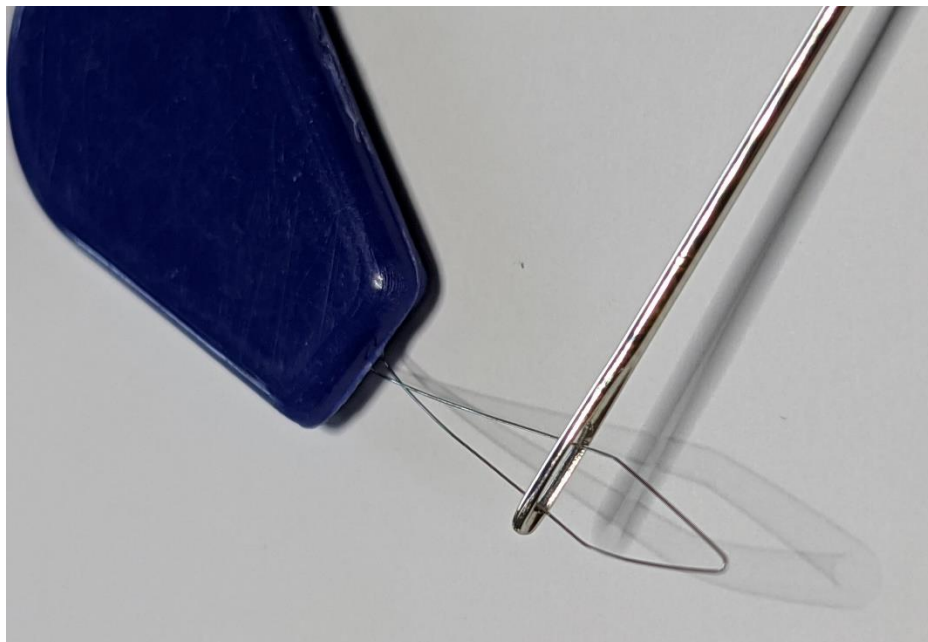
## Threading the needles

The first step is to thread the needles. For this steps you will need the following items: 2 needles, one strand of thread, needle threading tool (Shown below)



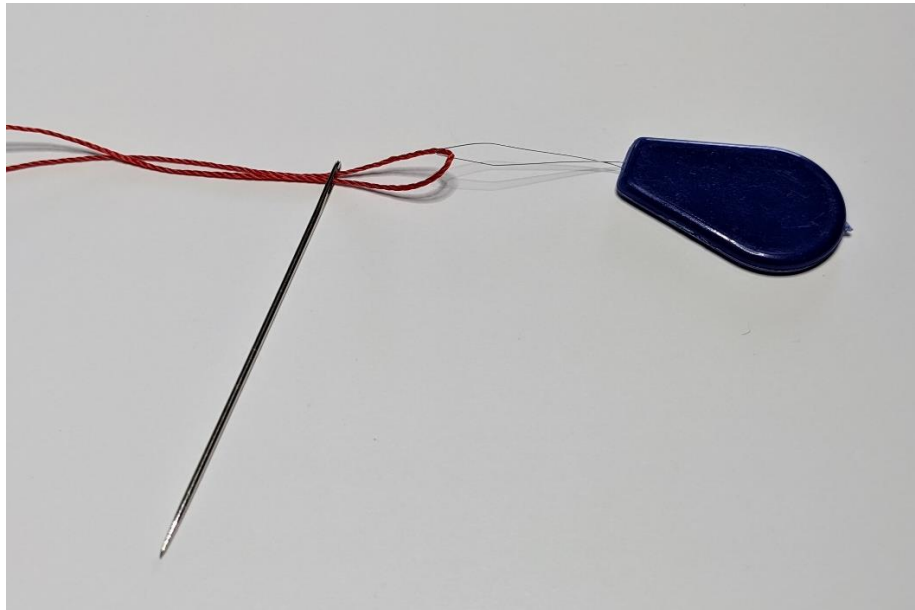
*Figure 2: Components for burnishing.*

For wallet kits, you'll want to start by threading the color you intend to use for the outer pockets. Begin by placing the threading tool through the head of the needle.



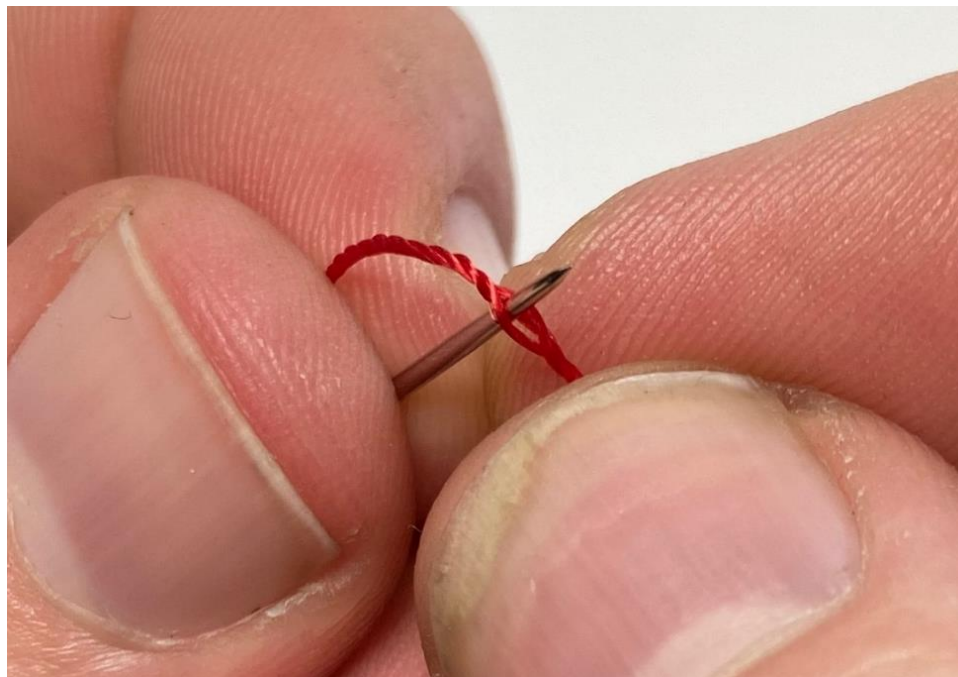
*Figure 3: Needle threading tool placed through the head of the needle.*

Next, you'll want to place one end of your thread through the loop of the threading tool, and then pull the thread through the head of the needle.

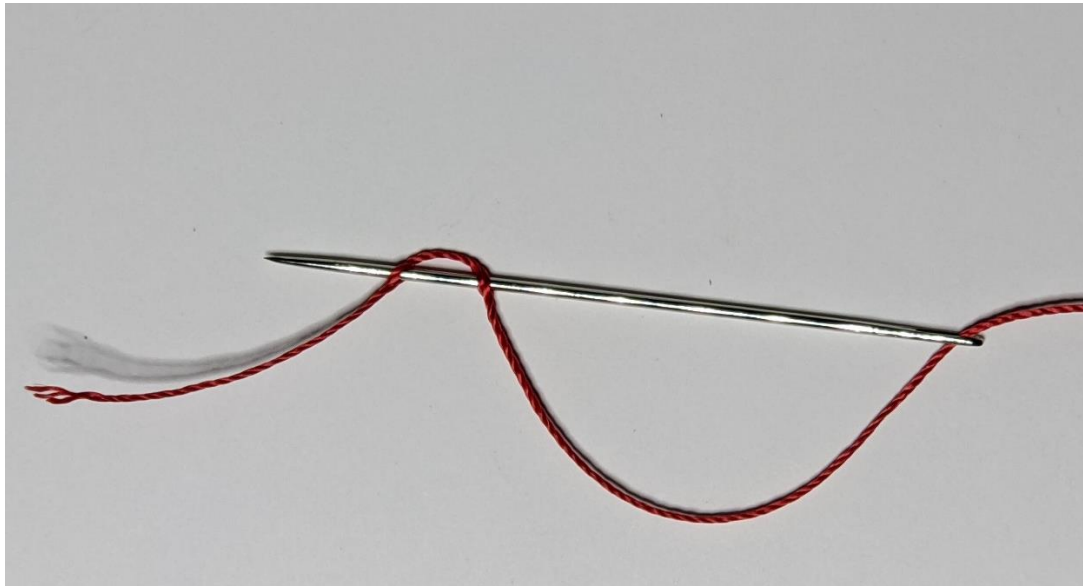


*Figure 4: Thread being pulled through the head of the needle.*

Next, you'll need to use the needle to pierce the thread, approximately 1 inch from the end. Lightly twisting the thread in the opposite direction to the strand twists will split the thread, and make piercing easier. You will need to pierce the thread again, approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the first pierce.

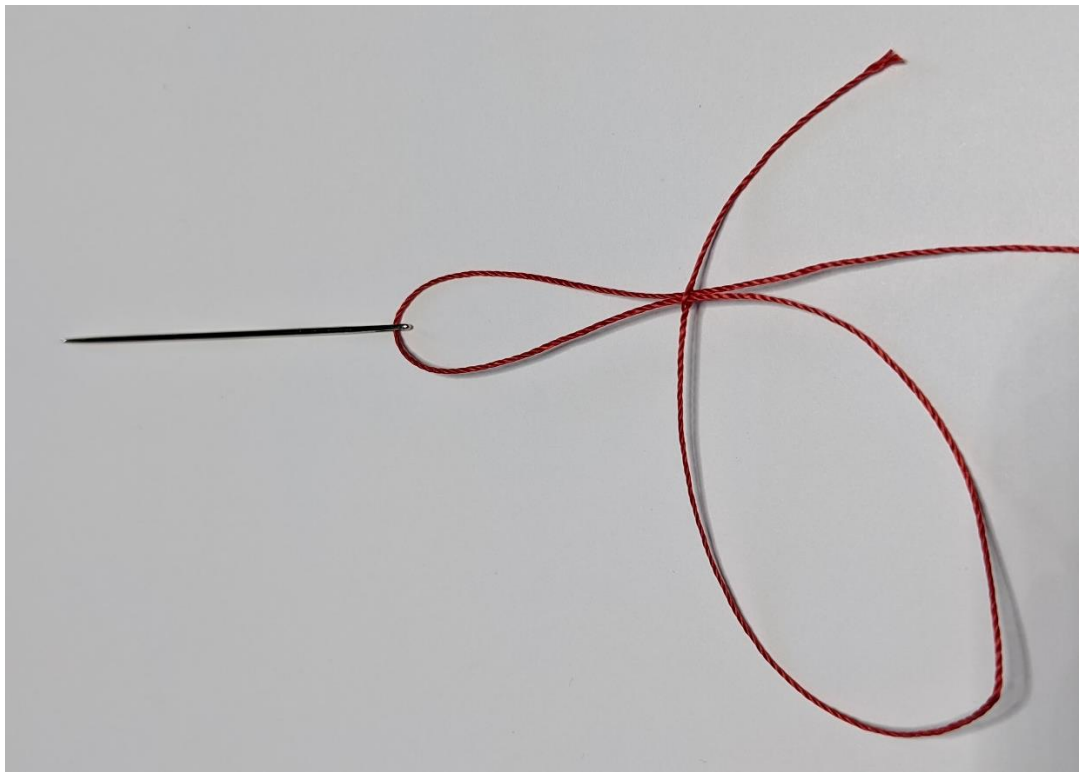


*Figure 5: Needle piercing thread*

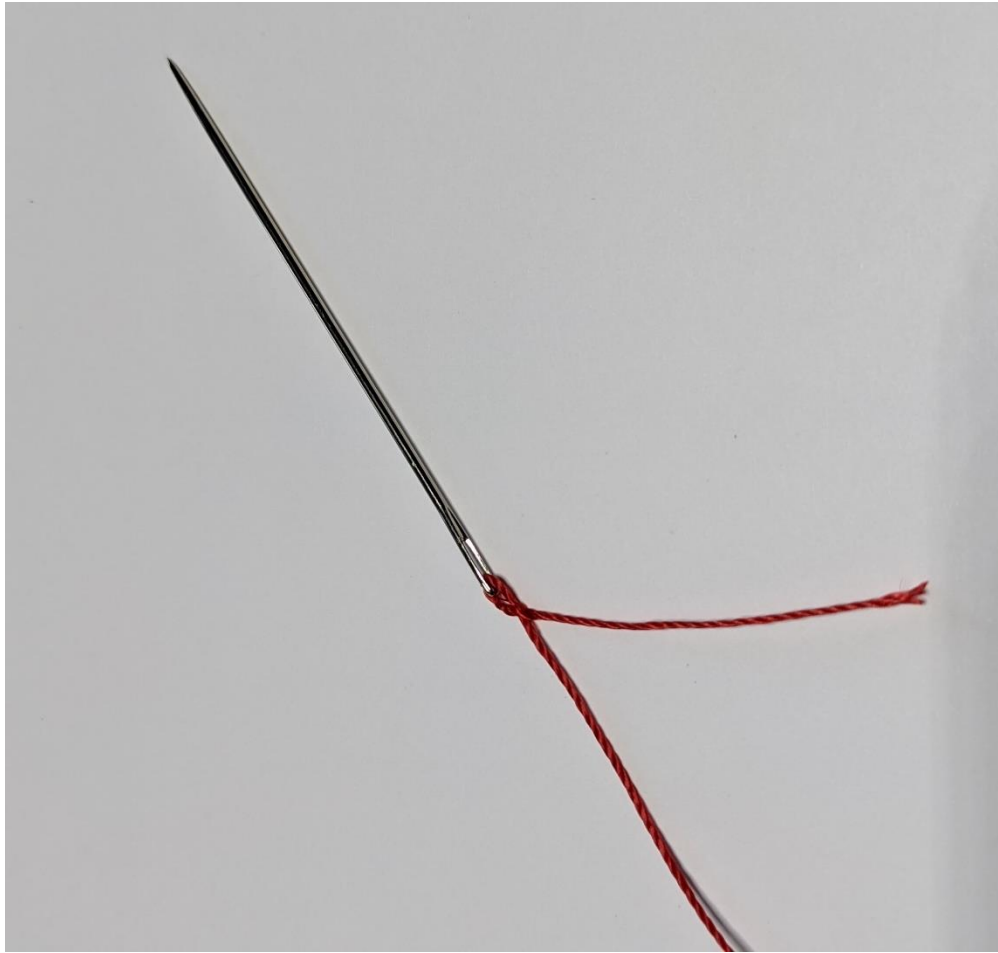


*Figure 6: Needle piercing thread twice, ready to be pulled through.*

Next, pull the needle through the pierced thread. With the needle pulled through, hold the short end of the thread, and pull the needle until the thread is pulled taught to the head of the needle (as shown below).



*Figure 7: Needle pulled through pierced thread.*



*Figure 8: Thread pulled taut to needle head.*

Repeat this process for the other side of the thread. You're now ready to start sewing!

## Sewing

Start by aligning your pieces, using needles to keep the holes aligned, while you clamp the pieces together with the provided clamp.



*Figure 9: Needles aligning parts to be sewn.*

With the parts clamped, place one needle through the first hole, and pull it through until an equal amount of thread is on each side.



*Figure 10: Clamped pieces with thread through first hole.*

Holding the thread on Side B as shown below, place the needle from Side A into the next hole, and pull through until the thread is taught.



Figure 11: Holding Side B thread

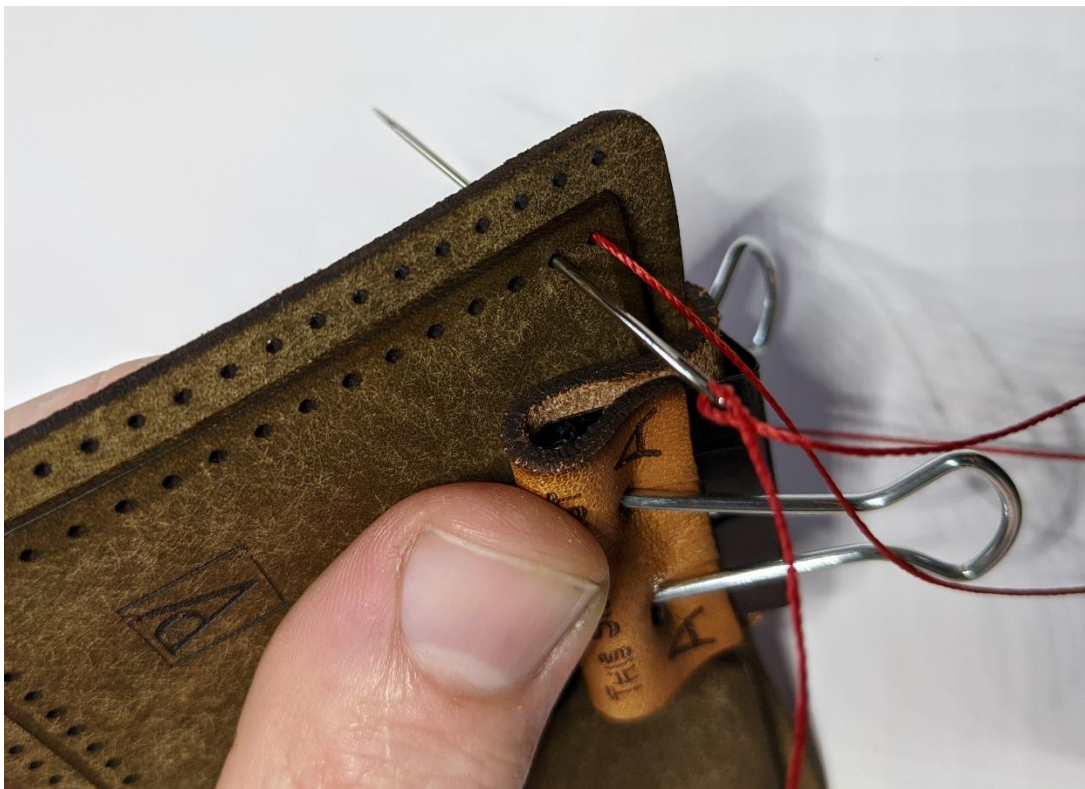
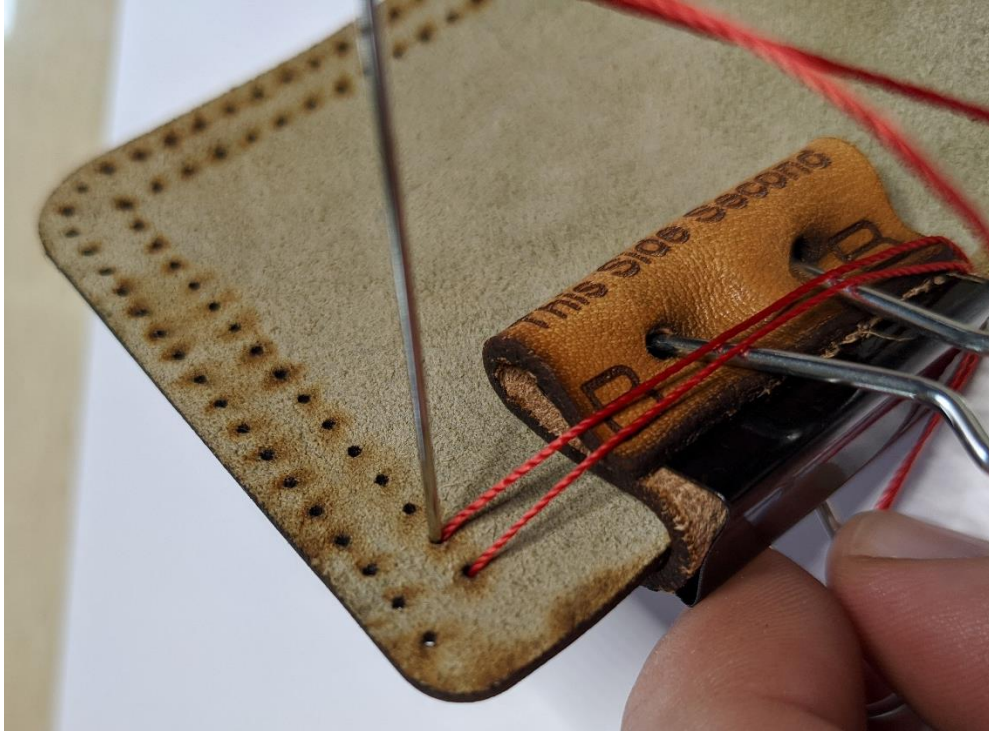


Figure 12: Side A needle through next hole.

Once the thread is pulled through, hold the thread that just pulled through the hole, and place the Side B needle through the second hole, above the first thread.



*Figure 13: Side B needle through second hole.*

Pull the second thread through the hole. Pull each thread tight, and repeat the process for the remaining holes. Once you reach the end of the stitch, you will repeat the process to stitch back through the last three holes. This will secure the thread.



*Figure 14: Back stitching to secure thread.*



Finish the stitch by bringing both end of the thread to one face, and trimming them approximately ½ inch from the piece. Once trimmed, the threads can be quickly burned with a lighter to remove excess thread.



*Figure 15: Threads trimmed.*

Repeat this process for the other side of the wallet, and then again to secure the two halves to each other, if you are completing a bookmark kit, now is the time to finish the edges (See instructions above).