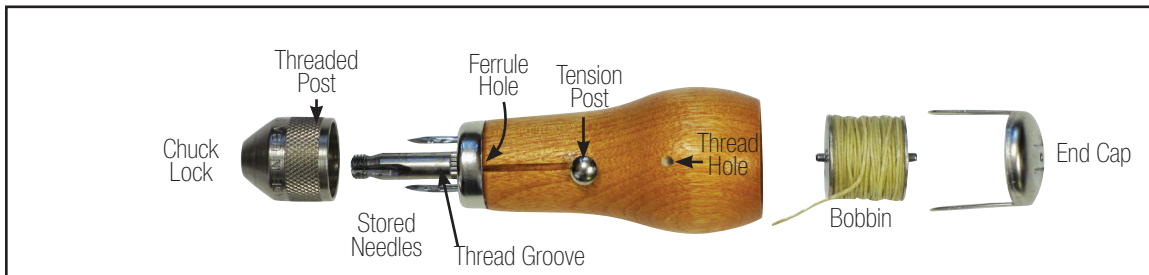


The SPEEDY STITCHER

Sewing Awl

How to Use the Speedy Stitcher Sewing Awl

The Speedy Stitcher is a handy sewing awl that creates the perfect lock-stitch, by hand. Uses for the Speedy Stitcher including the assembly and repair of leather goods, canvas tarps, climbing and camping gear, book binding repair, saddlery and tack items, athletic equipment, even shoes and belts. Included with the basic sewing awl are two different needles and a bobbin of thread.



How To Set-Up:



1) Pull out end cap (with bobbin inside). Push the end of bobbin thread out hole in handle. Replace end cap, securing the bobbin. Wrap thread end around tension post. Pass thread end "under" thread, this ensures it will feed properly.



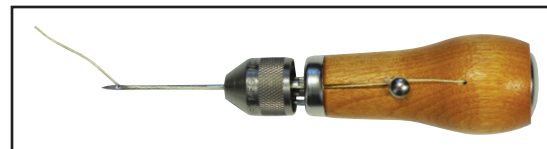
2) Pass thread along groove in handle and through hole in ferrule.



3) Select one of the needles. Insert needle in threaded post. Align the groove on needle with groove on post.



4) Run thread along groove on post and into eye of the needle.



5) Screw chuck lock back into place and pull thread out to the length needed to complete project.

Types of Thread:

Fine thread should be used for projects with thinner material to stitch. Common uses for fine thread projects include tent canopy fabric, backpacking weight, breathable tent fabric, tent fly material, thinner shoe fabric, etc. Fine threads work best with the #130 small straight needle.

Coarse thread is better suited for heavy fabrics such as a thick leather, heavy duty canvas, boat sails, baseball gloves, sports equipment and more. The #130A large straight needle and the #130B large curved needle work best with the thicker, more coarse thread.

Bobbins can be threaded with both kinds of thread.

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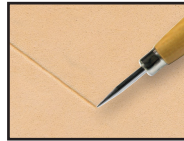
Prepare Your Project For Stitching:

On Leather: To help keep stitches straight, first use a Stitching Groover to mark the path for stitching or a stylus to lightly mark a guideline.

On Canvas & Upholstery: Draw guidelines with chalk or a pencil.



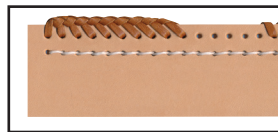
Stitching Groover



Stylus



Overstitch Wheel



Overstitch Wheel: Mark stitching hole placement with an Overstitch Wheel or ruler and stylus.

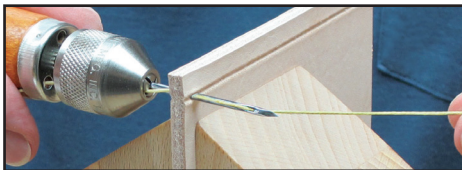
Stitching Pony: To help hold your project while stitching, use a Stitching Pony.



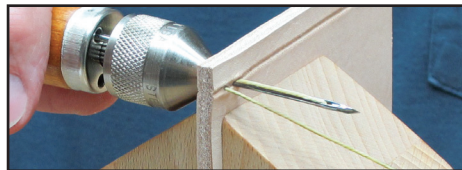
3-Hole Punch: To make stitching easier, pre-punch holes in leather.

Note: The length of thread needed to stitch the project is equal to the length of the stitch line to be done plus 3".

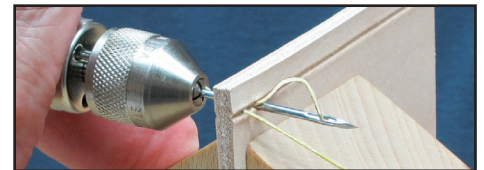
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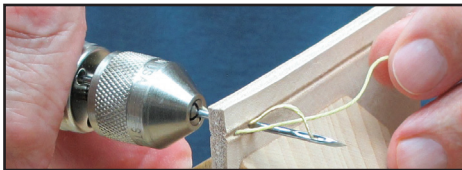
1) From the back side, push needle through material. On front-side, fully draw-out thread, long enough to do stitching - adding 3".



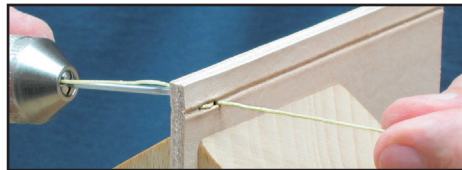
2) While keeping thumb over thread on handle of awl, hold thread and pull needle back out hole and start it through second hole.



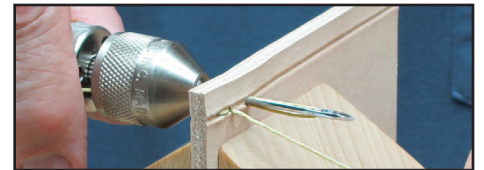
3) Push needle through second hole as far as it will go. Then pull back slightly on the awl just until a loop is formed.



4) Pass all of the thread through this loop.

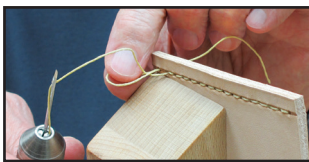


5) Hold thread end taut. Pull needle out of hole, forming a lock-stitch. Pull taut, the lock-stitch knot should be buried in the middle of the fabric layers.



6) Release more thread between needle and material to allow for next stitch. Continue.

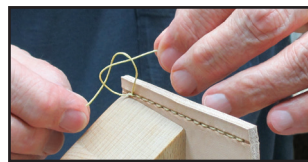
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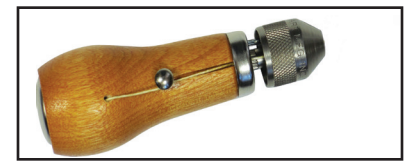
1) After last hole on the back side, grasp loop and pull out of hole.



2) Cut thread leaving two 3" lengths to tie off.



3) Tie ends in knot on back side. Trim thread.



4) To safely store the Speedy Stitcher sewing awl, remove the needle from the threaded post and place back in appropriate slot. Screw the chuck lock back in place.

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