

SOUTHWEST COSTUMERS GUILD

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We would love for you to join us. We have created many exciting opportunities this year to build and show clothing, costumes and/or craft projects. We plan to attend many events to show off our talents.



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A Chapter of the International Costume Guild



The Southwest Costumers Guild is an exciting organization, for those who love all manner of costumes. We design, build, model, and appreciate the clothing of many periods and genres including Victorian, Regency, Medieval, Renaissance and Modern Historicals; as well as Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Animé. We invite any and all who have a desire for serious fun to join us.

A Practical Pouch

by Randall Whitlock

This pattern will make a simple belt pouch suitable for medieval, renaissance, and highland costumes. fabric should be enough.

Use heavy twill, poplin, duck, corduroy, or garment weight leather. 1/3 yard of

There are four basic parts to this pattern: Back/Flap, Front, Belt Loop, and Side. The Back/Flap, Front, and Side are shown on top of each other to save space. The Side is a rectangle 1 to 2 inches wide and about 16 inches long. (See illustration at lower left). You'll also want a button, snap, or other clasp and a few inches of grosgrain ribbon or bias tape.

Copy your pattern pieces to new paper. Cut them out. Fold your fabric over and lay it out together. Set your pattern pieces down on your fabric and trace around them with chalk or pencil. Use a single thickness of fabric to make the Side. Tracing down both sides of a yardstick is the easiest way to lay out the Side strip.

right sides together. Use a pencil. Use a yardstick is the easiest way to lay

Do not cut out your pieces yet. Sew through the chalk line around the three sides of the Flap, but not the curved portion of this piece. Sew through the chalk line around the Back but leave the straight top unsewn.

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Cut out all allowance.

of the pieces. Cut about 1/4 inch outside of the chalk lines to create a 1/4 inch seam

Turn the Flap rightside out and stitch all around the Flap and Back so it lays nice and flat. Turn the two pieces of the Belt Loop rightside out and stitch all around so it is nice and flat. Turn the two pieces of the front so the right sides face outward.

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Sew the Belt Loop to the Back in the same position shown on the pattern.

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Sew the Side strip to the curved sides of the Front panel. Trim off the excess at the ends. Finish the top of the Front and Side strip by applying grosgrain ribbon or bias tape.

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Sew the other edge of the Side strip to the raw edge of the Back panel, right sides together. Turn the pouch rightside out so the Belt Loop is on the outside.

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Sew a buttonhole in the Flap. Sew a button to the Front panel.

Alternatively, you can apply snaps or some clever clasp.

Pouch is finished!

