

When I started making moccasins I was told your first pair won't be perfect. That was 2015, through trial and error (and workshops with other amazing Indigenous artists) I recreated the instructions that I vaguely remember of the side seam moccasins.

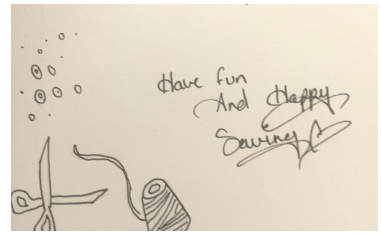
My great grandma had a pair with red rose beadwork, and my daughter was given a pair as a gift when she was a baby.

Our gift to you is to create a pair for your little one.

Please don't hesitate to reach out for help if you are stuck on a step, FNF would love to help.

Otherwise I will be providing youtube channel on "how to sew side seam moccasins" and where to buy affordable and sustainable hide:

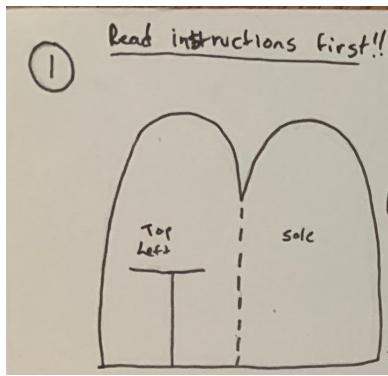
You can always search up side seam moccasin tutorials on google or youtube.



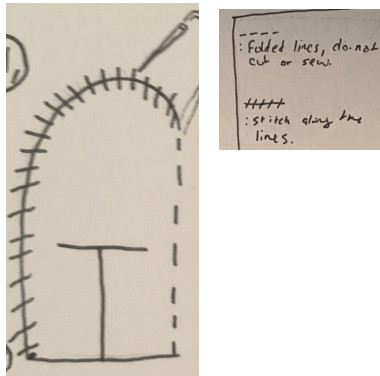
Your kit includes:

**X2 sole moccasins
X2 tongues
X2 cuffs
X2 needles
(one leather, one beading)
X1 sinew thread**





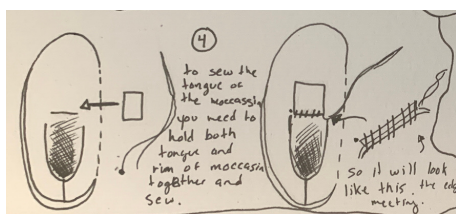
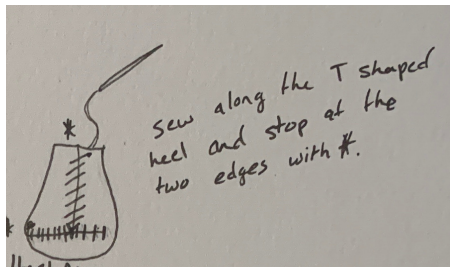
If you want to put beadwork on your moccasin, do that first.
Put a design right above the cut T on the M shaped piece.



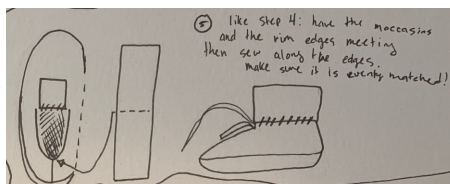
1.Thread the needle: pull the sinew thread through the small hole at the top of the needle. The leather needle is the sharper one. Use a lighter or match on one end of the sinew to make a small ball. This will stop the thread from going out after you sewed it. Make it small enough that it's comfortable in the moccasin.

2.Measure on baby's feet. If the rounded parts are waaaay too long, you might want to trim them a bit. Or leave them for baby to grow into. This is just your first pair – you will make your little one many pairs throughout their lifetime.

3.Fold one of the "M" shaped pieces and stitch the edges together, as in the picture (stop at the flat part). The soft smooth suede part should be on the outer side for now. (you will turn them inside out at the end, so whatever part you want touching baby's foot should be on the outside for now). Sew the heel together: stitch the two "flaps" or cut parts of the top together to make the back or upright part of the heel, then fold the bottom onto itself to make the sole of the heel.



4.Attach the tongue to the top of the T cut in the top half of your moccasin. Stack the tongue and the foot on top of each other, with the edges together.



5.Attach the cuff to the rounded part of the rim, again stack them on top of each other. Make sure everything is evenly matched.

6.Pull the moccasin inside out. You can attach a cord to tie them by sewing the cord to the cuff, or by winding it around (under) the cuff.

7. Repeat all these steps with the other one too.