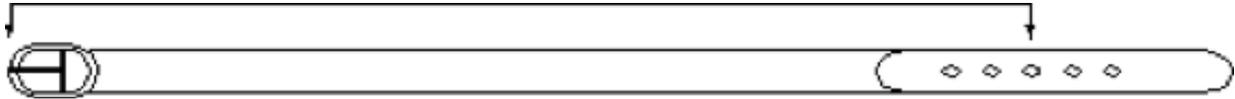


BELT FINISHING INSTRUCTIONS

The customer is responsible for providing finished belt measurement.

DETERMINE BELT SIZE MEASUREMENT

The best way to determine the amount of stitching required for a needlepoint belt is to measure an existing belt that fits the wearer. Position the belt on a flat surface and measure from the tip of the buckle to the hole most worn (include the buckle in the measurement). **Use a tape measure to determine the length** (it is more accurate than a yardstick). This measurement is the *Belt Size*.



Subtract 3" from the *Belt Size* to determine the required amount of needlepoint stitching. This measurement is the *Stitch Length*.

EXAMPLE: 36" *Belt Size* - 3" = 33" *Stitch Length*

When positioning the *Stitch Length* on the design area, note that 1½ – 2 " on each end stitching will be covered by leather. If needed, remember to center the design within the *Stitch Length*. Avoid placing initials or important details close to each end of the belt.

MORE ABOUT BELT MEASUREMENTS

A men's BELT measurement is 2" larger than the PANT size.

EXAMPLE: 36" PANT is worn with a 38" BELT

Remember to subtract 3" to determine your *Stitch Length*. A 38" belt requires 35" of stitching.

For best results we recommend measuring a recipient's existing belt to determine the size. Also, the measurement stamped on the back of a store bought belt may be the pant size, not the belt size, so measure the belt.

TYPES OF LEATHER There are two kinds of leather used in making needlepoint belts: calfskin and saddle leather. Calfskin leather comes in many colors and is most often used for dress belts. Saddle leather is a heavier grade of leather and most often used for casual belts. We are happy to help you decide on a leather color as leather is subject to color variations and difficult to view on electronic devices.

EVERY BELT NEEDS EXTRA ROWS

It is necessary to complete a special stitch, called a binding stitch, **or** stitch two extra rows on the top and bottom edges of your belt prior to assembly. Be mindful that the binding stitch will increase the overall width of the belt. Your finished belt should pass throughout a belt's loops with ease. The binding stitch can be stitched by Needleworks for an additional fee, or you can learn how its done. If a staff member is to complete the binding stitch, please allow two additional weeks for belt assembly. Belt finishing requires 8 weeks.