

Rob Roy Sporran

My version of a sporran for the
Lowlander of Lower Saxony



Why do I sew a sporran?

In October 2017 friends of us got married and Manuela had the idea for a bet with the groom. If the groom's brother shows up in a yellow kilt at the wedding-eve party the groom has to wear a blue one for the whole time. To explain the colors, both brothers are huge fans of the biggest rival clubs of German soccer. BvB and Schalke 04! In order to win the bet Manuela made them the outfit in the colors of their clubs.

Manuela made these beautiful four kilts, great job and I really love mine! The one thing I missed for a long time was a sporran which suits my kilt. Doing demonstration in woodturning at the Bremen Highland Games I thought that this is my chance to wear it in public!



Material needed:

- soft Leather app. 80x30 cm
- cord to close the sporran
- button of some kind (I turned mine on my lathe)

Tools needed:

- scissors
- sewing machine or just a needle
- yarn in the color of the leather
- chalk
- 5mm punch

Cutting the leather:

Printing the pattern, for reference: each square should be 1 cm x 1 cm. You'll need the front and back 2 times, one flap and belt loop, a reinforcement piece for the front and a gusset about 5 cm wide which is long enough to follow the arch of the front and back of your sporran.



Pic 01

All pieces needed cut and ready for the things to come.

Preparing the belt slots:

After I found the position of the belt slots I punched a hole at the top and bottom of each slot. Next I linked the two holes of each slot by cutting away the leather between the holes leaving two 5 mm wide slots.

Sewing leather is some kind of fighting it to stay in position. I don't have special glue so I used dobble stick tape to fix the belt loop to the back piece of my sporran.

Pic 02

Preparing the belt slots



Preparing the pieces for the front and back:

Pic 03

Sew the reinforcement piece to the **Inside** of the front. Belt loop and top go to the **Outside** of the back piece.



Pic 04

Punch the holes to the front piece using the pattern to locate the positions.

Sewing the pouch:

Sew the gusset to the front and back pieces with the **Outsides** facing in!

Pic 05
Sewing the gusset



Punching the holes for the cord:

punch 16 holes equally spaced around the top of your poch.
Take care not to punch through the seams.



Pic 06
Punching the holes

Find a decorative button to hold down the top:

After inserting the cords find a decorative button and sew it to the top.
I turned it on my lathe, same should work with a piece of antlers.

Pic 07
The finished sporran





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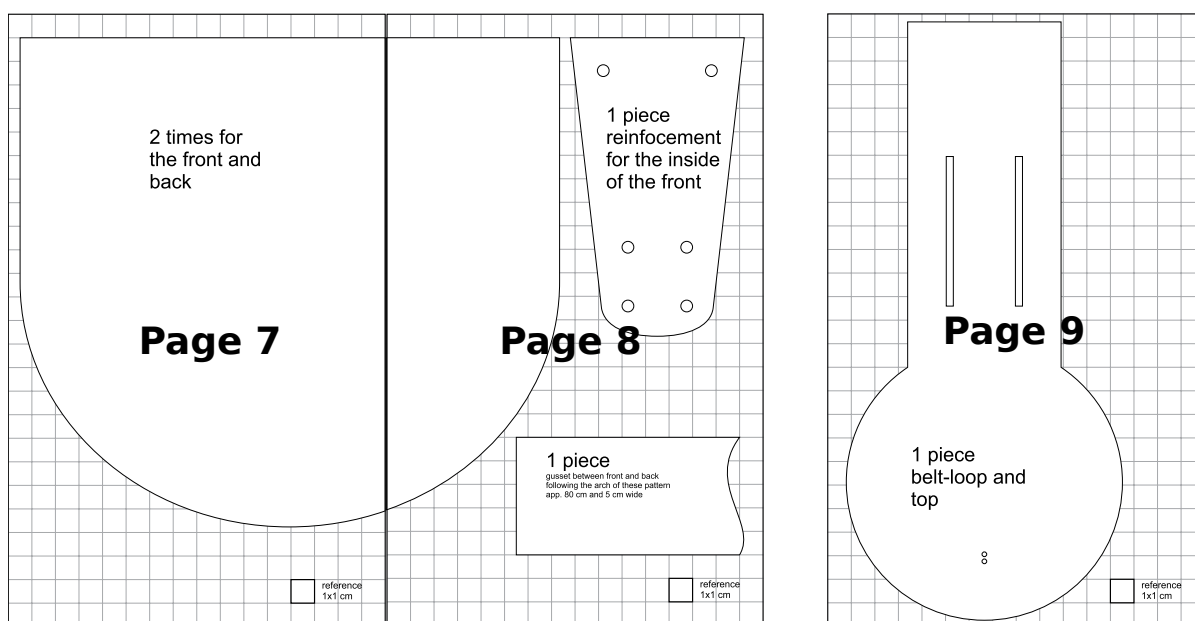
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Video on YouTube

In addition I made a small video on YouTube.

Pattern

Next three pages are the pattern you'll need for the sporran.
 Print these pages without resizing (the squares should end up 1cm).
 Pages 7 and 8 will be glued like shown.
 Cut out the parts (there's no seam allowance necessary)!



2 times for
the front and
back



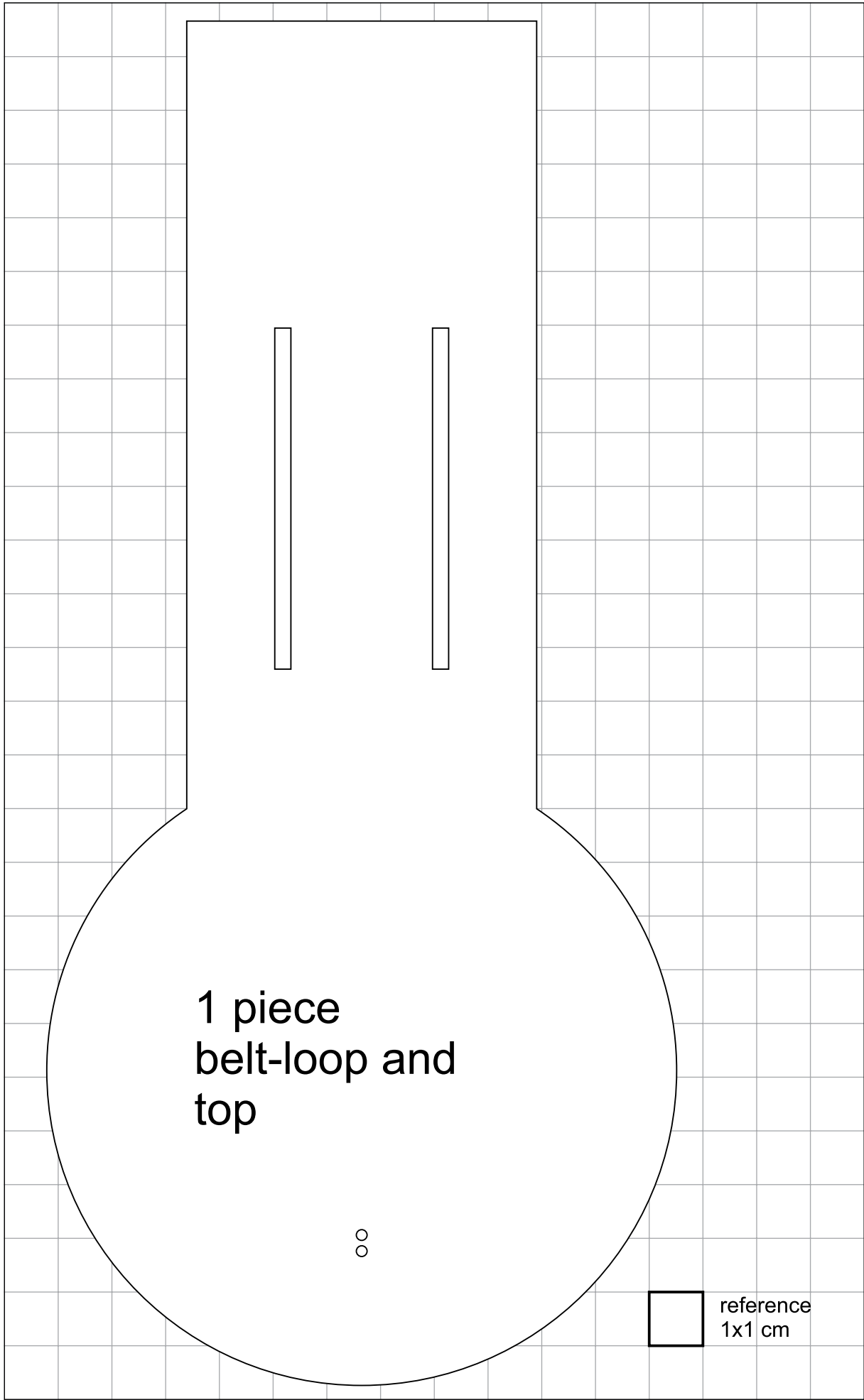
reference
1x1 cm

**1 piece
reinforcement
for the inside
of the front**

1 piece

gusset between front and back
following the arch of these pattern
app. 80 cm and 5 cm wide

reference
1x1 cm



1 piece
belt-loop and
top



reference
1x1 cm