

# M's Canvashouse Belt Sizing Information

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!\*\*\*\*\***

## DETERMINING THE BELT SIZE

Needlepoint belts can be tricky to size correctly, so if you are not sure please read the following information so there are no disappointments when it comes back and it does not fit!

**Belt size and pant size are two completely different measurements!**

The best way to measure for a needlepoint belt is by measuring a belt that fits. Lay the belt on a flat surface and measure from the buckle (include the buckle in the measurement) to the whole most worn.



Stitch 4" less needlepoint than belt size to allow for leathering.

(Example: BELT SIZE 36" - 4" = 32" of stitched canvas is needed.)

When positioning the design area on your belt, please note that 1 ½ inches on each end of the needlepoint will be covered by leather.

**BEWARE!** Do not use the measurement stamped on the back of a store bought belt. That measurement is usually the waist size measurement and not the true belt size... the needlepoint belt will be too small.

Use a measuring tape to measure for a guaranteed fit.

**All belt styles are measured the same!**

# Belt Leather Information

**TYPES OF LEATHER** There are two kinds of leather to choose from: Calf skin and Saddle leather.

- Calf skin leather is much softer and usually used on Ladies D-Ring, Ring enclosure, or children’s belts. Calf skin leathers also come in many colors.
- Saddle leather is heavier leather and used to make saddles and ‘heavier’ items. The Saddle leather cannot be used on Ring Enclosure or Ladies D-Ring belts.

<p><b>SADDLE LEATHER</b> is a heavier leather and available in six colors:</p> <p><b>BROWN-DMC 400, TAN-DMC 975, BLACK-DMC 310, CHOCOLATE-DMC 3371, CIGAR-DMC 838 AND WHITE</b></p>	<p><b>CALF SKIN LEATHER</b> is a lighter weight leather and available in many more colors.</p> <p><b><u>NEW COLORS:</u> SILVER METALLIC AND GOLD METALLIC</b></p>	<p>WHITE-DMC BLANC BEIGE CALF-DMC 822 SAND CALF-DMC612 YELLOW-DMC 726 SALMON-DMC 760 PINK CALF-DMC 603 BUBBLE GUM-ANCHOR 77 ROSE -ANCHOR-78 VIOLET -DMC 552 PURPLE - DMC 550 SKY BLUE-DMC 807</p>	<p>AQUA- DMC 807 ROYAL BLUE-DMC 311 MARINE BLUE-DMC823 DARK NAVY-DMC 939 LIME GREEN-ANCHOR 254 TEAL-DMC 991 DARK GREEN-DMC 500 BRIGHT RED- DMC 321 MAROON-ANCHOR 22 RUSTY BROWN-DMC 300 BLACK-DMC 310</p>	<p>RUSTY BROWN-DMC 300 TAN CALF-DMC 975 VEGGIE TAN-DMC435 BURNT ORANGE-DMC 301 RUST-DMC 300 MED.BROWN-DMC 898 LARRY BROWN-DMC 938 DARK BROWN-DMC 3371 LIGHT GREY DARK GREY-DMC 844</p>
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## **Frequently asked Questions!**

**Binding/ Finishing Stitch or Roll the Edge ~ How do I know which one to do?** The binding stitch is used when a belt on 18 count canvas is between 18-22 mesh wide (count the horizontal lines) If the belt is wider than 22 mesh wide the belt can be folded over on each side. This is important so that you needlepoint belt will fit through the pant loops. If you are working on 14 mesh canvas the belt needs to be 14-16 mesh wide to add the binding stitch. If it is wider than that we suggest that it be folded.

**Can you do the Binding/Finishing stitch for me?** Yes, If the binding stitch is needed it is necessary to send enough extra threads to complete the edge. It takes about one skein of Pearl cotton to complete both sides of a belt if stitched in the same color. Of course, this is going to add to the length of time it takes to be returned to you.

**If I add two rows on each side is that the binding stitch?** No, the binding stitch is a stitch that turns the edge under – see attached picture.

**Why does folding cost more?** Because it is very time consuming to fold the edge and sew at the same time. The binding stitch turns the edge of the canvas over so it is easier to handle.

**Do I give you a measurement for the Ring Enclosure and D-Ring style?** Yes, All Types of needlepoint belts are measured the same way.

**Do I include the buckle in the measurement?** Yes, that is a part of the measurement- Do not measure the entire belt! We need you to measure from the tip of the buckle (including the buckle) to the hole most worn.

**How much needlepoint do I stitch?** You will want to stitch 4 inches less than the **belt** size. Keep in mind that 1 ½ inches on each end will be covered with leather.

**How long does it take to get my belt back?** It depends. If we need to do the binding stitch for you that might add a two to three weeks to the turnaround time. If your belt has the binding stitch already, then it can be from 6 to 8 weeks. At Christmas we are much busier and could take longer.

**What is the cutoff date for Christmas?** Our guarantee deadline to get a belt back for the holidays is October 15<sup>th</sup>, however, we continue as long into the season as possible- call to see if we are still taking belts for finishing.

**What else can I make out of a needlepoint belt?** Flip flops are so cute and fun to do! Stitch 36 inches of a belt design and be sure the width is 27 to 29 rows of needlepoint on 18 mesh canvas. You can also make Flip Flops from 13 mesh canvas and should be 36 inches long and 18-20 mesh wide. For more information see [ElizabethTurnerCollection.com](http://ElizabethTurnerCollection.com)