



Old Style Anishinabe • Split Toe

# Moccasins

by Biskakone from Waswaagoning (Anishinabe Makazin)

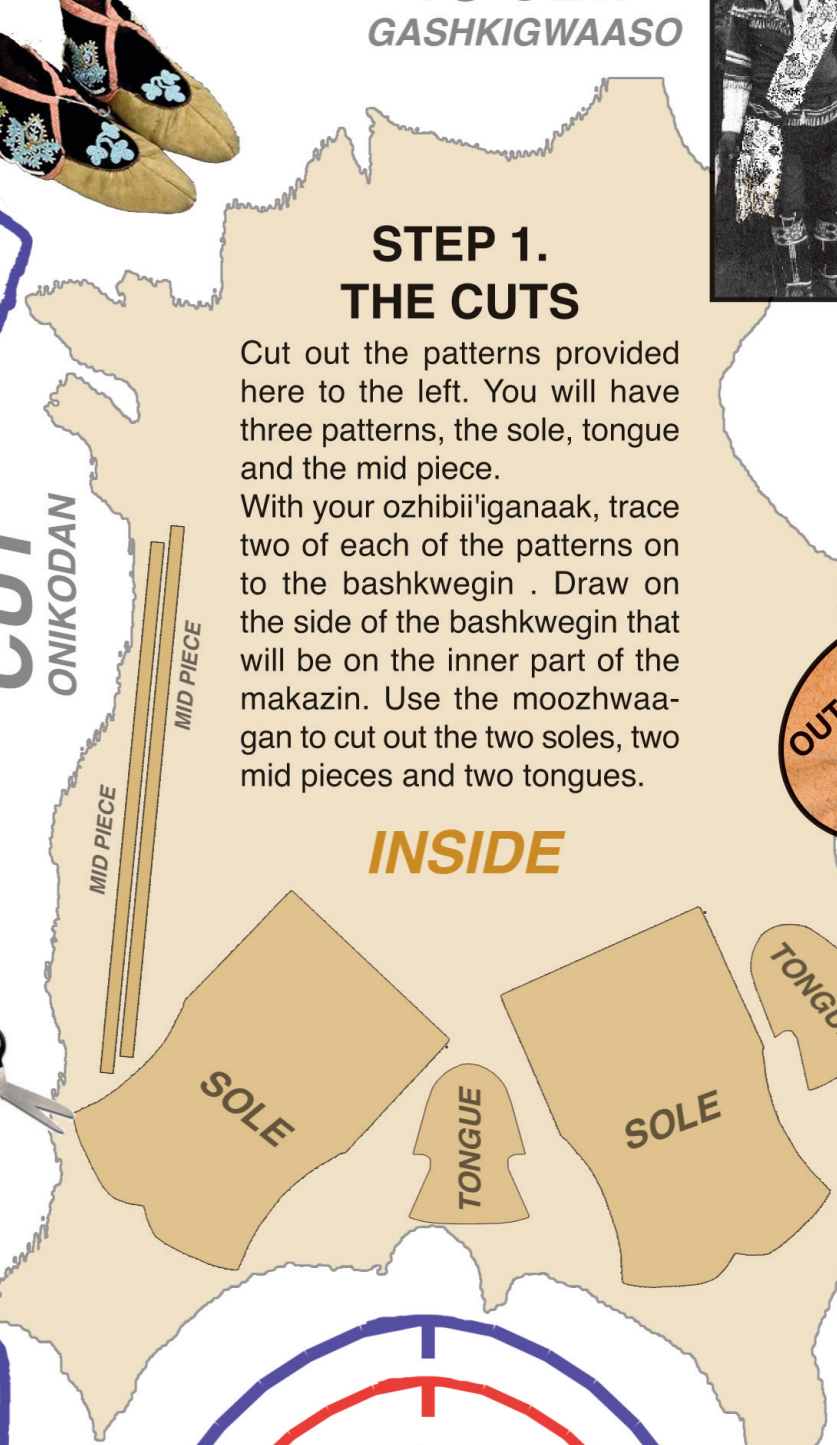


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## TO MAKE MOCCASINS YOU WILL NEED:

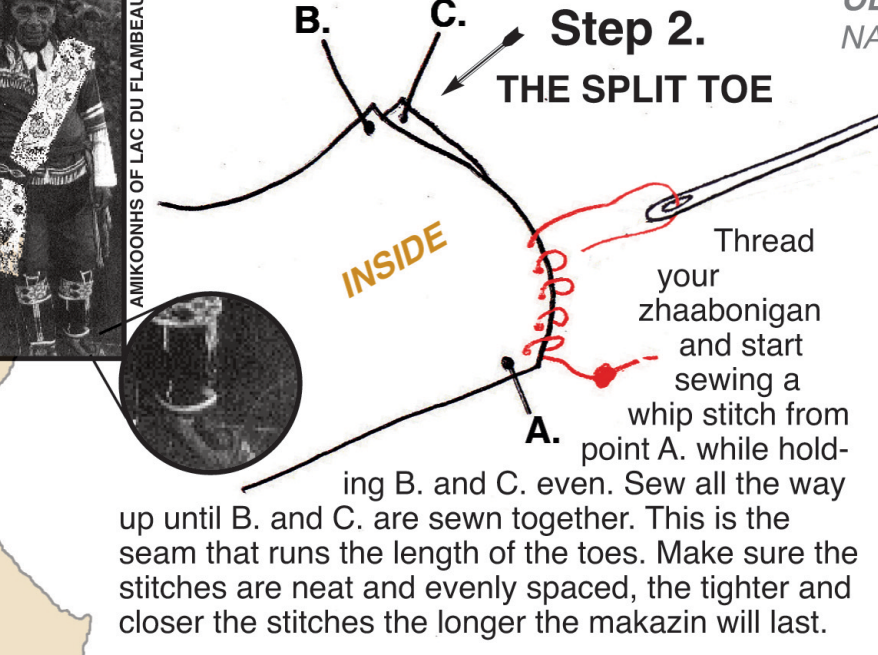
- moozhwaagan scissors
- asabaab thread or injiitad sinew
- bashkwegin tanned hide
- ozhibii'iganaak pen or pencil
- zhaabonigan gloves needle

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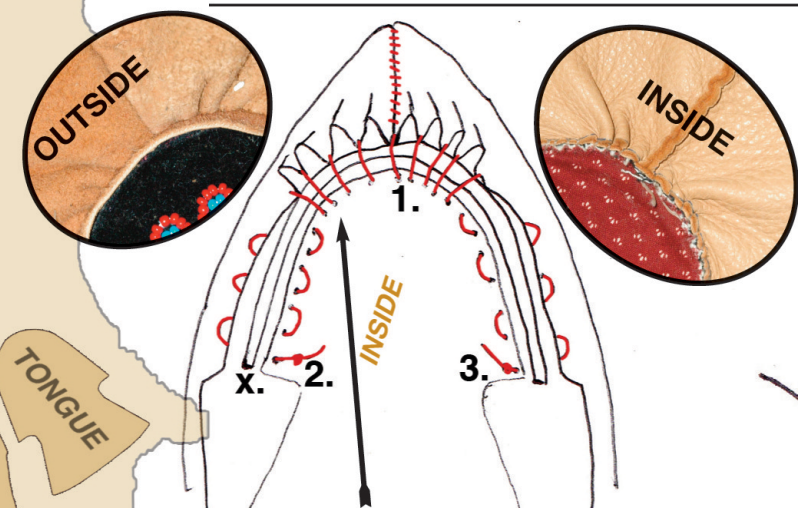


### STEP 1. THE CUTS

Cut out the patterns provided here to the left. You will have three patterns, the sole, tongue and the mid piece. With your ozhibii'iganaak, trace two of each of the patterns on to the bashkwegin. Draw on the side of the bashkwegin that will be on the inner part of the makazin. Use the moozhwaagan to cut out the two soles, two mid pieces and two tongues.

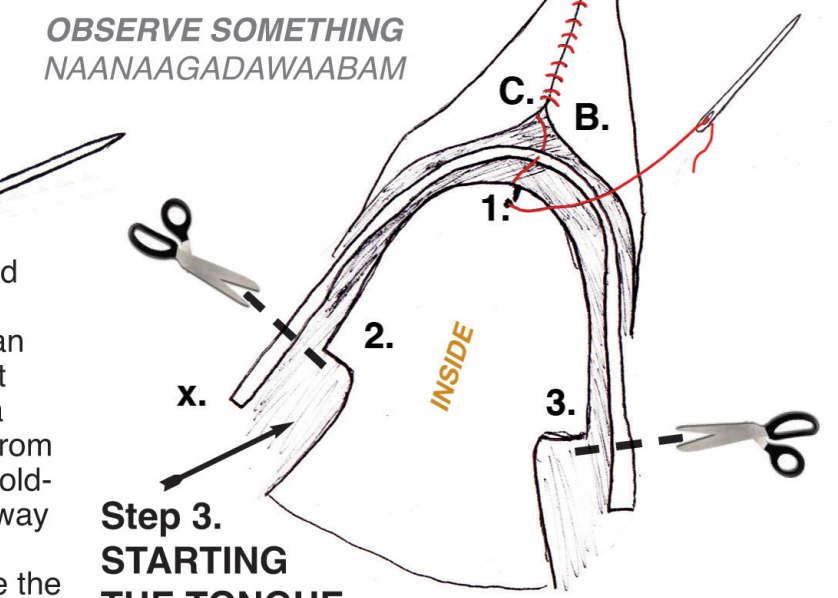


### Step 2. THE SPLIT TOE



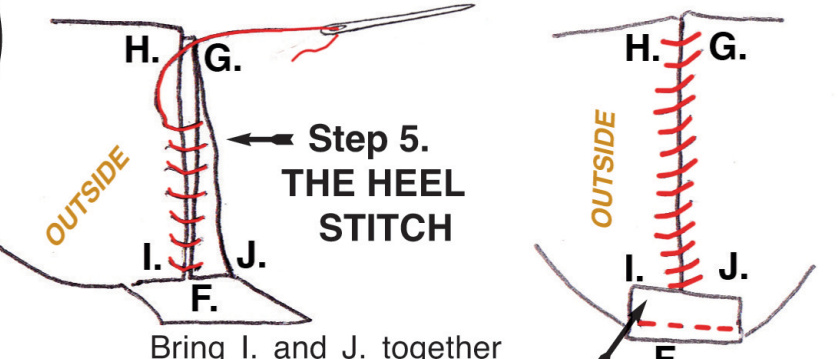
### Step 4: THE PUCKERS

Starting at 1. make three or four even puckers on each side (make puckers until 2. and 3. are even with the sole piece). Weave stitch the remaining length together.



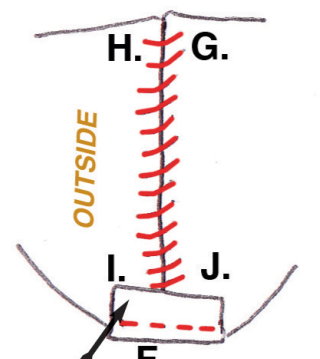
### Step 3. STARTING THE TONGUE

From where C. and B. meet, take the center of the mid piece and the tongue; line them up centered as shown here. Shove the needle through the mid piece and then through the tongue as shown.



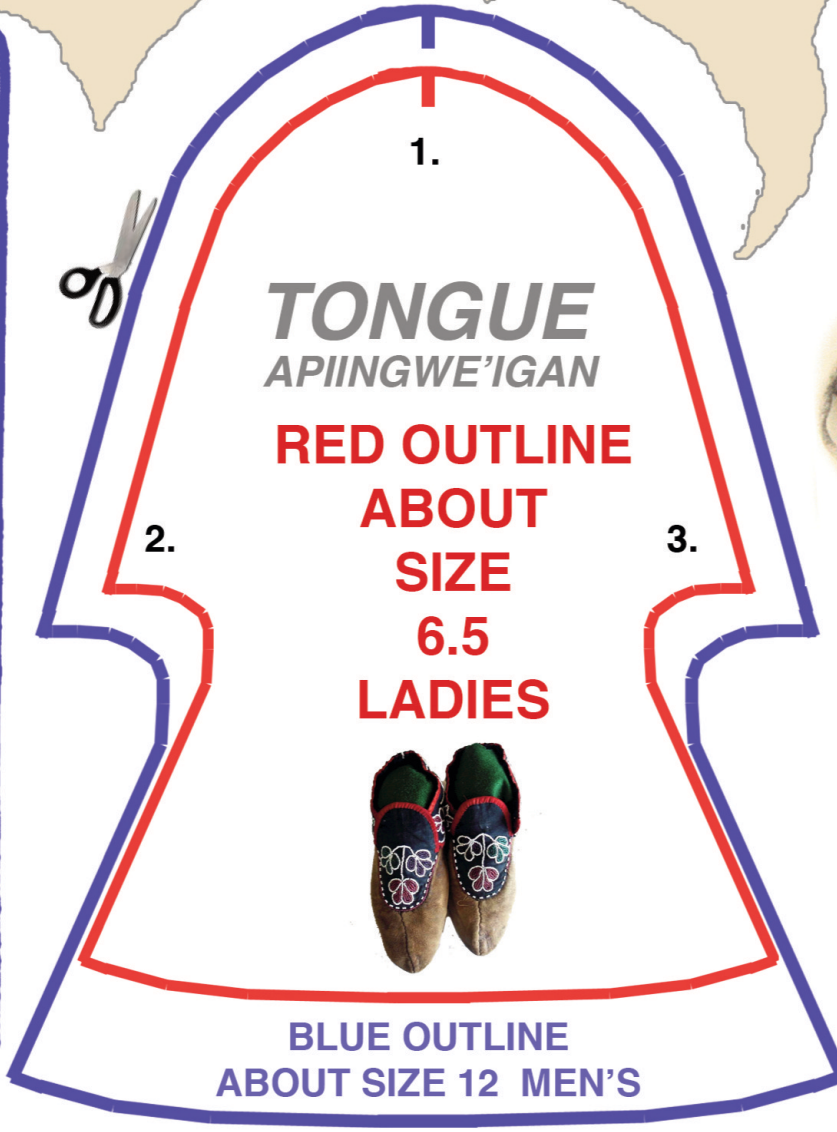
### Step 5. THE HEEL STITCH

Bring I. and J. together and whip stitch them together. Sew all the way up bringing H. and G together. Make this stitch nice and tight, evenly spaced.



### Step 6. THE HEEL FLAP

From the inside of the moc make a weave stitch across the base of F. to seal this to the heel.



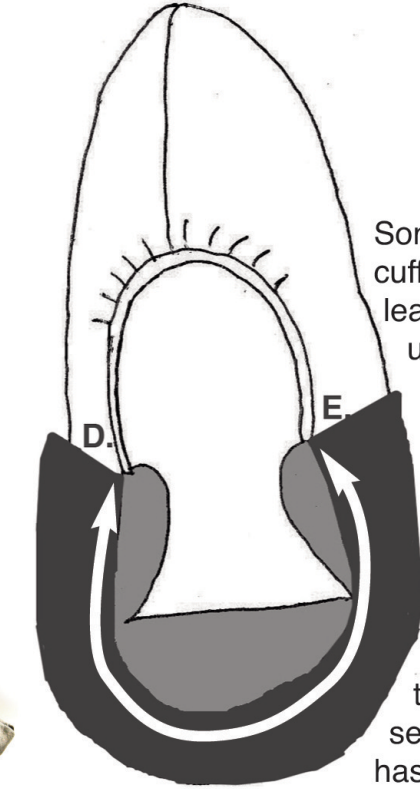
### TONGUE APIINGWE'IGAN

RED OUTLINE ABOUT SIZE 6.5 LADIES

BLUE OUTLINE ABOUT SIZE 12 MEN'S

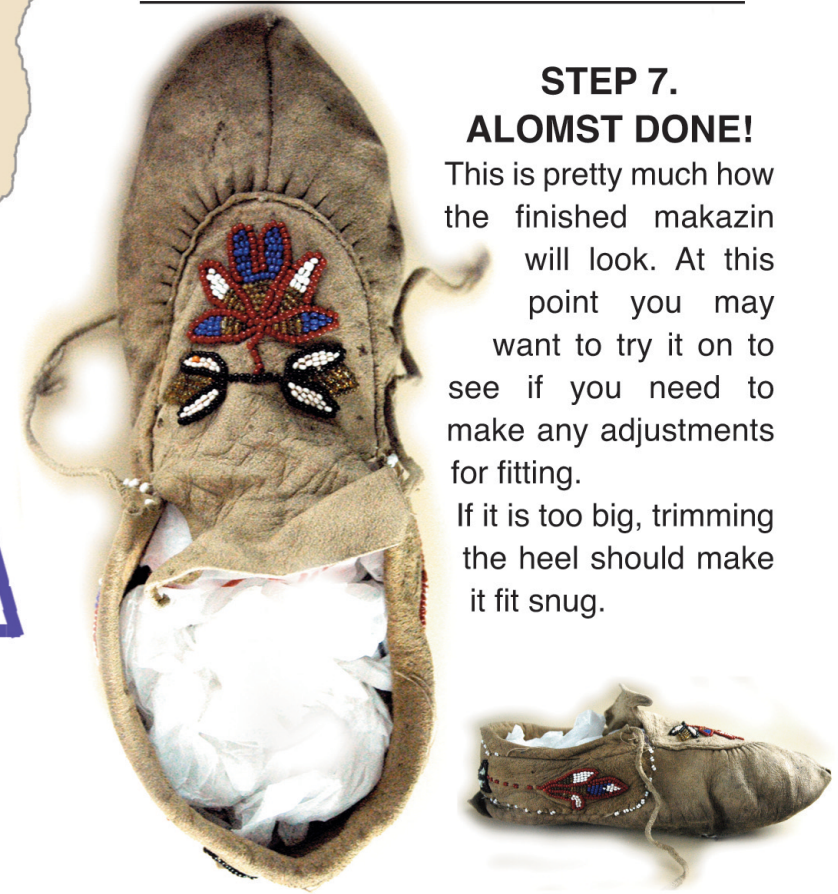
### STEP 7. ALOMST DONE!

This is pretty much how the finished makazin will look. At this point you may want to try it on to see if you need to make any adjustments for fitting. If it is too big, trimming the heel should make it fit snug.



### Step 8. ADDING A CUFF

Some people want a fringe cuff, some want a plain leather cuff, and some of us prefer a velvet cuff. The way to measure a cuff is to measure D. to E. around the back of the heel. Make your cuff to your liking, length, height and material. Sew it to the top of the heel from D. to E. Add tie; tie can be sewn inside of cuff and it has to extend at least 6" out from cuff.



Most commercially tanned hides have a smooth and soft side. It is up to you to decide which side you want to be on the outside. Some people prefer the soft side because it looks a little more natural than the glossy smooth side. When cutting your bashkwegin please take your time and make every cut even and straight, thus you will have fine looking moccasins. These patterns can be copied and scaled on a scanner or xerox machine to fit your foot. If you want beadwork on these moccasins, please add it to the tongue and cuff before sewing it together. Any further Questions? Please Contact Biskakone. [biskakone@yahoo.com](mailto:biskakone@yahoo.com)

X. MID PIECE