

WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?

A LEATHER HOLSTER KEEPS YOUR FLASHLIGHT HANDY.

Sure is dark out here. Wish these—*OOF!*—trees and—*UMPH!*—rocks would stop popping out of nowhere.

Overnight camp-outs would be a lot easier if you didn't have to search your backpack or campsite every time you needed a flashlight. Next time, keep your light on hand—on second thought, better make that on *hip*—with this leather flashlight holster.

STEP 1: Turn the leather over so the best-looking side is facing down. You will draw the measurements on the side facing up.

STEP 2: Draw the holster. For the length: Measure around your flashlight with a tape measure, and add 1¼ inches. The width should be 1½ inches.

STEP 3: Mark the four holes on the holster ½ inch from each corner, about ⅝ inch from the top or bottom.

STEP 4: Find the center point of the holster's length, then mark off ¼-inch-wide segments, 1¼ inches long, for your fringes. You'll want enough to cover the front of your flashlight.

STEP 5: Draw the belt loop, 4 inches long by 1 inch wide. Mark two holes ⅝ inch from each end, centered.

Note: This holster is designed for a belt 1¼ to 1½ inches wide. If your belt is wider or narrower, you'll need to adjust the belt loop's length accordingly.

STEP 6: Using the ruler and hobby knife, cut out the belt loop and holster. Don't forget to cut the holster's fringes.

STEP 7: Punch out the six holes for the snap rivets.

STEP 8: Roll the holster and align the holes. Insert the long end of one rivet through the top hole, from the inside.

STEP 9: Slide the bottom end of

the belt loop over the rivet. Cap and hammer securely.

STEP 10: Align the other end of the loop with the bottom holes on the holster. Push the rivet from the inside, cap and hammer.

Now just slide your holster onto your belt, and slip your flashlight in place. Talk about a bright idea!✦

—Martin I. Engel



- YOU'LL NEED:**
- a soft scrap of leather, about 8 inches long, 5 inches wide and ⅝ to ⅞ inch thick
 - hobby knife
 - metal ruler
 - pen
 - ⅝-inch hole punch or awl
 - 2 large snap rivets
 - hammer

