



# THE LEARNER'S COMPANION

Tales Of Strides In Trends!

"Sometimes,  
life presents a teacher  
when there is a lesson to  
be learned."







The design borrows from an ancient craft of weaving papyrus mats /palm leaf-baskets and notably, the first "school baskets" carried by learners to school in the post colonial era.

The leather schoolbag hinges on employing DIY joining mechanism where the two parts of the bag are assembled by "weaving" with leather thongs, reinforced with metallic snap buttons



Historically, education was informal and practical passed on through folktales and skills were passed on through observation and mimicry of the older folk by the children who also participated in creation of different articles in and around the homesteades..



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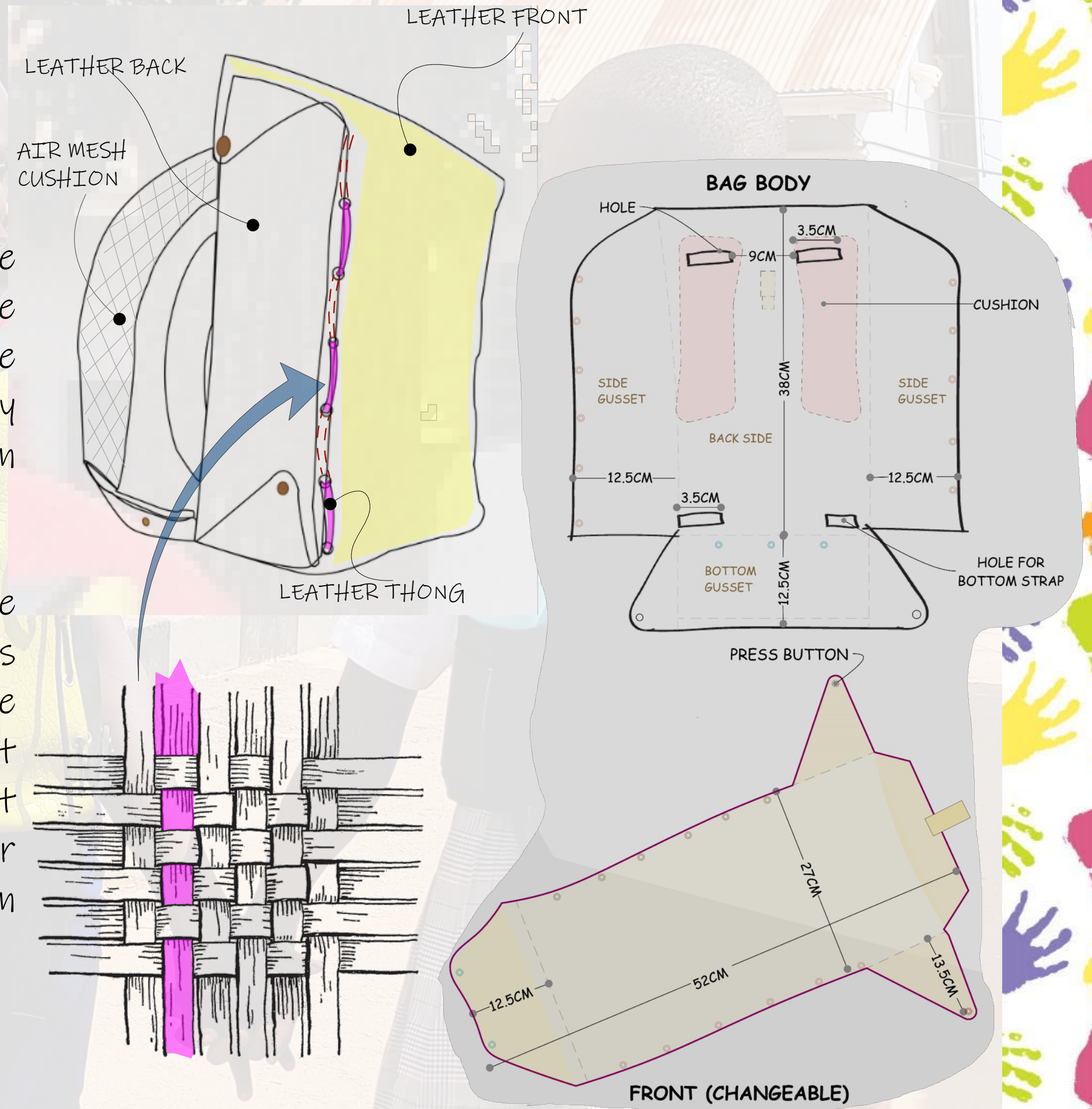




# INTERLACING FROM TWILL WEAVING

The mode of assembly of the bag is a tri factor where the back is fastened to the customizable front by interlacing leather thongs in a vertical direction

like children practiced the weaving in the past, this piece prides in mimicking the simple weaving concept but instead to offer product customizing for the user encouraging participation in product buiding.







Sports Week



Rainy June!

customizable two-piece school bag breaks monotony prolonging its desirability.

Same bag - different mood!

The intentional leather product building experience gives the learner ample time to consciencely assemble their school "companion" to a desired style at a given time using color or print reflecting the user's transient fashion style, continually weaving their own story through the leather bag for years!

Informative quotes are also inscribed on every leather bag, educating the young user on this rich material





This piece is inspired by the need to introduce and inspire the use of leather as a relatable choice material among the young generation within the “learning context”

As the largest consumer population in Uganda, children and youths are currently the main drivers of fast fashion trends.

This creation represents our little strides to adopting leather as a choice material to foster slow fashion on the learner's long school days' journey.

we redesign the schoolbag; tweaking some of the conventional details like fasteners, that would draw the users attention and spark curiosity in the young learner's mind about the leather craft amidst this fast paced fashion era!

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