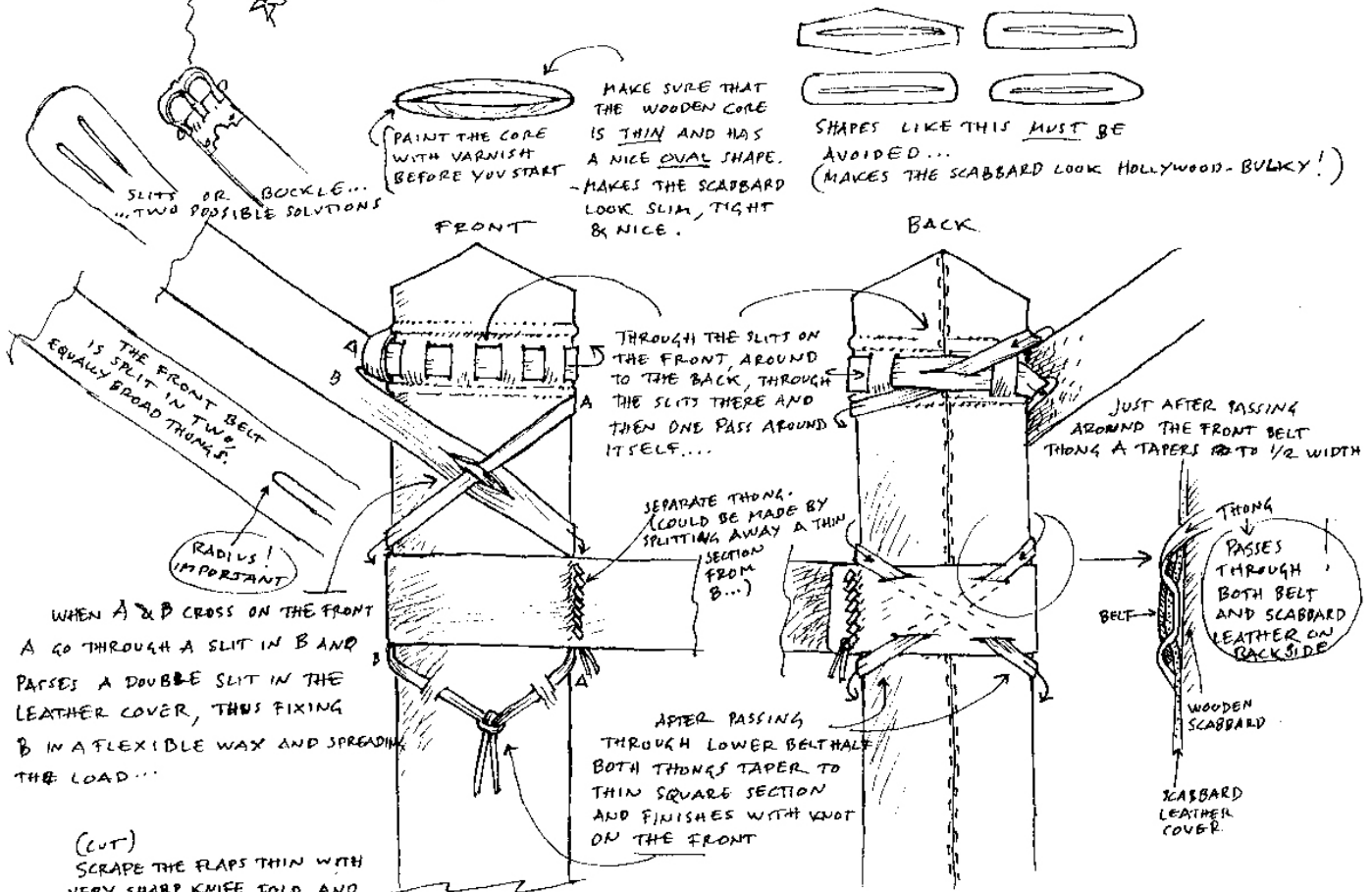
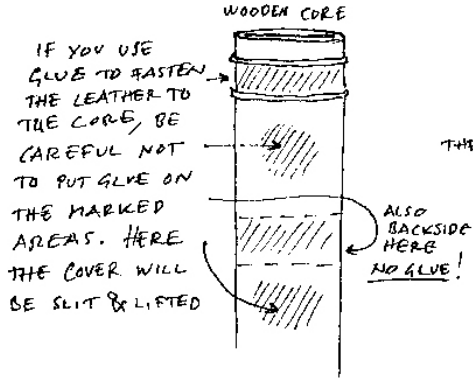
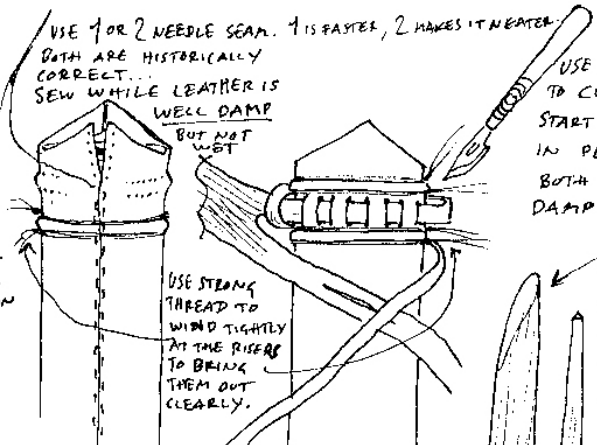
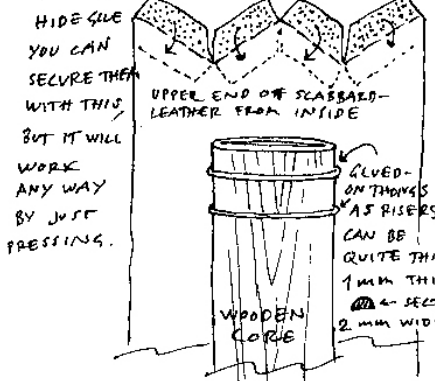


MAKING A SCABBARD WITH LACED BELT

NOTE: USE ONLY VEGETABLE TANNED LEATHER !!!
NOT CHROMIUM TANNED!



(CUT) SCRAPE THE FLAPS THIN WITH VERY SHARP KNIFE. FOLD AND PRESS WHILE WET. IF YOU USE NATURAL



I USUALLY START THE SEAM AT THE TIP OF THE SCABBARD

TO KEEP THE LEATHER FROM DRYING, USE DAMP SPONGE WHILE YOU WORK.

IF YOU REALLY NEED A BRACE, PUT EVERYTHING IN PLASTIC COVER, WHILE YOU REGAIN STRENGTH AND CONCENTRATION...

USE SMITHS HORN OR BONE TOOL WITH ROUNDED, POLISHED EDGE TO MOULD THE LEATHER AND COMPRESS IT WHILE IT DRIES. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO ACHIEVE A HIGH LUSTRE IN THE LEATHER.

IF IT BELIES WITHOUT COMPRESSION AND POLISHING, THE SURFACE WILL BE LIKE ORANGE PEEL ...

BONE OR WOODEN - A SMALL PUNCH CAN BE USED TO PRESS GEOMETRICAL PATTERNS IN THE SCABBARD. LOOK AT MEDIEVAL ILLUMINATION FOR PATTERN INSPIRATION.