



LEATHERWORK

Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Identify and demonstrate to your counselor the safe use of leatherworking tools. Show correct procedures for handling leathercraft dyes, cements, and finishes. Know first aid for cuts, internal poisoning, and skin irritation.
- 2) Explain to your counselor:
 - A) Where leather comes from
 - B) What kinds of hides are used to make leather
 - C) What are five types of leather
 - D) What are the best uses for each type of leather
- 3) Make one or more articles of leather that use at least five of the following steps:
 - A) Pattern layout and transfer
 - B) Cutting leather
 - C) Punching holes
 - D) Carving or stamping surface designs
 - E) Applying dye or stain and finish to the project
 - F) Assembly by lacing or stitching
 - G) Setting snaps and rivets
 - H) Dressing edges
- 4) Recondition or show that you can take proper care of your shoes, a baseball glove, a saddle, furniture or other articles of leather.
- 5) Do ONE of the following:
 - A) Learn about the commercial tanning process. Report about it to your merit badge counselor.
 - B) Tan the skin of a small animal. Describe the safety precautions you will take and the tanning method that you used.
 - C) Braid or plait an article out of leather or vinyl lace.
 - D) Visit a leather-related business. This could be a leathercraft supply company, a tannery, a leather goods or shoe factory, or a saddle shop. Report on your visit to your counselor.

Requirement 1

_____ Identify and demonstrate to your counselor the safe use of leatherworking tools. Have your counselor initial this requirement after your demonstration. If requested by your counselor, give a brief written summary of how to safely use leatherworking tools: _____

_____ Show correct procedures for handling leathercraft dyes, cements, and finishes. Have your counselor initial this requirement after your demonstration. If requested by your counselor, or to help you prepare for your demonstration, give a brief written summary of how you would correctly handle leathercraft dyes, cements, and finishes: _____

Describe first aid for the following:

Cuts: _____

Internal Poisoning: _____

Skin Irritation: _____

Requirement 2

Where does leather come from? _____

What kinds of hides are used to make leather? _____

Scout Name: _____ Unit #: _____ Date: _____

Identify five types of leather and tell the best uses for each type of leather.

Type of leather: _____

Best uses of this type of leather: _____

Type of leather: _____

Best uses of this type of leather: _____

Type of leather: _____

Best uses of this type of leather: _____

Type of leather: _____

Best uses of this type of leather: _____

Type of leather:

Best uses of this type of leather: _____

Requirement 3

_____ This requirement asks that you make one or more articles of leather that uses at least five of the listed leather-working steps. Finish your leather project according to the requirement and present your work to your counselor for inspection. Have your counselor initial this after he has inspected your project(s).

It is not required, but you would like to go the extra mile, you could use this area to list a few details about your creation.

Describe what you made for this requirement: _____

Where did you get the idea for this project? Did you do it from scratch or did you use a project kit? _____

Based on your experience with this project, do you plan to do more leather projects? If so, what kinds? _____

Share your creation with the other members of your Scout unit and answer any questions they may have about your project or about leatherwork in general.

