

Leatherwork

Merit Badge Workbook



This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor. You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information. You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers. If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

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Scout's Name:		Unit:	
Counselor's Name:	Phone No.:		Email:

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- 1. Do the following:
 - a. Explain to your counselor the hazards you are most likely to encounter while using leatherwork tools and materials, and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, or lessen these hazards.

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2. Explain to your counselor

a. <u>Where leather comes from</u>

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b. What kinds of hides are used to make leather

c. What are five types of leather

 1.

 2.

 3.

 4.

 5.

d. What are the best uses for each type of leather.

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- 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. Braid or plait an article out of leather, vinyl lace, or paracord.
 - 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.

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C. Recondition or show that you can take proper care of your shoes, a baseball glove, a saddle, furniture, or other articles of leather.

Discuss with your counselor the advantages or disadvantages of leather vs. synthetic materials.

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.

Business visited	

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