



LEATHERWORK

Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Collect samples of five different kinds of leather. Learn the chief characteristics and best uses of each.
- 2) Make an article of leather that uses at least four of the following:
 - A) Transfer of a cutting pattern or tooling design
 - B) Cutting leather
 - C) Decoration of leather by tooling or stamping
 - D) Applying dye and/or finish to the project
 - E) Punching holes
 - F) Lacing or stitching
- 3) Recondition or show that you can take proper care of leather shoes or leather articles such as hiking boots or a baseball glove.
- 4) Do ONE of the following:
 - A) Learn how to tan, cure, and finish leather
 - B) Tan or cure the skin of a small animal
 - C) Plait or braid and article of leather. Make a terminal Turk's head.
 - D) Visit a leather shop, tannery, saddle shop, or a leather goods manufacturer. Find out how they use leather and report what you learned.

Requirement 1

Collect samples of five different kinds of leather. Use the spaces below to list the chief characteristics and best uses of each sample. Include the natural color, texture, and the source (what animal it came from). Show the samples to your counselor.

Sample 1

Type of leather: _____ Color: _____ Source: _____

Chief characteristics: _____

Best uses of this type of leather: _____

Sample 2

Type of leather: _____ Color: _____ Source: _____

Chief characteristics: _____

Best uses of this type of leather: _____

Sample 3

Type of leather: _____ Color: _____ Source: _____

Chief characteristics: _____

Best uses of this type of leather: _____

Sample 4

Type of leather: _____ Color: _____ Source: _____

Chief characteristics: _____

Best uses of this type of leather: _____

Sample 5

Type of leather: _____ Color: _____ Source: _____

Chief characteristics: _____

Best uses of this type of leather: _____

Requirement 2

This requirement asks that you make an article of leather that uses at least four different leather working techniques. Finish your leather project according to the requirement and present your work to your counselor for inspection.

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.

Requirement 3

You are required to either recondition or show that you can take proper care of leather shoes or leather articles such as hiking boots or a baseball glove. Demonstrate this to your counselor.

What did you do to meet this requirement? _____

Describe the steps you took to recondition or show care of a leather product: _____

The object of earning a Merit Badge is to help you to learn more about the specific topic. It is not required for this badge, but as a tool to help you learn more about Leatherwork, answer the questions below.

What are some things that can cause damage or premature wearing out of leather? _____

For a good pair of leather hiking boots or a great baseball glove, how long should you expect the leather to last? _____

When purchasing a leather product such as boots, gloves, or even a kit, what are some things you should look for and what are some things you should stay away from? _____

Requirement 4

You have been given for options for this requirement. Select and complete one of them.

If you selected *Option A*:

You were asked to learn how to tan, cure, and finish leather. Give a summary of what you learned and the steps taken: _____
