



# Leatherwork

## Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook is not required but is designed to help you with this merit badge. No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33215. Use page backs & add pages as needed. Please send comments to: [craig@craiglincoln.com](mailto:craig@craiglincoln.com). Requirements revised: 2002, Workbook updated: January 2004.

Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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

e) Applying dye or stain and finish to the project.

b) Cutting leather

f) Assembly by lacing or stitching

c) Punching holes

g) Setting snaps and rivets

d) Carving or stamping surface designs.

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: (Hint: You can use back of this page for reports or descriptions as needed.)

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.