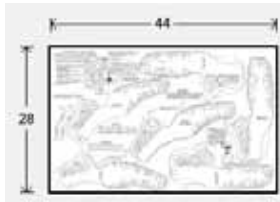




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*Leathercraft Projects To-Go*

# Christmas Theme Leather POUCH

*Plus A Look Back Into The  
History Of "How The  
Christmas Tree Tradition Started"*

**OBJECTIVE:** Students will learn about the theme while creating a useful and decorative leather project. Lesson includes history, science and new vocabulary words. Creativity, math and dexterity skills will be exercised to design, personalize, color and then assemble the project.

## MATERIALS LIST

All Supplies Needed To Complete  
12 Leather Pouch Projects:

- Pre-Punched Veg-Split Suede Leather Parts
- Lacing Cords
- Hook & Loop Fasteners
- Cova Color® Acrylic Paints
- Brushes
- Sharpie Pens
- Stencils
- Design and Coloring Ideas
- Complete Instructions

## YOU WILL or MIGHT NEED:

- Pencils For Planning Designs
- Scissors For Trimming Cord
- Classroom Markers, Acrylic Paints & Brushes
- Plastic Palettes, Plates Or Wax Paper For Paints

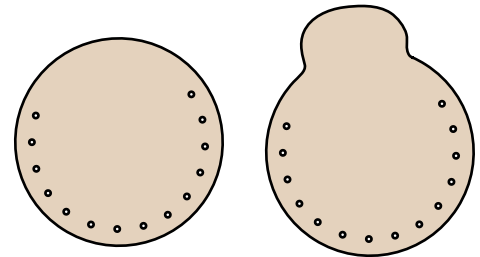
## CLASSROOM TIME:

Minimum of 3 Sessions:

Design = 45 minutes

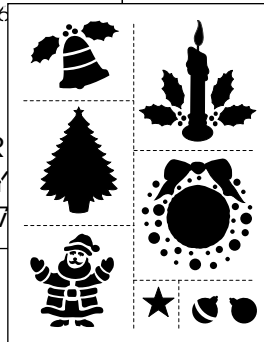
Color the Projects = 45 minutes

Assemble the Projects = 45 minutes



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## GETTING STARTED:

### SESSION 1 - Design:

- Have students plan their designs on paper templates before putting them on the leather.
- Copy the blank templates on page 5, cut apart on dotted lines, copy page 6 ideas and hand out along with pencils.
- Cut stencils apart on dotted lines and hand out for planning designs.

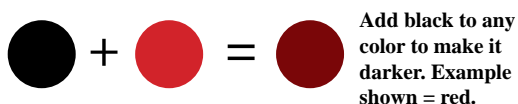
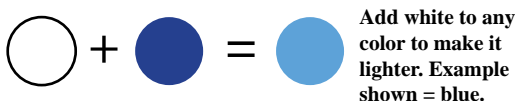
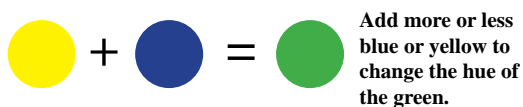
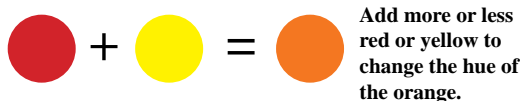
### SESSION 2 - Color:

- Hand out leather parts to each student.
- Share Sharpie Markers, paints & brushes. Use plastic palettes, plates or wax paper for mixing paints.

*(SEE PAGE 3 FOR SESSION 3)*

## USING COVA COLOR® ACRYLIC PAINTS

The primary colors (red, yellow & blue) have been supplied in this Theme Bucket. The secondary colors (orange, green & purple) can be created as shown:



*Now try mixing the secondary colors together to get even more colors.*

## How Did The Christmas Tree Tradition Start?

In the Northern hemisphere, the shortest day and the longest night of the year falls on December 21 or December 22 and is called the Winter Solstice. **Many ancient people** believed that the sun was a god and that winter came every year because the sun god had become sick and weak. They celebrated the solstice because it meant that at last the sun god would begin to get well. Evergreen boughs reminded them of all the green plants that would grow again when the sun god was strong and summer would return.

**The ancient Egyptians** worshipped a god called RA, who had the head of a hawk and wore the sun as a blazing disk in his crown. At the solstice, when RA began to recover from the illness (of winter), the Egyptians filled their homes with green palm rushes which symbolized the triumph of life over death.

**Early Romans** marked the solstice with a feast called the Saturnalia in honor of Saturn, the god of agriculture. To mark the occasion, they decorated their homes and temples with evergreen boughs.

**In Northern Europe**, the mysterious Druids, the priests of the ancient Celts, also decorated their temples with evergreen boughs as a symbol of everlasting life. The fierce Vikings in Scandinavia believed evergreens were the special plant of the sun god, Balder.

**Germany** is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition when in the 16th century devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. Many built elaborate long lasting (reusable) wooden tree shapes and decorated them with candles when trees were scarce.

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**NOTE:** When using acrylic paints on leather, be sure the project is completely dry before starting to assemble the project.

## GETTING STARTED continued:

### SESSION 3 - Assembly:

- Copy the Instructions on page 7 and hand them out to each student along with the cord and fasteners.
- Practice before class and then demonstrate the steps.

### ABOUT THE LEATHER:

*The leather used for this project is called veg-split leather cut from cowhide. Both sides are rough or suede. The grain side (smooth top side) of this particular cut of leather has been removed.*

*Veg-split leather can be decorated with designs by either painting or drawing with markers and pens. This project will be decorated using acrylic paints and colored markers.*

### History Continued:

As early as 1747, German settlers of Pennsylvania displayed lighted Christmas trees in their homes. But as late as the 1840s, Christmas trees were still seen as pagan symbols and not accepted by most American puritans. That stern restriction continued until the mid 19th century when the flowing in of German and Irish immigrants (due to the Potato Famine and political abuse) made the acceptance of the Christmas Tree more widespread.

In 1846, the popular Queen Victoria and her husband German Prince Albert were sketched in the Illustrated London News standing with their children around a Christmas Tree. What was done at court immediately became fashionable, not only in Britain, but also with the fashion-conscious East Coast American Society.

**Did You Know:** By the 1890s Christmas ornaments were arriving from Germany. Until then, Americans decorating their trees with homemade ornaments, while the German-Americans decorated with strung fruit, nuts and popcorn. With the invention of electricity, Christmas lights were added to the trees and they started to appear outside in town squares across the country.

### VOCABULARY:

**Cowhide** - The hide (skin) from a mature bovine (cow).

**Flesh Side** - The rough (suede) underside of leather.

**Grain Side** - The hair side of the leather with the hair removed. This side may be tooled.

**Running Stitch** - A very historic lacing technique where the lace is stitched in and out of a row of holes.



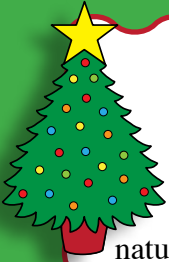
**Tanning** - The process using tannins to change a fresh animal hide into leather.

**Tannins** - Yellowish substance from oak bark and other plants used to tan leather.

**Veg-Split** - Vegetable-Tanned leather can be split (layered) into two pieces: one with the grain (top hair side) and one with the rough surface on both sides. Veg-split is the rough surfaced layer.

**Whip Stitch** - A very historic lacing technique where the lace is taken over the edge of the leather and then into the next hole.

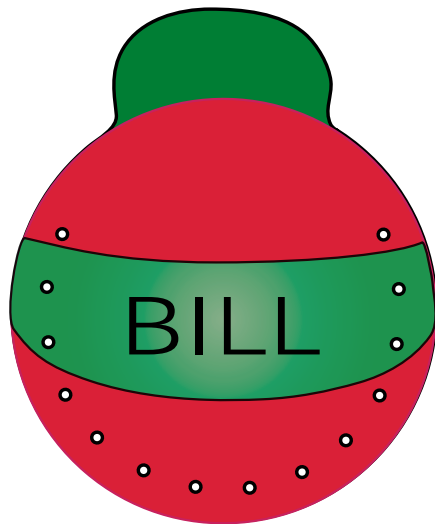




## CREATE DESIGNS USING STENCIL PATTERNS & YOUR OWN IDEAS

Here are some color & design ideas shown on the project parts. The leather can be left its natural color with just the designs in color or paint the backgrounds and designs different colors.

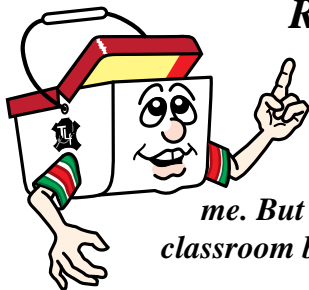
**HINT:** *To make bright or light colors stand out on a darker background, paint bright or light colors first. Then fill in background around them with a darker color. For even brighter colors, first paint the design that is to be bright with white acrylic paint. Let it dry completely (few minutes), then paint over the white with the desired color.*



**Be Sure To Plan Designs On Paper  
Before Drawing Or Using Color On The Leather**

### CLASSROOM EXPANSION IDEAS:

- ~ *Research the immigration of the Irish and Germans during the 19th century and the reasons for coming to America.*
- ~ *Have students research the Christmas Tree traditions of their own families and report them to the class.*

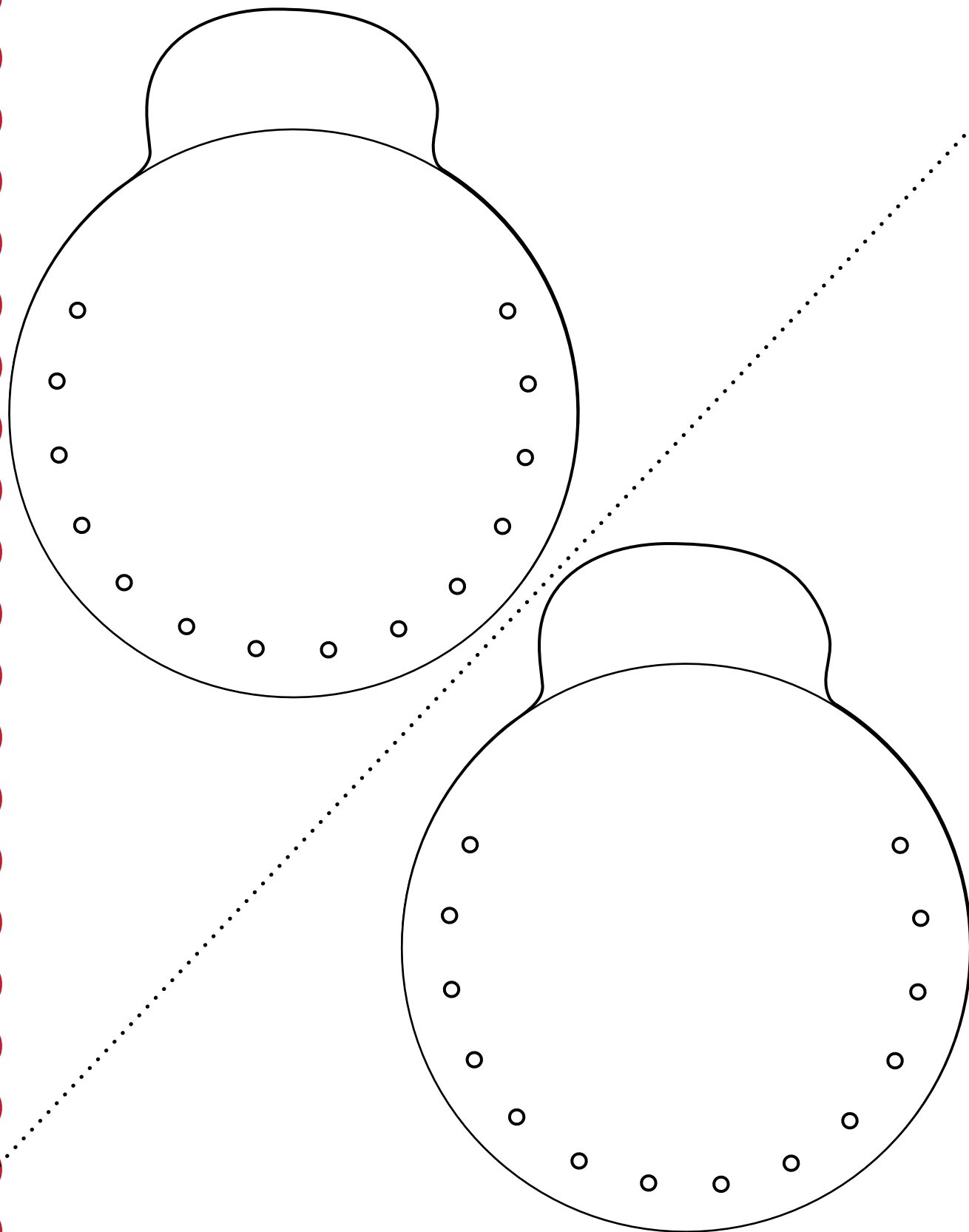


### RECYCLE ME!

*“I am your Theme Bucket - be sure to recycle me! I would like to end up in your closet with many of my friends. I could store art supplies, extra leather project parts, or even help you organize your files. Create a new label for me so I can help you find what is stored in me. But until it’s time to recycle, I am happy to bring fun & learning into your classroom by offering you Projects To-Go from Tandy Leather Factory.”*

## TEMPLATES FOR PLANNING DESIGNS

*Copy this page, cut apart on dotted lines and hand out to students so they can practice designs on paper before applying them to the leather. Project parts are shown stacked so students can see what will be visible.*

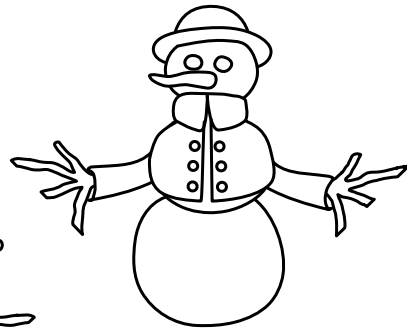
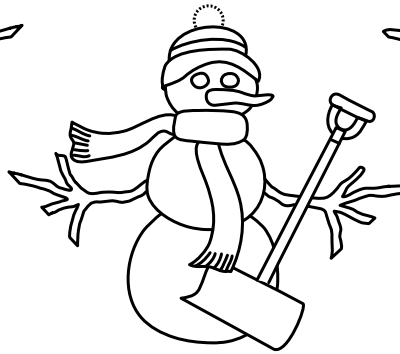
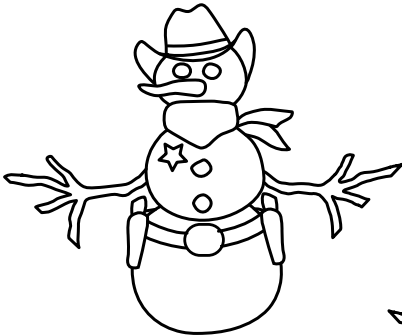
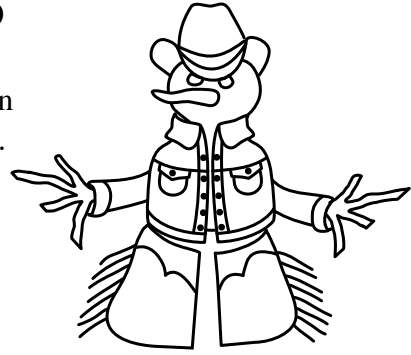
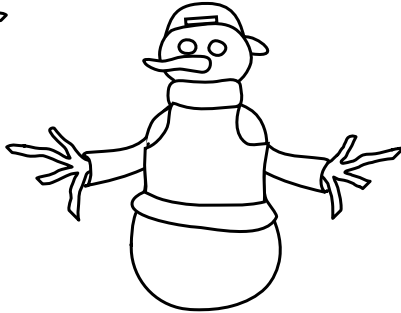




## CHRISTMAS DESIGN IDEAS:

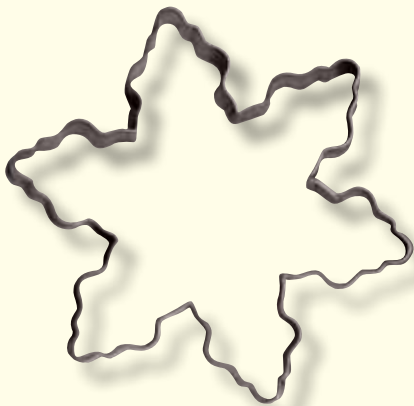
### MAKE PERSONALIZED SNOW PEOPLE

Create your own designs based on  
your interests and personal traits.



### USE COOKIE CUTTERS AS STENCILS:

Use your favorite Christmas Cookie Cutters as stencils & create fun designs.  
Trace around the outside of the cutter and decorate.





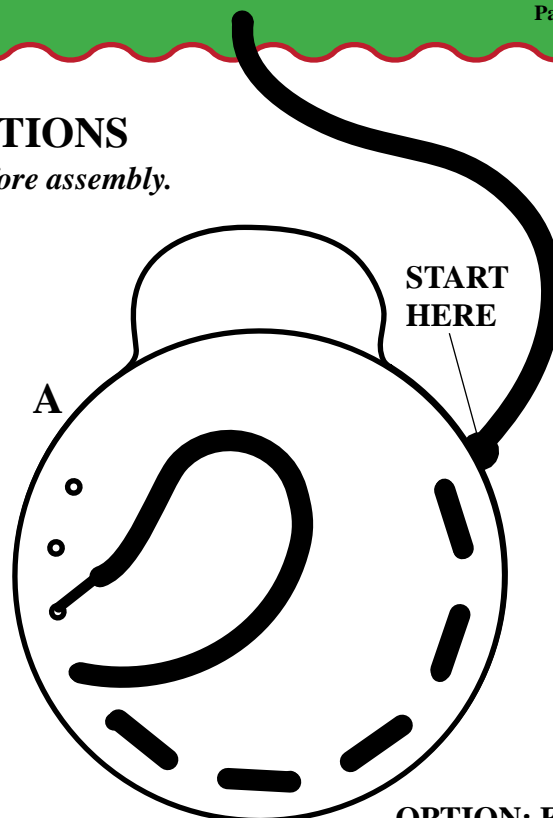
## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

*Be sure project is completely dry before assembly.*

- 1) Leave desired length of cord for a necklace or handle (up to 2 ft.) and then tie a knot in the cord.
- 2) Place oval shape over body shape aligning holes.
- 3) Select the style of stitching:

### To Do The RUNNING STITCH (A):

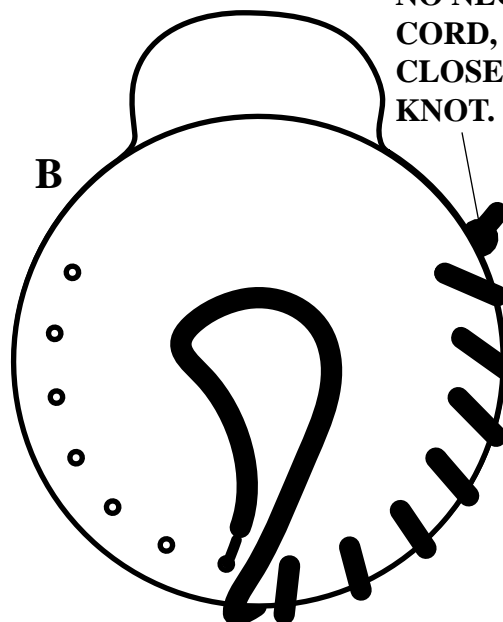
- Begin stitching through top hole on the backside of the pouch. Push tip of cord up through first aligned holes.
- Stitch up through first hole; then stitch down through next hole and continue in & out around project to last hole.



**OPTION: FOR NO NECK CORD, TRIM CLOSE TO KNOT.**

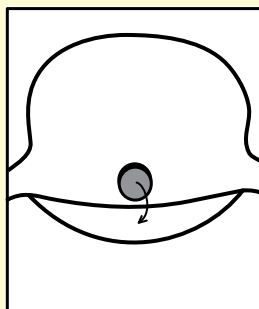
### To Do The WHIP STITCH (B):

- Begin stitching through top hole on the backside of the pouch. Pull cord through hole up to knot.
  - Stitch over edge; then up through next hole. Continue to last hole.
- 4) At last hole, tie a knot in cord close to last hole.
  - 5) For a neck cord, tie both ends of cord together in a knot.
  - 6) Trim off excess cord.



### To Attach HOOK & LOOP FASTENER:

- Peel paper off one side of joined hook & loop parts and position inside the top of the pouch between parts. Press to secure.
- Peel paper off other side of hook & loop.
- Press parts together to secure.



**POSITION HOOK & LOOP FASTENER AT TOP BETWEEN PARTS**