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Leathercraft Projects To-Go
**Christmas Everlasting
 Leather CARD**

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



**MAKE A CARD
 WITH A HOLIDAY
 MESSAGE ON
 THE FRONT
 OR ON THE
 BACKSIDE!**

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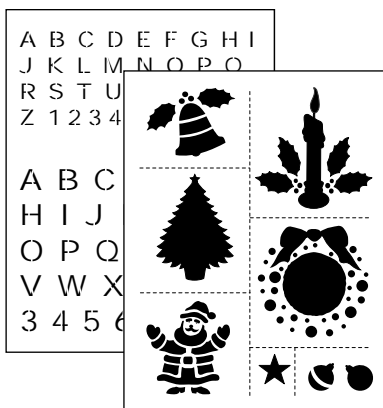
OBJECTIVE: Students will learn about the theme while creating a useful and decorative leather project. Lesson includes history and new vocabulary words. Creativity, math and dexterity skills will be exercised to design, personalize, color and then assemble the project.



MATERIALS LIST

**All Supplies Needed To Complete
 12 Leather Greeting Card Projects:**

- Pre-Cut Veg Split Suede Leather Cards
- Cova Color® Acrylic Paints
- Brushes
- Sharpie Pens
- Stencils
- Design and Coloring Ideas
- Complete Instructions



**YOU WILL or
 MIGHT NEED:**

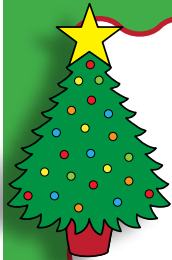
- Pencils For Planning Designs
- Classroom Markers, Acrylic Paints & Brushes
- Plastic Palettes, Plates Or Wax Paper For Paints



CLASSROOM TIME:

Minimum of 3 Sessions:
 Design = 45 minutes
 Color the Projects = 45 minutes
 Continue Coloring = 45 minutes





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 and hand out along with pencils for planning designs.
- Cut stencils apart on dotted lines. Copy page 6 and hand out for planning designs.

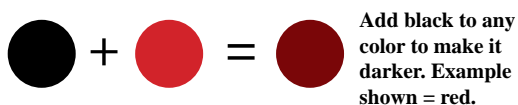
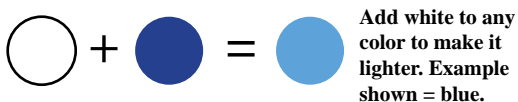
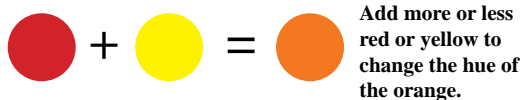
SESSION 2 - Color:

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

(SEE PAGE 3 FOR SESSION 3)

MIXING 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 - Finish Coloring:

- Take your time painting the cards. Be sure to paint both sides.
- Add a personal message to one or both sides using the Sharpie pens.

ABOUT THE LEATHER:

The leather used for this project is made out of 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.

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.

Suede - Leathers that are finished by buffing the flesh side to produce a nap (rough surface). Term refers to the napping process and is not related to the type of skin used.



CREATE DESIGNS USING STENCIL PATTERNS & YOUR OWN IDEAS

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



PUT A MESSAGE ON THE FRONT OR ON THE BACK OF THE CARD

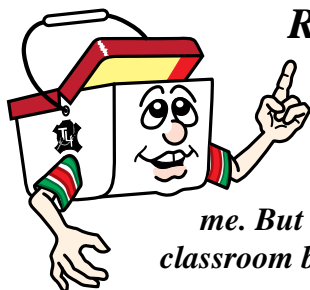
COLORING HINTS:

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. Or, put a wash over the area, let dry, then come back and paint the designs in white. Let white dry completely (few minutes), then add desired colors on top of the white.

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.*



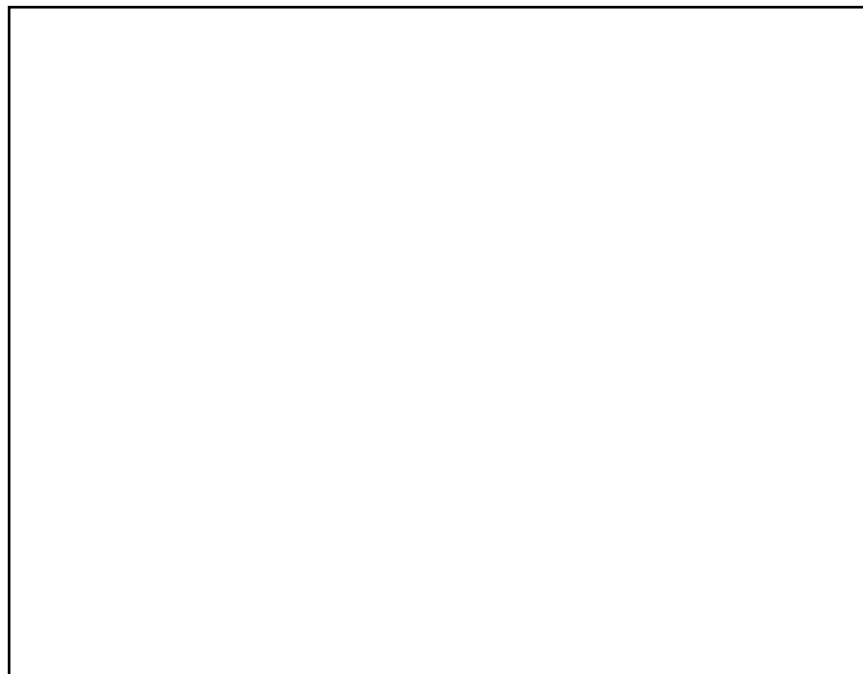
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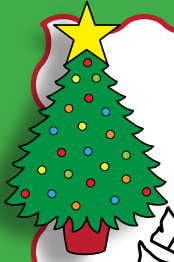
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TEMPLATES FOR PLANNING DESIGNS

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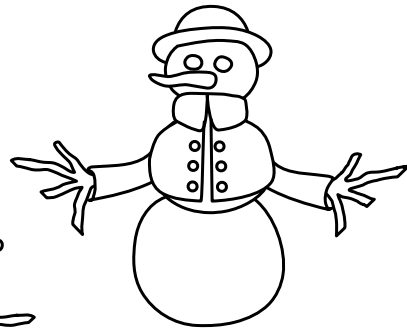
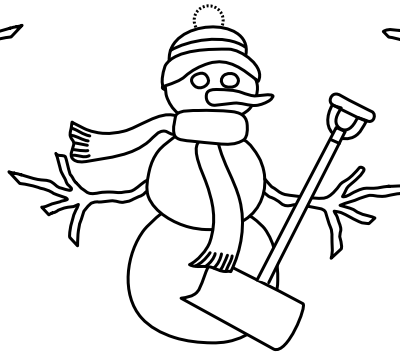
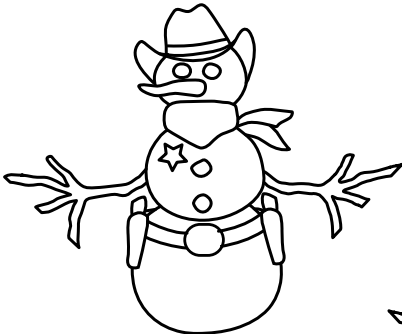
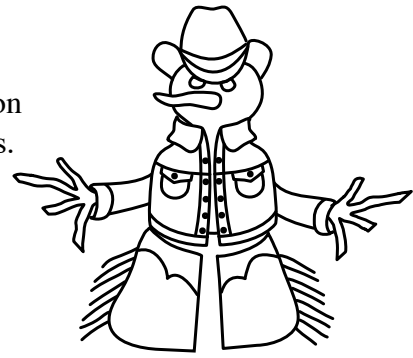
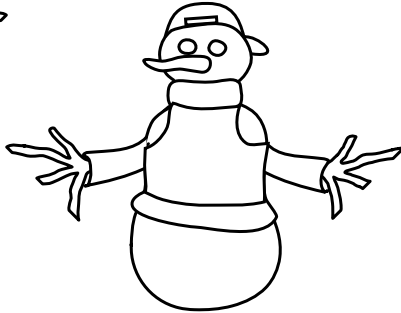




CHRISTMAS DESIGN IDEAS:

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.

