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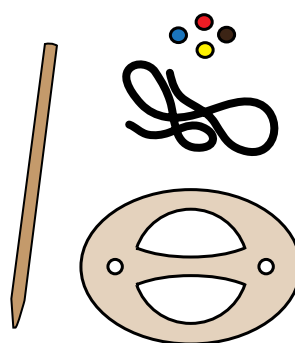
Environment

# BARRETTE - FOB

Plus A Look Into “The Study of Our Earth’s Ecology”

**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.

ASSEMBLE EITHER AS A BARRETTE OR A FOB FOR KEYS, ZIPPER PULLS ON BACK-PACKS & LUGGAGE OR MORE ~



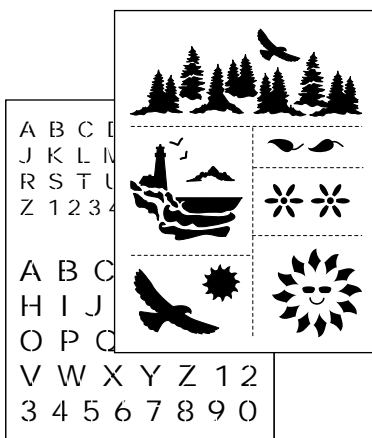
## MATERIALS LIST

All Supplies Needed To Complete 12 Leather Barrette Fob Projects:

- Pre-Punched Veg-Tan Leather Ecology Fobs
- Lacing Cords
- Cova Color® Acrylic Paints
- Brushes
- Sharpie Markers
- Stencils
- Design & 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



## 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.
- Also cut stencils apart on dotted lines and hand out for planning designs.

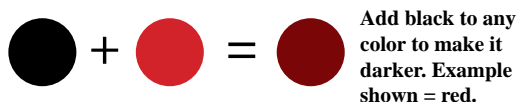
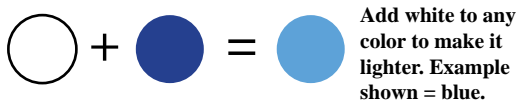
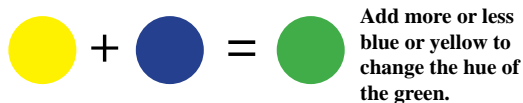
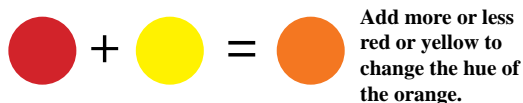
### SESSION 2 - Color:

- 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.*

## What Is The Study Of Ecology?

Ecology is the scientific study of the relationship between all living things to each other and to what's around them. The word ECOLOGY comes from the Greek words meaning "study of the household." Through time the word has come to be used for a broader, larger meaning: "the study of the earth". Ecology includes how living things interact with each other, and with their environment such as the climate and soil.

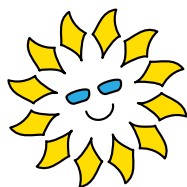
Ecologists are scientists who study ecology. Some ecologists are specialized in their study, meaning they study a specific species of animal or just a particular environment. Other ecologists study many different species and how they interact with nature. There are many species and environments still to be discovered.

**Did You Know:** A natural rainforest plays a large part in the well being of our earth? The forest is not only the home to thousands of animals and organisms, but also the source of thousands of medicines used to help cure sickness and diseases. Trees help to create the air we breathe.

**What is "global warming"?** Global warming is the increase in the average temperature of the Earth's near-surface air and oceans. Human activity since the industrial revolution has caused damage to the atmosphere and the protective ozone layer around earth allowing harmful radiation to get through. This increases the temperature of our oceans, melting the earth's ice caps, causing damage to our land and human life.

**What does "going green" mean?** Going green means actively working to protect our wilderness, animals, clean up industrial pollution that not only hurts the air we breath, but poisons the water we drink. These poisons kill all animals, those living in the water and those who drink it. These poisons pollute the ground we grow our food in, thus transmitting harmful chemicals into our bodies.

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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 Assembly Ideas shown on page 6 and hand them out to students along with the cords (cut in half) and beads. Scissors will be needed to trim cord.
- Practice before class and then demonstrate the assembly ideas.

### **ABOUT THE LEATHER:**

*The leather used in this project is called vegetable-tanned (Veg Tan) leather cut from cowhide. One side is smooth (the grain side) and one side is rough or suede (the flesh side). Veg Tan leather can have designs tooled on the smooth side using different tools.*

*This project will be decorated using acrylic paints and colored markers.*

### History Continued:

**Did You Know:** “Earth Day” was first celebrated on April 22, 1970. Before that time, protecting our earth’s natural resources was not an important political or cultural effort. By 1990, Earth Day went global with over 200 million people in over 140 different nations participating. This participation is great, but the work to cleanup and save our earth is still ahead of us.

#### ***Fun ways to get in touch with our earth:***

- Look up at the night sky at the moon and star constellations (or clouds in the daytime).
- While blindfolded, try to correctly identify different objects from nature (flowers, leaves, berries, etc.) using your other senses: touch, smell and hearing.
- Walk through a forest and identify the different sounds and smells.
- Share your favorite special place in nature by describing it based on your five senses: sight, smell, touch, sound and taste.
- Collect 12 small objects found in nature. Take an empty egg carton and go on a scavenger hunt finding the items. Then write about them describing their importance to nature.

The project for this lesson is to make a natural leather ecology fob or barrette decorated with the earth and environment theme.

### 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.

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

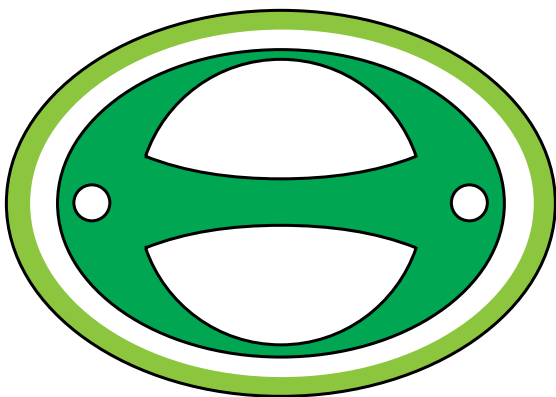
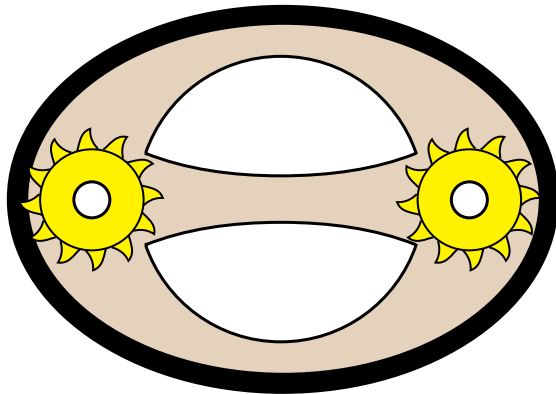
**Tannins** - Yellowish substance from oak bark and other plants used to tan leather.

**Vegetable Tanned (Veg-Tan)** - Leather which has been tanned with vegetable materials that are derived from certain plants and woods, often called bark tannins.



## CREATE DESIGNS USING STENCIL PATTERNS & YOUR OWN IDEAS

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



**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.*

*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.*

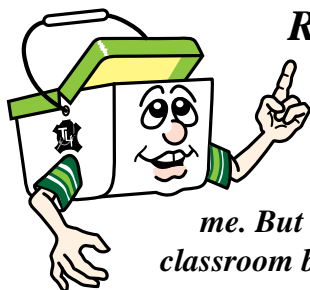
**Plan Designs On Paper Before Using Color Paint & Markers On The Leather**

### CLASSROOM EXPANSION IDEAS:

- ~ Study the different ways we can help our environment.
- ~ Study and compare the daily activities of our ancestors to ours and see who was living more earth friendly.
- ~ Discuss the changes in our environment over the last 100 years.



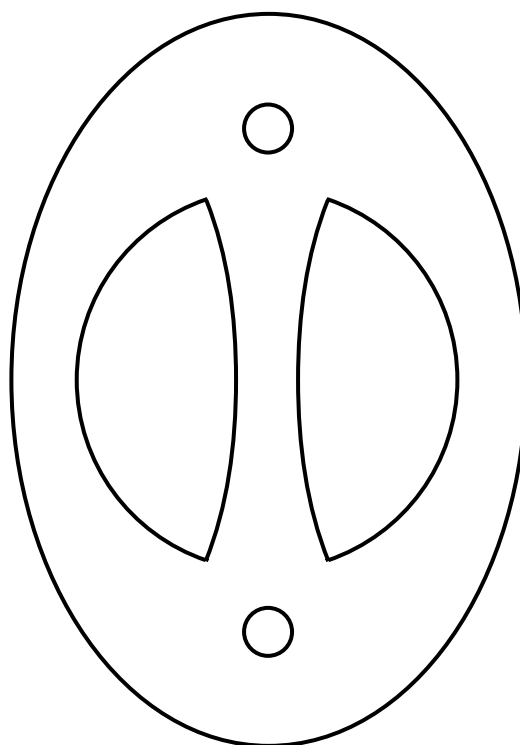
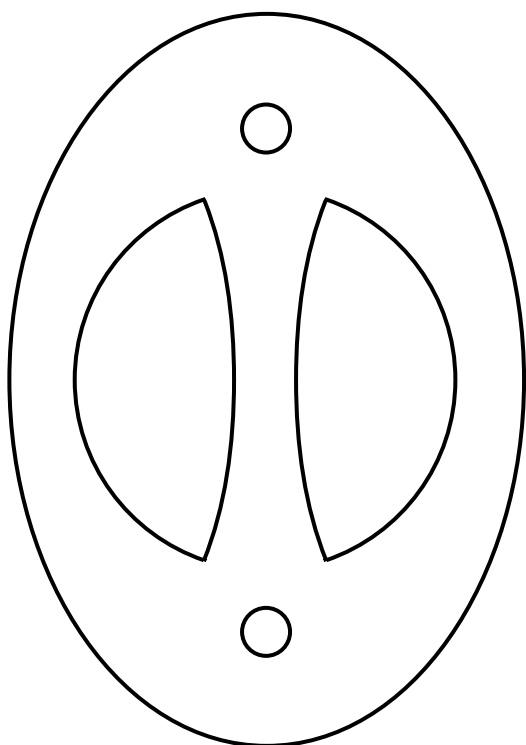
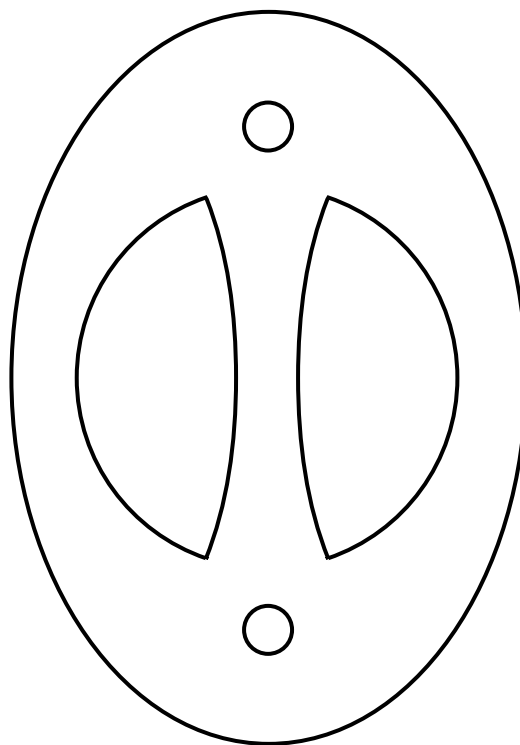
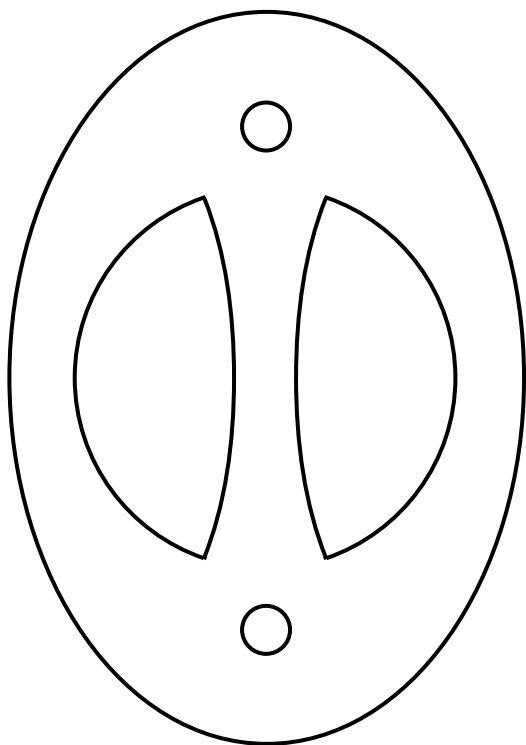
### RECYCLE ME!



*“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.*



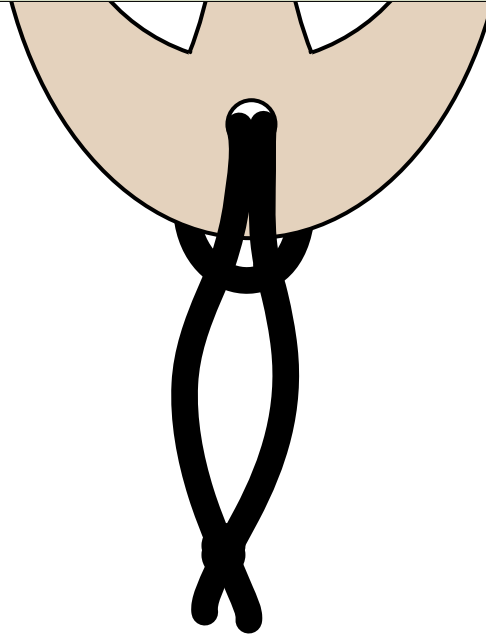
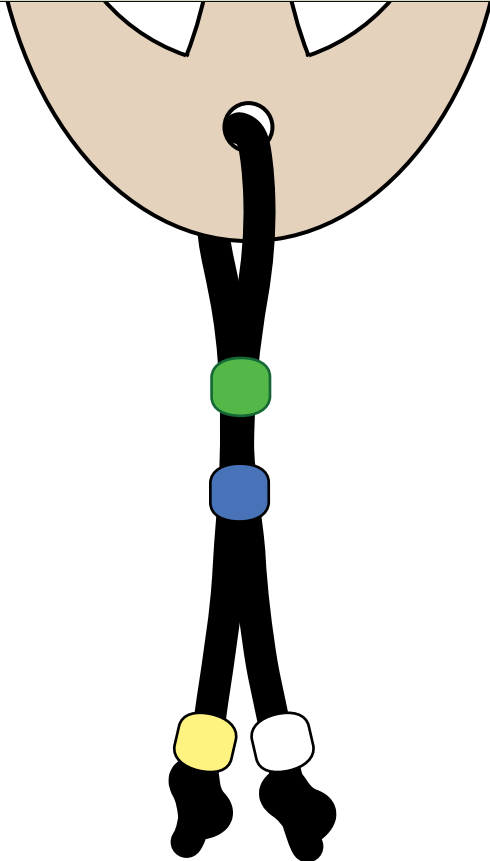


## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

*Be sure project is completely dry before assembly.*

*Decorate the fob using beads and cord.*

*Make a loop for attaching a key, or to attach fob to a bag handle or zipper pull:*

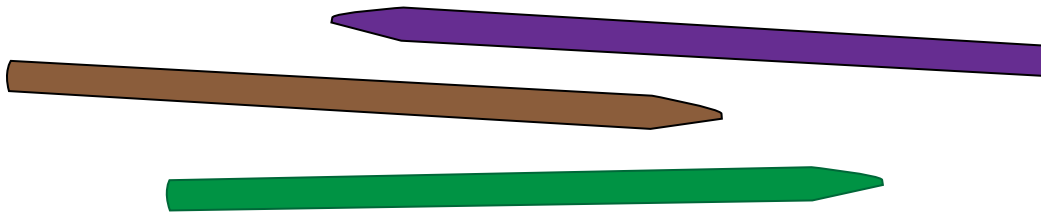


### BEADING:

- Use the plastic end on cord for pushing through holes and beads.
- If there is no plastic end on your cord, wrap a piece of tape tightly on end to create a point.

### OPTIONAL: "Lark's Head Knot"

- Measure & cut approx. 12" of cord.
- If fob is for a key, slip key on cord now. Then tie both ends together in a knot.
- Push the folded end through the hole.
- Push knotted end through loop at folded end.
- Pull tight.
- To attach to a handle, wrap knotted end around handle.
- Push the folded end & fob through the loop at the knotted end
- Pull tight.



### BARRETTE:

- If the stick is a little rough, sand it with a piece of sand paper or an emery board.
- Paint stick a color if desired. Let it dry completely before inserting in barrette.