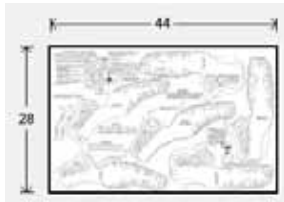




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Leathercraft Projects To-Go

Our Heroes Leather

WRISTBAND

Plus A Look At "Who Are Our Heroes - Current, Historic & Fiction"

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 Wristband Projects:

- Pre-Cut Veg-Split Suede Leather Wristbands
- Hook & Loop Fasteners
- Cova Color® Acrylic Paints
- Brushes
- Sharpie Markers
- Stencils
- Design & 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

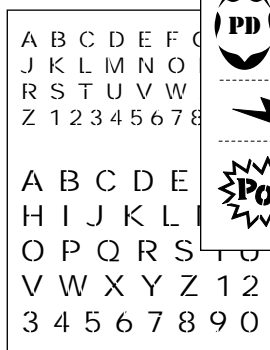
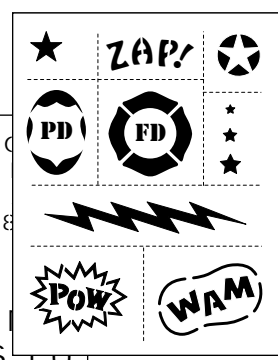
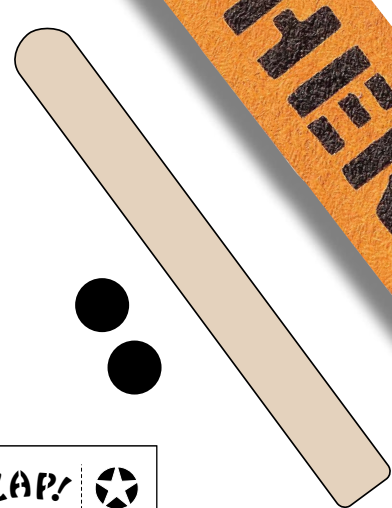
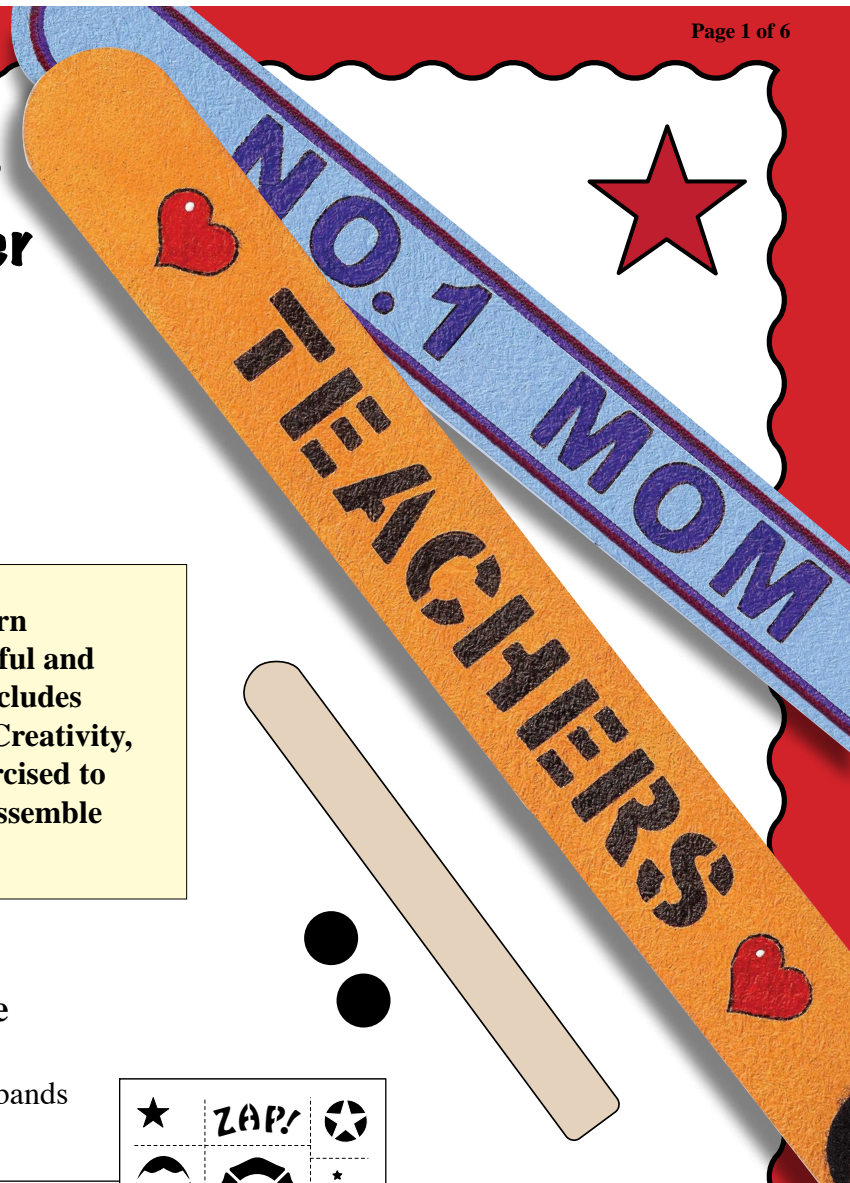
CLASSROOM TIME:

Minimum of 3 Sessions:

Size & Design = 45 minutes

Color the Projects = 45 minutes

Assemble the Projects = 45 minutes





GETTING STARTED:

SESSION 1 - Sizing & Design:

- Copy sizing instructions on page 6 (or demonstrate). Handout leather wristbands for sizing.
- Copy the blank templates on page 5, cut apart on dotted lines and hand out along with pencils for planning designs before applying paint and markers to the leather.
- Cut stencils apart on dotted lines and handout for planning designs.

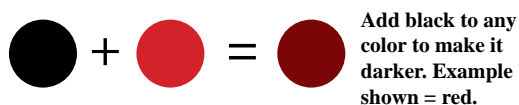
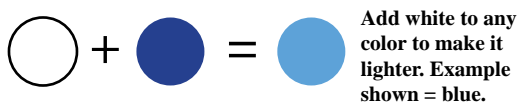
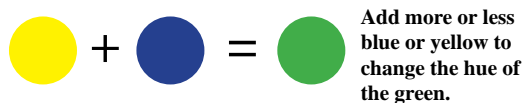
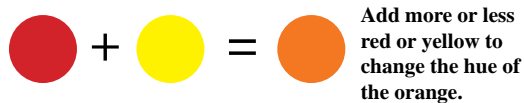
SESSION 2 - Color:

- 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)

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.

Who Are Your Heroes?

Military Dads, Moms, brothers, sisters, Relatives, friends who risk and have given their own lives to protect our way of life and beliefs ~

The Police who help to protect you and your family by performing heroic actions ~

Fire Fighters who risk their own lives trying to save yours and your property ~

Your Parents, Grandparents, Relatives who give of their time and talents to help protect, teach, lead you to a better adult life ~

Your Teachers who have studied hard to achieve the Certificate of Teaching so they can pass their knowledge onto you ~

A Political Person who has shown honor, good judgement, honesty and works hard to help make this country a better place for you and your family to live ~

A Business Person who has demonstrated skill and good judgement in creating a business that helps others, including the workers and clients.

Doctors, Nurses & Technicians who help people overcome injury and sickness.

Artists, Musicians, Writers, Actors, Producers who have studied and used their talents to teach, entertain, communicate and preserve our history in forms that will be passed down to our generations.

Military Heroes of Our History whose acts of courage and determination saved lives and became examples and mentors to other generations.

Fictional Heroes in Books, Movies and TV who have demonstrated good deeds, strength in times of fear and success in times of need.

Religious Figures who teach, lead and comfort us during our daily lives ~

Continued . . .

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:

- Re-copy the Instructions on page 6 if necessary and hand them out along with hook & loop 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.

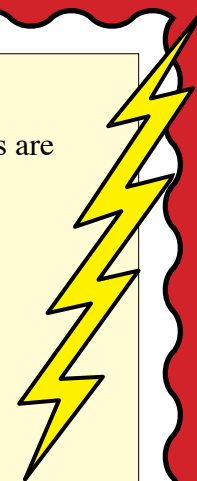
Veg-split leather can be decorated with designs by either painting or drawing with markers and pens. This project will be decorated using acrylic paints and colored markers.

History Continued:

Do You Know: How many holidays are celebrated yearly to honor our heroes?

- Mother's Day
- Father's Day
- Parent's Day
- Grandparent's Day
- Step Family's Day
- Memorial Day
- Veterans' Day
- Christmas
- George Washington's Birthday
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Presidents' Day
- Amelia Earhart Day
- Ben Franklin's Birthday
- National Teacher's Day
- Nurses Day
- Armed Forces Day
- Peace Officers Memorial Day
- Helen Keller's Birthday
- Independence Day
- Columbus Day
- And many more ~

The project for this lesson is to make a hero wristband decorated with designs reflecting one or more of your heroes.



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.

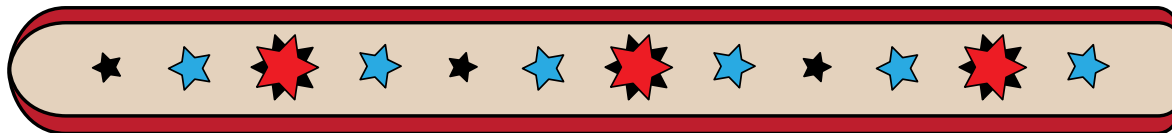
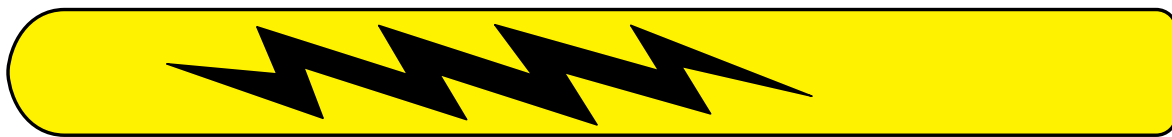


CREATE DESIGNS USING STENCIL PATTERNS & YOUR OWN IDEAS



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. Be sure to paint the backside of the wristband too.

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.*



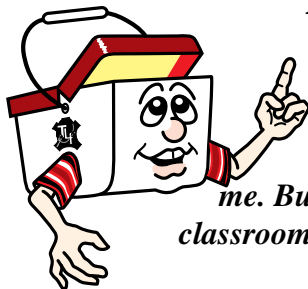
HINT: *To blend colors together like a rainbow, first dampen leather, then apply Cova Colors. This technique will require a longer drying time (probably overnight).*

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

CLASSROOM EXPANSION IDEAS:

- ~ *Research and discuss the students' different current heroes.*
- ~ *Research and discuss fictional heroes that are important to each student.*

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.

The image shows four identical vertical templates arranged side-by-side. Each template is a white vertical rectangle with a rounded top and a solid black outline. A vertical dotted line runs down the center of each template, indicating where to cut. The templates are set against a red background with a decorative, wavy white border.

SIZING & ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

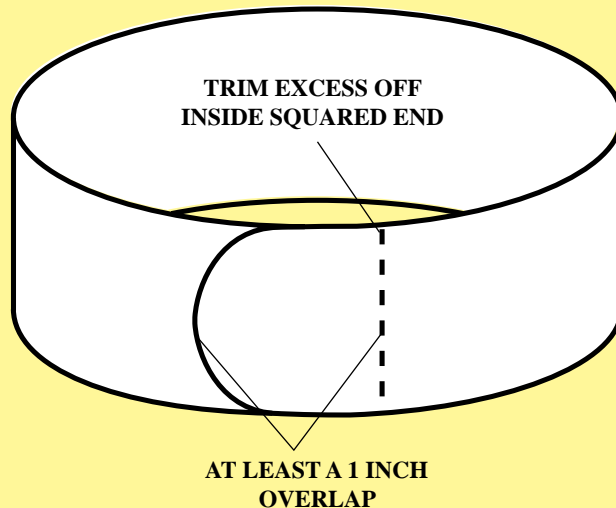
SIZING THE WRISTBAND:

Wrap band around wrist (or ankle).

NOTE: There needs to be at least one inch overlap to allow for the hook & loop fastener to be installed later.

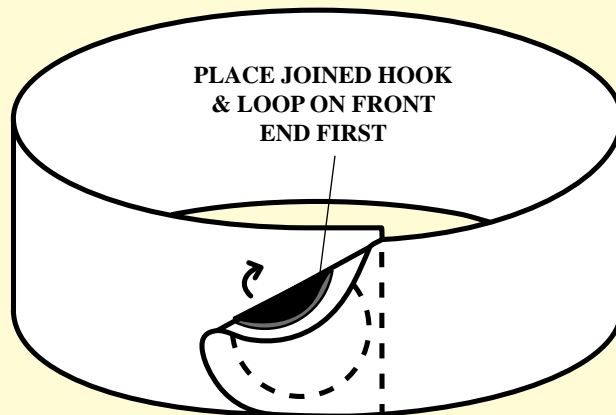
Trim off any excess wristband on the inside (square end) of band using sharp classroom scissors.

Now use the blank template to plan your designs. Be sure wristband is completely dry before installing the hook & loop fastener.



INSTALLING THE HOOK & LOOP FASTENER:

- Lock hook & loop parts together.
- Peel paper off of one side.
- Position sticky side on underside of front end. Press firmly to adhere.
- Peel paper off other side of fastener.
- Wrap band around wrist (or ankle) and press hook & loop sticky side onto the band. Press firmly to adhere.



TAKING CARE OF YOUR PERSONALIZED LEATHER WRISTBAND

- A leather wristband shouldn't go wherever your hands go. In other words, try not to get the wristband wet.
- If the leather band does get wet, wipe off the moisture as soon as possible using a soft dry paper towel or cotton cloth.