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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 to stamp and assemble leather turning it into a useful and decorative project. Lesson includes history and new vocabulary words. Creativity, and dexterity skills will be exercised to design, personalize, color and assemble the project.

MATERIALS LIST

All Supplies Needed To Complete 12 Leather Wristband Projects:

- Pre-Cut Veg Tan Tooling Leather Wristbands
- Hook & Loop Fasteners
- Stamping Tools & Handles
- Mallets
- All-In-One Stain / Finish
- Sponges & Sheep Wool
- Cova Color® Acrylic Paints
- Brushes
- Sharpie Pens & Stencils
- Instructions & Handbook



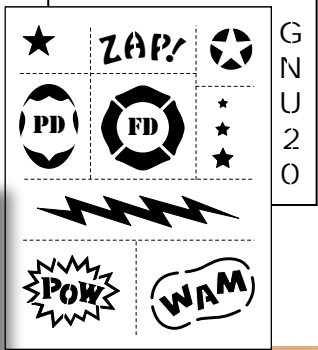
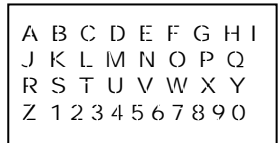
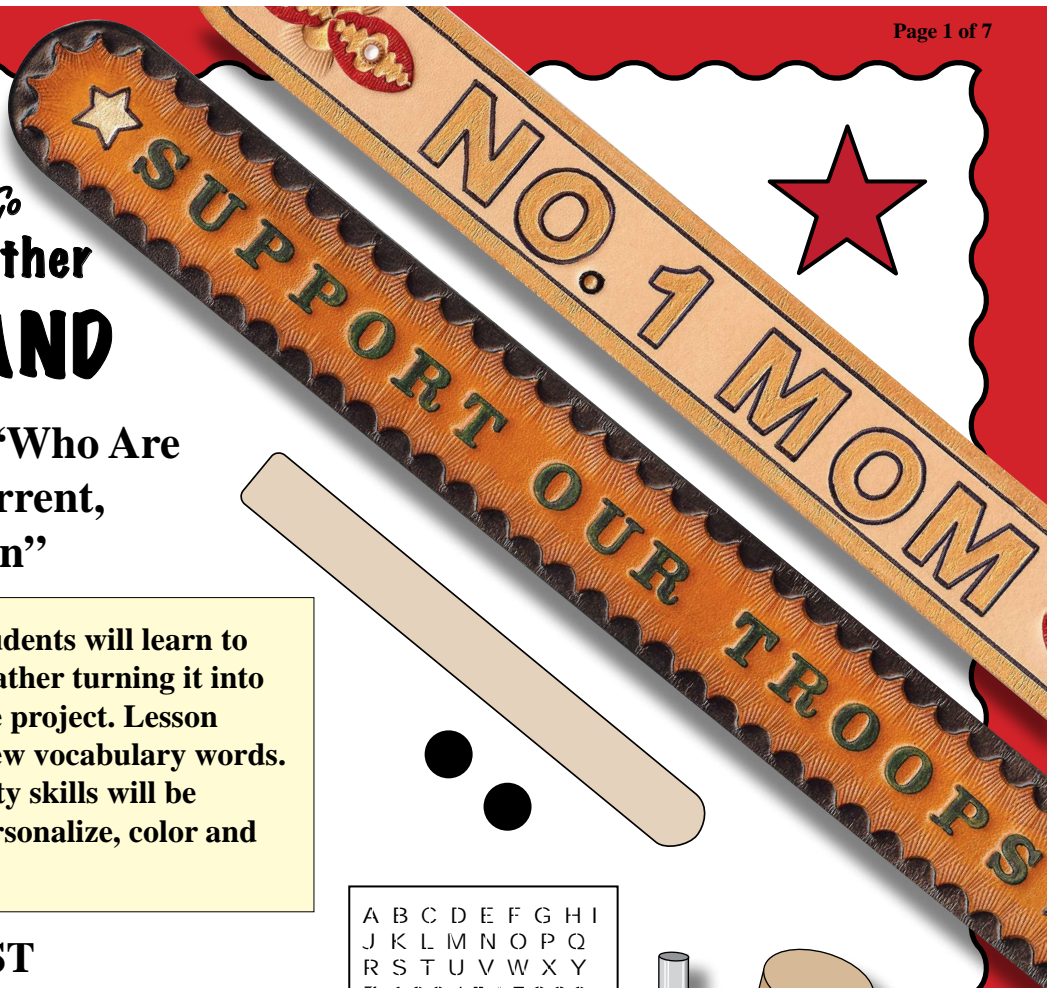
YOU WILL or MIGHT NEED:

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

CLASSROOM TIME:

Minimum of 3 Sessions:

- Size, Design, Case & Stamp = 90 minutes
- Color & Assembly = 45 minutes



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GETTING STARTED:

SESSION 1 - Sizing & Design:

- Copy blank templates on page 5, cut apart on dotted lines and hand out with pencils for planning designs. Copy (or demonstrate) instructions (p.7) for sizing wristbands. Handout leather wristbands.

SESSION 2 - Case & Stamp:

- To prepare for casing & stamping, set-up sturdy tables for 3 or 4 students per table with one plastic bowl of water & two sponges per table (Note: Sponges can be cut in half).
- Hand out to each student: Copy of page 6 instructions, wristband and one mallet.
- Share stamps and stamp handles.
- Follow the Leather Preparation and Stamping Instructions on the next pages.

SESSION 3 - Adding Color & Assembly:

- Set up 1 or 2 staining tables for All-In-One Stain & Finish to be applied with sheep wool pieces. Cover tables with paper to protect them from spills.
- Add additional color with Sharpie Pens and Cova Colors. Use plastic palettes, plates or wax paper for mixing paints.
- Re-copy & hand out Instructions (p.7) if necessary along with fasteners. Demonstrate assembly.

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

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 and stamps.

The Leather Craft Handbook offers you more information on the various tools that are available and how to use them on future projects.



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.

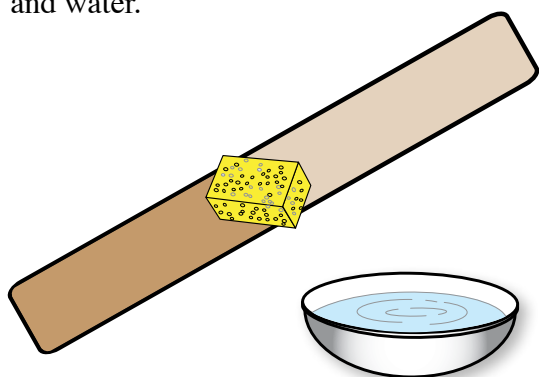
Religious Figures who teach, lead and comfort us during our daily lives ~

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LEATHER PREPARATION:

Before you can stamp a design on leather, it needs to be moistened. This is called “casing the leather”. (Note: Sponges can be cut in half.) Students should share sponges and water bowls per table.

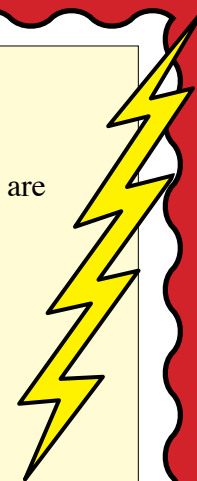
- 1) Apply water to the smooth (grain) side of your leather using a clean sponge and water. Dampen leather but not too much.
- 2) Set leather aside and wait until it begins to return to its natural color and feels cool to the touch. Then it is ready to stamp. While waiting for your leather to partially dry, plan the designs.
- 3) If some areas begin to dry too fast, lightly re-dampen with the sponge and water.



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 leather wristband decorated with names, symbols or designs reflecting one or more of your heroes.

VOCABULARY:

Casing - Adding water to one or both sides of vegetable tanned tooling leather to prepare the surface for tooling.

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.

Staining - Adding color to the leather using different types of stains and paints.

Stamping - Using metal stamps with designs or shapes on the end and a mallet to put a design on the grain side of vegetable tanned 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 DIFFERENT STENCIL PATTERNS & STAMPS



Here are some ideas combining stencil patterns, stamps and alphabet stamps. The same samples are shown on page 1 with color applied. Different coloring techniques can be used: Leave backgrounds natural leather and add color using Sharpie Pens and Cova Colors. Or, apply All-In-One Color Stain & Finish over the entire project and then add more color.



STENCIL PATTERNS

STENCILS: Most stencils on the supplied sheet are too big for this project. However, the design ideas can be used - just drawn smaller. Use them as guides for creativity.

COLORING HINTS:

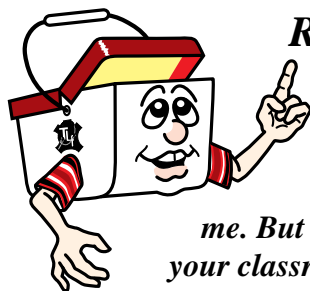
WHEN USING ACRYLIC PAINTS over All-In-One, make light colors stand out on the dark background by first painting the inside of the design with white acrylic paint. Let it dry completely (few minutes), then paint over the white with the desired color.

MIXING COLORS: The primary colors (red, yellow & blue) can be mixed to create the secondary colors (orange, green & purple). Add white to lighten and black to darken a color.



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 page contains four identical vertical templates arranged side-by-side. Each template is a white vertical rectangle with a rounded top and a rounded bottom. 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 scalloped border.

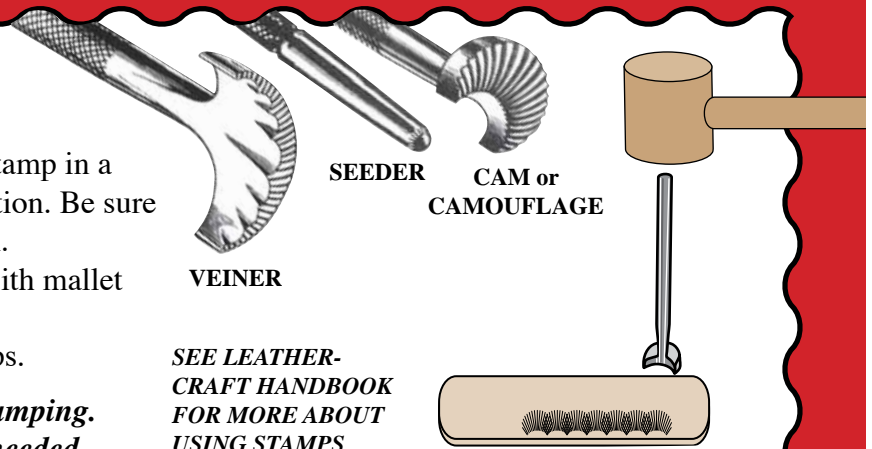
STAMPING Instructions:

(Shown here on a leather strip.)

- 1) After leather has been cased, hold stamp in a vertical (straight up and down) position. Be sure stamp is facing the desired direction.
- 2) Strike handle end of stamp firmly with mallet to leave a deep impression.
- 3) Repeat with same or different stamps.

Be sure to keep leather damp while stamping. Reapply water lightly with sponge as needed.

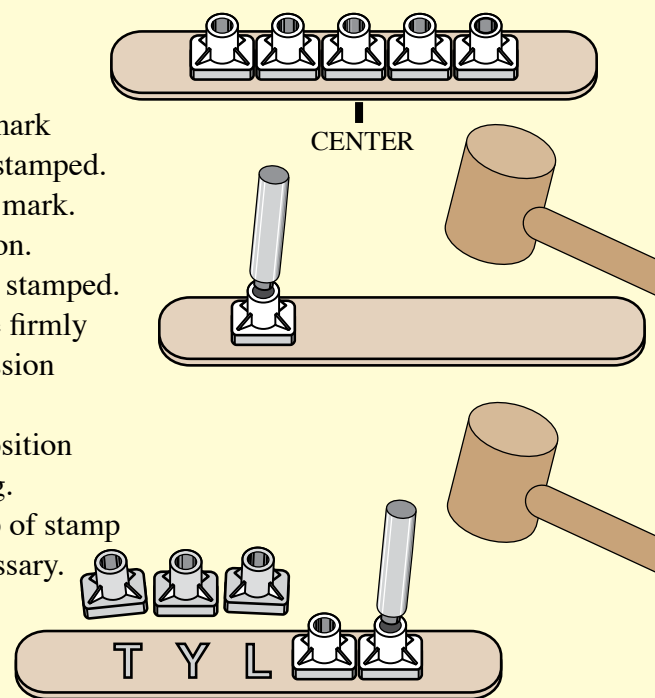
SEE LEATHER-CRAFT HANDBOOK FOR MORE ABOUT USING STAMPS



STAMPING Alphabets:

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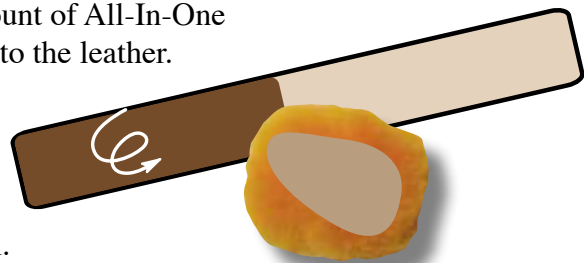
- 1) To stamp two or more letters in a row, first mark the center of the space where letters will be stamped.
- 2) Place stamps side by side, centered over the mark. Be sure stamps are facing the correct direction.
- 3) Remove all stamps except the first one to be stamped.
- 4) Insert stamp setter in top of stamp and strike firmly with mallet. Repeat if necessary until impression shows clearly in the leather.
- 5) Place 1st stamp back over its impression. Position 2nd stamp next to the first for proper spacing.
- 6) Remove 1st stamp. Insert stamp setter in top of stamp and strike firmly with mallet. Repeat if necessary.
- 7) Repeat with rest of letters.
- 8) Allow project to dry completely before applying All-In-One Stain & Finish.



STAINING THE LEATHER:

You will be using All-In-One Stain & Finish which is a color and finish combined for speed. Be sure to work quickly and in a special staining area away from other supplies.

- 1) Shake bottle well. Transfer a liberal (heavy) amount of All-In-One onto a piece of sheep wool, but never directly onto the leather.
NOTE: Only one coat is needed.
- 2) Then apply to leather quickly, rubbing in a circular motion until color is even and all cuts and impressions are full of stain.
- 3) Remove excess with a clean piece of sheep wool. Then, buff to a mellow gloss with a clean piece of sheep wool.



OPTION: After stain is dry, come back and add more color using colored markers or acrylic paints.

SIZING & ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

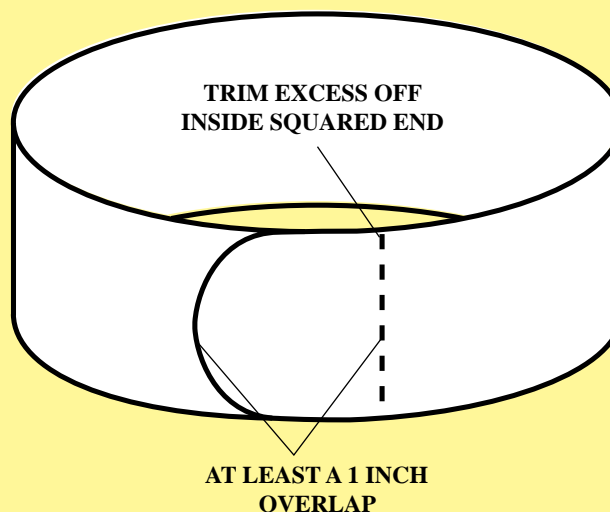
SIZING THE WRISTBAND:

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.*

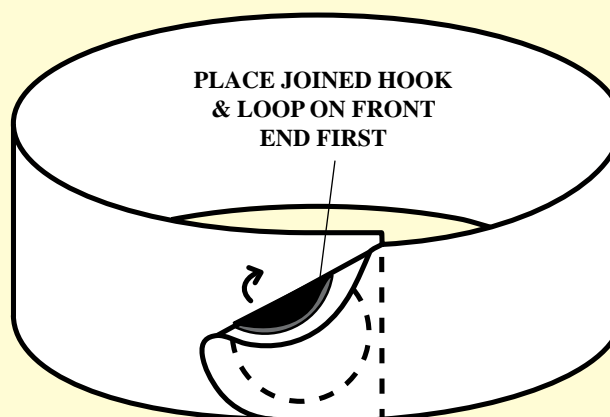
Trim off any excess wristband on the inside (square end) of band using sharp classroom scissors.

Now use the blank template to plan your designs. Then stamp and color the band. Be sure it 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 does get wet, wipe off the moisture as soon as possible using a soft dry paper towel or cotton cloth.