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*Leathercraft Projects To-Go*

# Special Days "Everlasting" Leather BOOKMARK

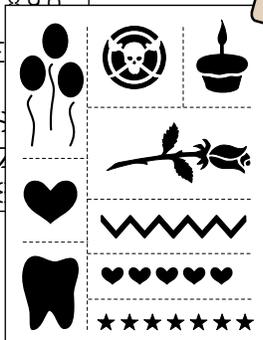
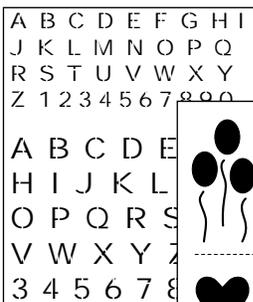
*Plus A Look At "Many Of The Special Days We Celebrate Yearly"*

**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 Projects Are In One Theme Bucket:

- Pre-Punched Veg-Split Suede Leather Parts
- Cords & Beads
- Cova Color® Acrylic Paints
- Brushes
- Sharpie Pens
- Stencils
- Design & Color 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  
 Assembly = 45 minutes



## GETTING STARTED:

### SESSION 1 - Design:

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

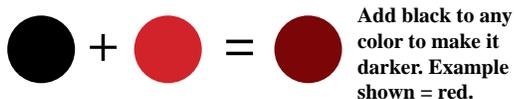
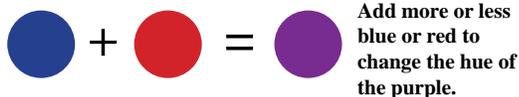
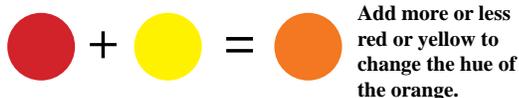
### SESSIONS 2 - Color:

- Hand out a 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 Special Days Do We Celebrate Yearly?

**Mother's Day** ~ We honor our Mothers in May ever year out of respect and love. It is a very old tradition of giving Mothers flowers on Mother's Day. Sometimes a corsage (a single or small bouquet of flowers for a woman to wear) is given to a Mother. Traditionally, red flowers are given if your Mother's Mother is still living & white flowers if your Mother's Mother is not living.

**Father's Day** ~ In June, we honor our Fathers with a day of special activities just for him. Many families prepare a special dinner or take Dad to an activity he enjoys: ball games, camping, fishing, bowling, festivals, picnics, the theater or just a family get-together. Dads just seem to enjoy spending time with their families, so the activity really doesn't matter.

**Birthdays** ~ The nice thing about Birthdays is that they can happen every day of the year. Someone you know, a family member or a friend, has a Birthday and will love to be honored with you remembering them.

**Other Special People** ~ We celebrate many people who are important to us in our lives: Grandparents, teachers and many more. There are also official Birthday celebrations set aside for our country to recognize some special people (such as George Washington's Birthday, etc.)

**Special Events or Occasions** ~ These are fun days that may be celebrated by many people or just a few. These special days could include:

- New Baby in the family
- Weddings
- Graduation from schools or special lesson
- Making the Honor Roll
- Winning a contest or sports event
- Sharing your talents with other (Displaying your paintings, playing an instrument, singing, writing, creating with crafts)
- Even the Tooth Fairy (trade a tooth for \$)

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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:

- Cut cords in half.
- Copy the Instructions on page 6 and hand them out to each student along with the half cords and beads. Scissors will be needed to trim the cord.
- Practice before class and then demonstrate the assembly 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 using stencils and the students' own creativity. This project will be decorated using acrylic paints and colored markers.*

### History Continued:



**Did You Know:** The tradition of celebrating birthdays by having a party and cake dates back as far as the Middle Ages. The English used to conceal symbolic items such as gold coins, rings and thimbles inside the birthday cake. Each item had a meaning. For example, a person finding a gold coin in a birthday cake would supposedly become wealthy, while finding a thimble meant that person would never get married. (Of course, these predictions were not true.)

**Did You Know:** People born on February 29, which occurs only during leap years, often celebrate their birthday in other years on February 28, or March 1.

Today, celebrations for special people in our lives or for special events can come at any time and be celebrated with a party or just a memorable gift or card. Gifts that are handmade have special meaning and are often kept forever.

The project for this lesson is to make a “everlasting” leather bookmark decorated to celebrate a special event. Making this gift from leather will add meaning and long life to your creative efforts.

### 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.

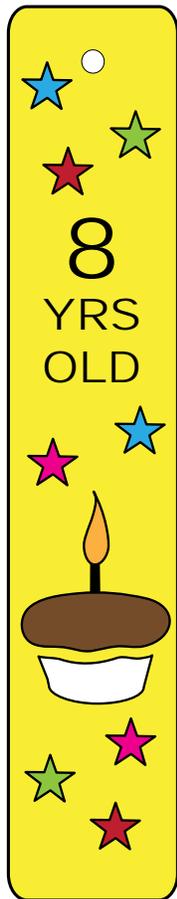
**Tannins** - Yellowish substance from oak bark and other plants used to tan leather.

**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 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 plan designs on paper before drawing or applying color on the leather.



### COLORING HINTS:

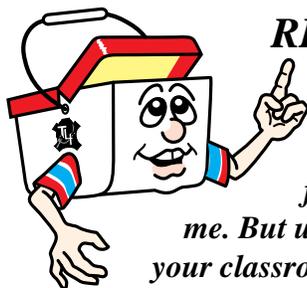
*To paint large areas, mix a Cova Color “wash” by diluting the color with water. Be sure to mix enough to do the entire project or keep a record of the proportions for mixing more.*

*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.*

*Option: Put a wash over the entire area, let it dry for a few minutes until the color sets, then come back and paint the designs in white. Let white dry completely (few minutes), then add desired colors on top of the white.*

### CLASSROOM EXPANSION IDEAS:

- ~ Study how birthdays are celebrated by different cultures around the world.
- ~ Plan a Special Day for the class and have a party.



### 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

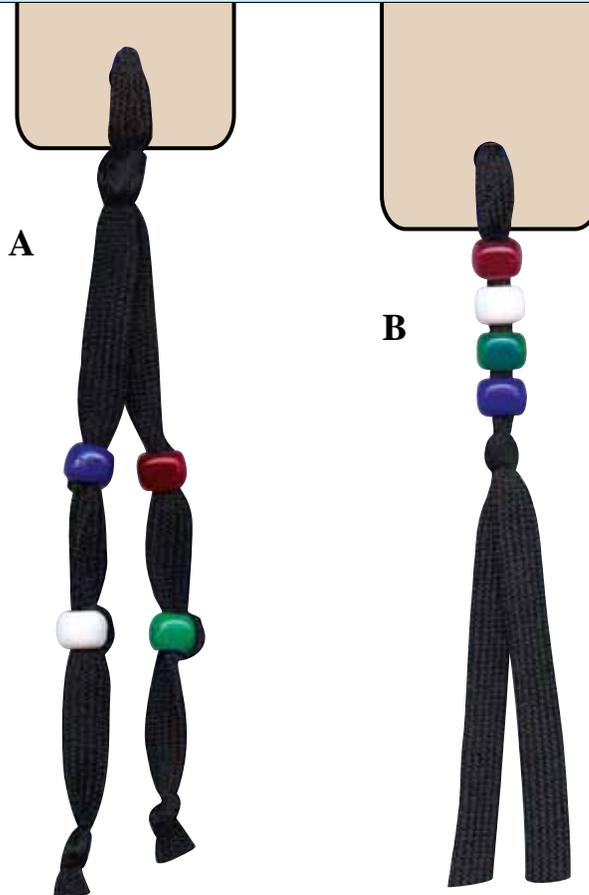
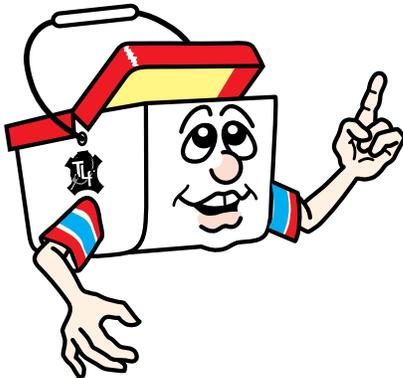
The image displays four identical vertical rectangular templates arranged side-by-side. Each template has rounded corners and a small circle at the top center, representing a hole punch. A vertical dashed line runs down the center of each template, indicating where to cut. The templates are set against a white background with a decorative scalloped border.

## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

*There are so many different ways to decorate the bookmark using beads and cord. Here are just a couple of examples. Have fun creating your own designs.*

### OPTIONAL KEY FOB:

- String beads on cord as shown in Sample A or B instructions below.
- Before tying knots in the ends of the cord, add a key.
- Then tie both cord ends together in a knot to secure the key.
- Trim off excess cord.



#### BEADING SAMPLE A:

- Use 1/2 of a cord.
- Push tip of cord through bead.
- Then bring cord over edge of bead and back through the same hole again.
- Repeat on second bead.
- Stitch through hole. Tie a knot close to the leather. Pull cord tight.
- Then add a 3rd & 4th bead.
- Tie a knot in the ends of cord.
- Trim off excess cord.

#### BEADING SAMPLE B:

- Use 1/2 of a cord.
- Push tip of cord through all four beads.
- Then stitch through hole.
- Push tip of cord back through all four beads. Push beads up to edge of leather, but not too tight.
- Pull cord straight.
- Tie a knot in the cord ends together or separate.
- Trim off excess cord.

**HINT:** *To keep cut cord ends from unraveling, put a drop of classroom white glue on any cut end and let it dry completely.*