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*Leathercraft  
Projects To-Go*

# Spring Theme "Everlasting" Leather BOOKMARK

*Plus A Look At "Why We Celebrate Spring"*

**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 Bookmark Projects:

- Pre-Punched Veg-Split Suede Leather Parts
- Cords & Beads
- Cova Colors® 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

## CLASSROOM TIME:

Minimum of 3 Sessions:

Design = 45 minutes

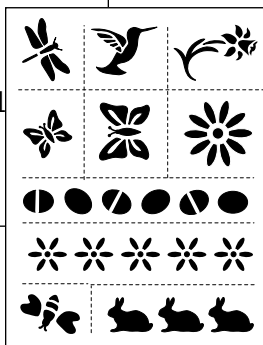
Color the Projects = 45 minutes

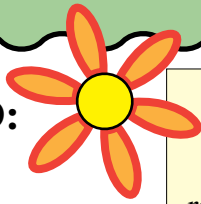
Assembly = 45 minutes



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## 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 & hand out along with pencils for planning designs.
- Cut stencils apart on dotted lines and hand out for planning designs.

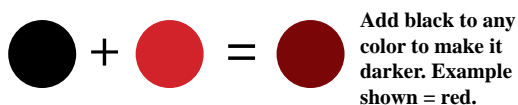
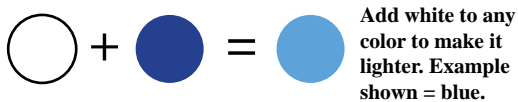
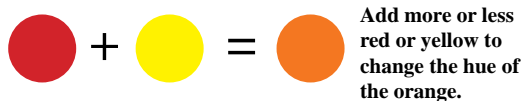
### SESSIONS 2 - Color:

- 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.*

## Why Do We Celebrate Spring?

**Spring** is the time of year for new growth, rebirth, new life. It usually falls between March and June of each year. It is looked forward to and celebrated because people are happy that winter is over at last.

**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 (December 21 or 22) because it meant that at last the sun god would begin to get well. Families would decorate their homes with evergreen boughs during the winter to remind them of all the green plants that would grow again when the sun god was strong and summer would return. Then when signs of growth appeared, this meant Spring had arrived and they celebrated.

**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 (or Spring).

**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 anticipation for Spring.

**Today**, many people celebrate Spring as a time for vacation and relaxing after a hard winter. Some of the different ways of celebration include decorating with Bunnies and colorful eggs; some celebrate religiously while other find it a wonderful time to do Spring cleaning. These are symbols of rebirth and new life. Other symbols include Spring flowers, birds, butterflies and the feisty little bee who buzzes around from flower to flower collecting and depositing pollen, fertilizing the plants so they will grow better.

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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 by either painting or drawing them with markers and pens.*

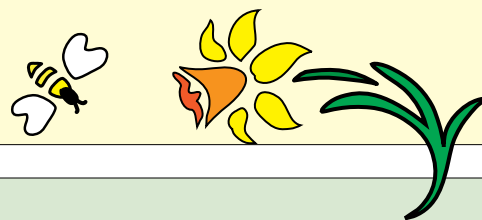
### **HISTORY Continued:**

Spring is also a time for looking ahead to summer, making plans for warmer days and fun activities. It's a time to plant a garden or plan outdoor activities.

**Do You Know:** In Europe, May Day was and still is celebrated. Maypoles or May Trees are put outside. Colorful streamers are attached at the top. Children sing and dance around the pole, in opposite directions, wrapping the pole in a colorful braid. This tradition is more common in Great Britain than in the United States. In France, it is called "The Tree of Liberty".

**Do You Know:** Spring is not celebrated at the same time everywhere in the world. Times and climates are different in other countries. The seasonal celebrations are often reversed. Some people (Australians, etc.) celebrate Spring in September. Our Earth offers us a variety of times for celebrating.

The project for this lesson is to make a natural leather bookmark decorated with symbols of Spring.



### **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.

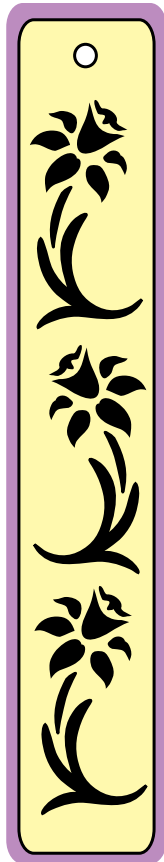
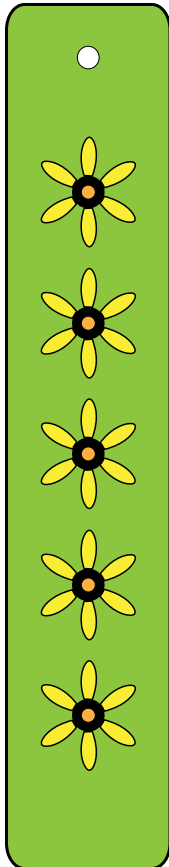




## CREATE DESIGNS USING STENCIL PATTERNS & YOUR OWN IDEAS



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:

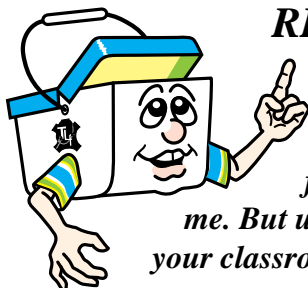
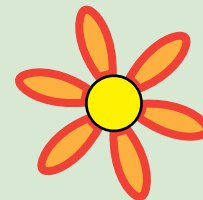
*To paint large areas, mix a Cova Color “wash” by diluting the color with water. Be sure to mix enough to do the entire project or keep a record of the proportions for mixing more.*

*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 Spring is celebrated in other countries.
- ~ Plant seeds or seedlings and watch them grow.



### 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

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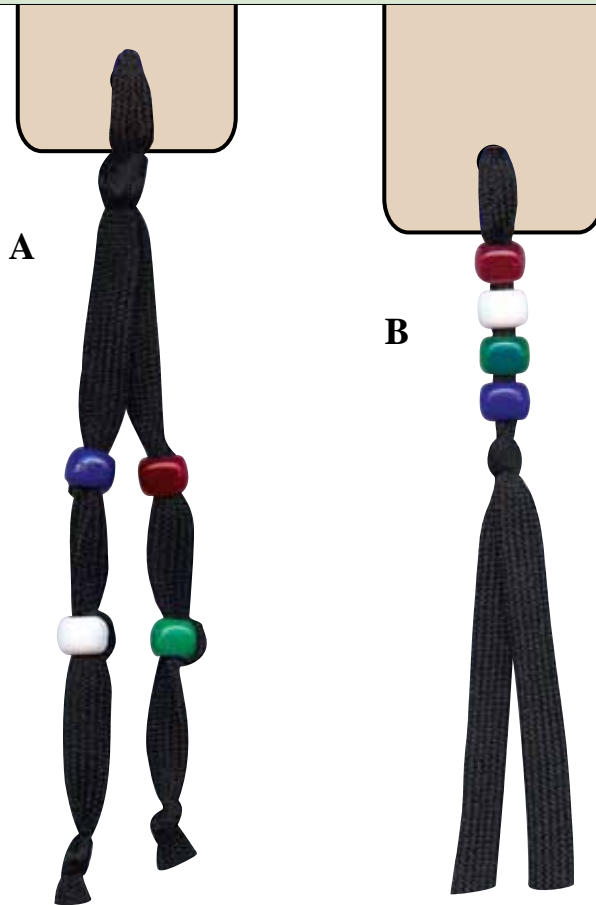
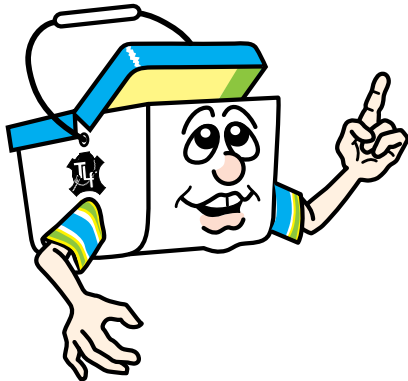
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## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

*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.*