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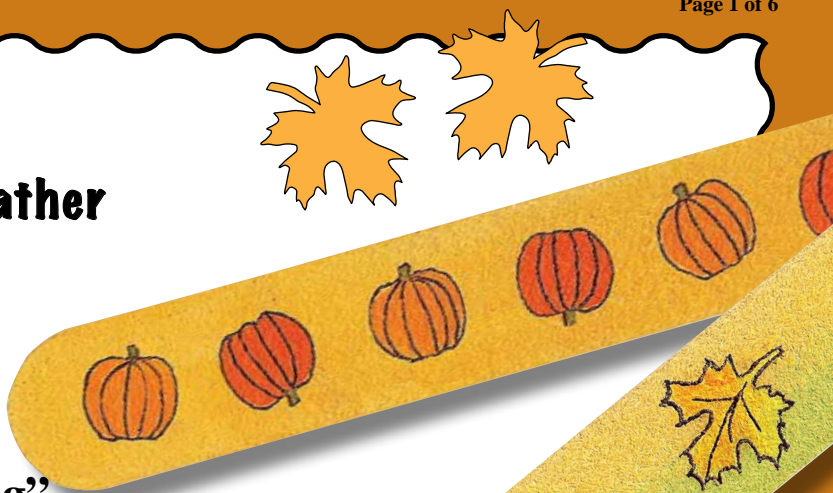


*Leathercraft Projects To-Go*

## Thanksgiving Leather

# WRISTBAND

*Plus A Look At The History Of The Start Of "Celebrating Thanksgiving"*

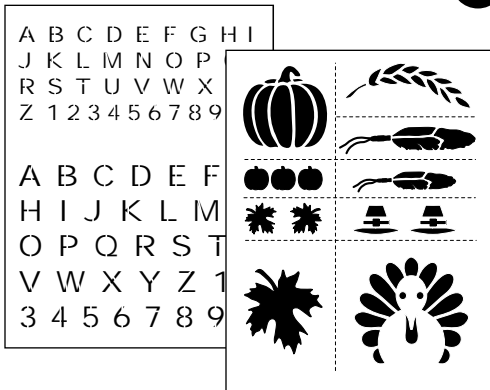


**OBJECTIVE:** Students will learn about the theme while creating a useful and decorative leather project. Lesson includes history and new vocabulary words. Creativity, math and dexterity skills will be exercised to design, personalize, color and then assemble the project.

### 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 Pens
- Stencils
- Design and 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). Hand out leather wristbands for sizing.
- Copy the blank templates on page 5, cut apart on dotted lines and hand out with pencils for planning designs before applying paint and markers to the leather.
- Cut stencils apart on dotted lines and hand out for planning designs.

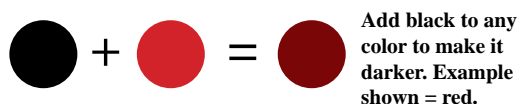
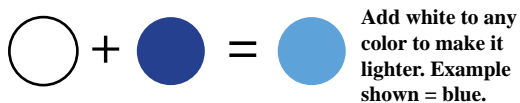
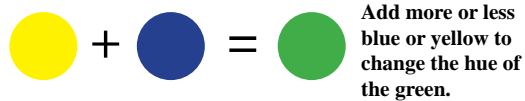
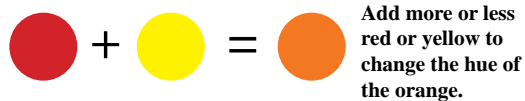
### SESSION 2 - Color:

- Hand out leather wristbands to students.
- 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.*

## How Did The Celebration Of Thanksgiving Start?

There are many myths and suggested reasons for the beginning of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Some believe that it all started in 1621, sometime between September 21 to November 11. After the first harvest was completed by the Plymouth colonist, Gov. William Bradford proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving Prayer, shared by all the colonists and neighboring Wampanoag Indians. While this historic recorded event was important, it is known that the feast itself did not become a tradition at this time.

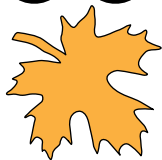
Some believe the holiday originated with traditional religious ceremonies of Thanksgiving when the colonists would go to church to give thanks for a specific event or success in battle. If a church was not available, the ceremony was conducted out of doors as was recorded when at the Charles River in December 1619, a group of British settlers led by Captain John Woodlief knelt in prayer and pledged "Thanksgiving" for their healthy arrival after a long voyage across the Atlantic.

In 1623 it is recorded that a day of fasting and prayer during a period of drought was changed to a day of thanksgiving because the rains came during the prayers. Gradually, the custom prevailed in New England of annually celebrating thanksgiving after the harvest. The legacy of giving thanks and sharing of a feast has survived the centuries throughout the United States.

During the American Revolution, a yearly day of National Thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a Day of Thanksgiving to be the last Thursday in November, which he may have correlated with the November 21, 1621 anchoring of the *Mayflower* at Cape Cod.

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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:**

- Re-copy the Instructions on page 6 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:**

Since 1863, each President of the United States has issued a *Thanksgiving Day Proclamation*. President Franklin D. Roosevelt officially set the date for Thanksgiving to be the fourth Thursday of November in 1939 (approved by Congress in 1941).

*Did You Know:* Historians aren't completely sure about what food was served at the first recorded feast in 1621 with the Pilgrim colonists and Native Americans, but sweets were definitely not on the menu. The Pilgrims brought some sugar with them on the Mayflower, but by the time of the feast, the supply had dwindled. Also, they did not have ovens, so baking was not possible. The harvested food would have primarily included grains. At that time of year, fresh fruit and vegetables were not available. The meat for the feast would have included venison, fowl and some fish. Normally, the colonists biggest meal of the day was served at noon, with a smaller meal in the evening. The Wampanoag Indians tended to eat when they were hungry and had pots cooking throughout the day. A special feast was an exception.

The project for this lesson is to make a leather wristband made from veg-split leather decorated with the Thanksgiving 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. This side may be tooled.

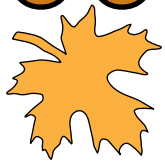
**Tanning** - The process using tannins to change a fresh animal hide into leather.

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

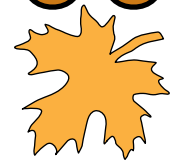
**Veg-Split** - Vegetable-Tanned leather can be split (layered) into two pieces: one with the grain (top hair side) and one with the rough surface on both sides. Veg-split is the rough surfaced layer.

**Proclamation** - Something that is announced officially.

**Mayflower** - The ship on which the Pilgrims came to America.

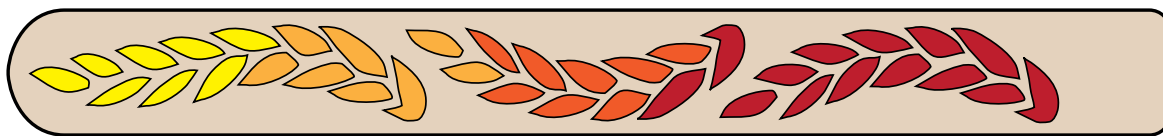
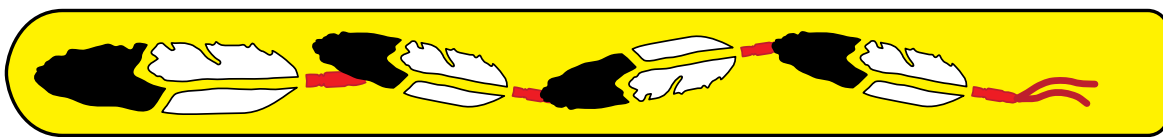


## CREATE DESIGNS USING STENCIL PATTERNS & YOUR OWN IDEAS



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.*

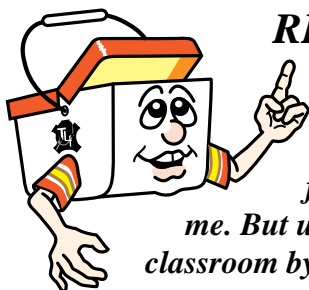


**HINT:** *To blend colors together (as shown on page 1), first dampen the leather with clean water, then apply Cova Colors. This technique will require a longer drying time.*

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

### CLASSROOM EXPANSION IDEAS:

- ~ *What garments and accessories did the Pilgrims actually wear in 1621.*
- ~ *What leather did the Wampanoag Native Americans use to make their garments and accessories during the time of the Pilgrims.*

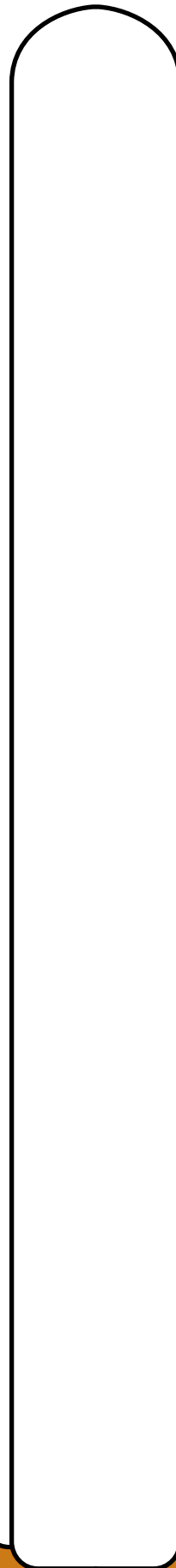
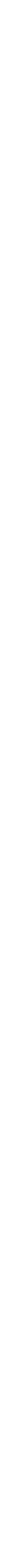
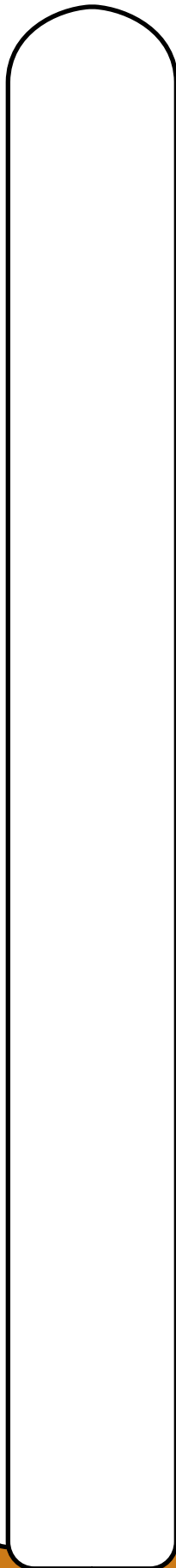
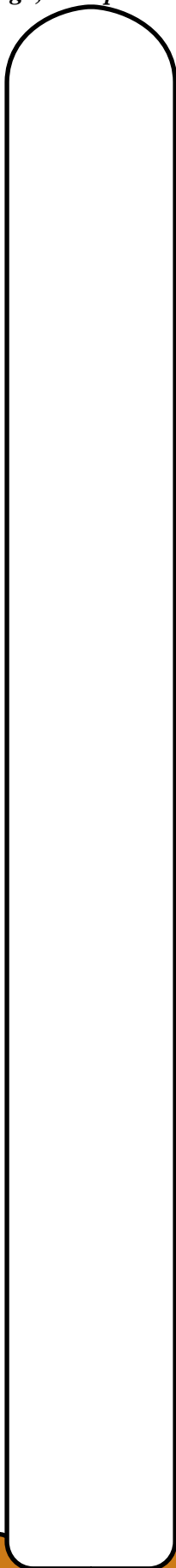
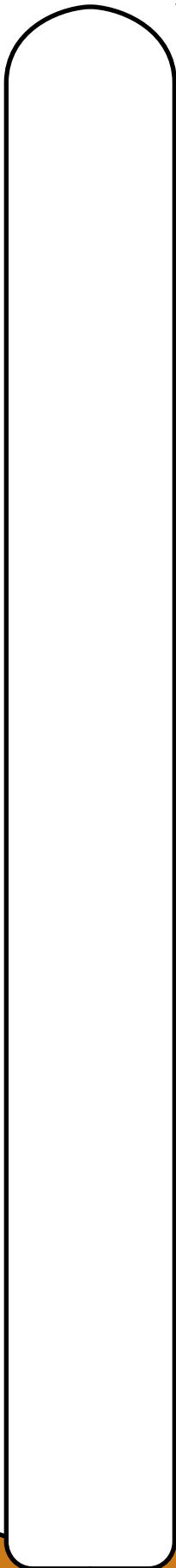


### RECYCLE ME!

*“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.*



## SIZING & ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

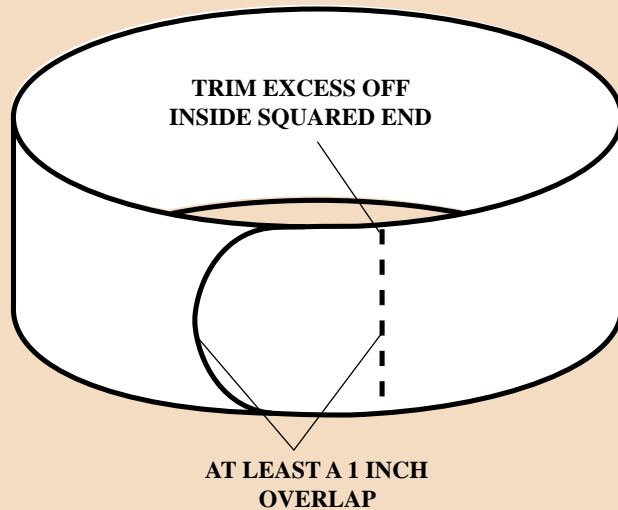
### SIZING THE WRISTBAND:

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.*

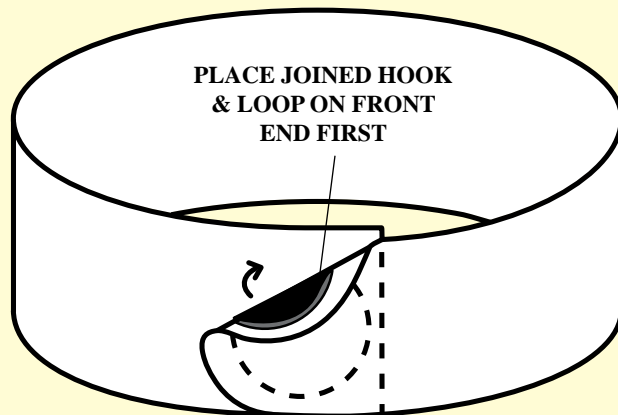
Trim off any excess wristband on the inside (square end) of band using sharp classroom scissors.

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.