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Leathercraft Projects To-Go

Valentine "Everlasting"

Leather BOOKMARK

Plus A Look Back Into The History of "Valentine's Day"

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 Bookmarks
- Cords & Beads
- Cova Color® Acrylic Paints
- Brushes
- Sharpie Markers
- Stencils
- Design & Coloring Ideas
- Complete Instructions

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

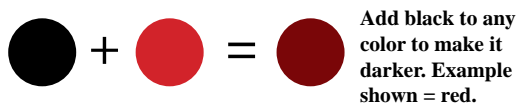
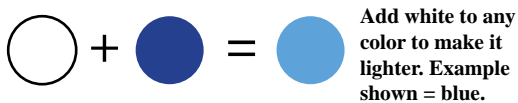
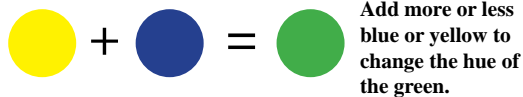
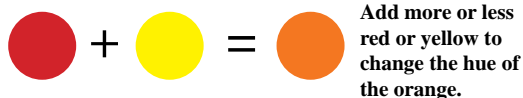
SESSIONS 2 - Color:

- 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 Valentine's Day?

The history of Valentine's Day and its patron Saint Valentine, is somewhat of a mystery. The holiday has signs of both Roman and Christian traditions starting back as far as the third century in Rome.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest in Rome (270 AD) who was killed (martyred) by Emperor Claudius for trying to help Christians escape the harsh Roman prisons where they were being beaten and tortured. Before he was killed, Valentine was in prison where he reportedly fell in love with the jailor's daughter. He would send her love letters signed: 'From your Valentine'. After Valentine's death, the church declared him a Saint for his heroic efforts to save Christians.

While some believe Valentine's Day is celebrated mid February in honor of the anniversary of Saint Valentines death, others believe it was chosen by the church to 'Christianize' other pagan festivals going on at the same time.

In France and England, St. Valentine's Day was first celebrated February 14 as a sign of Spring, and the natural mating season for birds and other animals. This added to the idea that Valentine's Day should be a day for romance. One of the oldest known valentines still in existence is a poem written by Charles, Duke of Orleans to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt. It was written in 1415 and is on display in the British Museum.

In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popular around the 17th century. By the 18th century, it became popular for friends and lovers to exchange tokens of affection and written notes. By the end of the century, printed cards replaced handwritten notes, due to the improvement of the printing technology.

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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 with markers and pens. This project will be decorated using acrylic paints and colored markers.

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.

HISTORY Continued:

Americans reportedly started exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, the first mass-produced valentines were created by Esther A. Howland. She was known as the Mother of the Valentine.

Today, in addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world: Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia.

Did You Know: The popular Valentine symbol - Cupid - the child-like, winged deity (or god) was believed to be the son of Venus, the Roman goddess of love. In Greek mythology, Cupid is known as Aphrodite's son Eros. (Aphrodite was the Greek goddess of love and beauty.)

Today, Americans still celebrate Valentine's Day by the giving of tokens, gifts and cards.

The project for this lesson is to make a Valentine token from "everlasting" leather. The long life of leather will ensure the Valentine message will be long remembered and cherished.

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

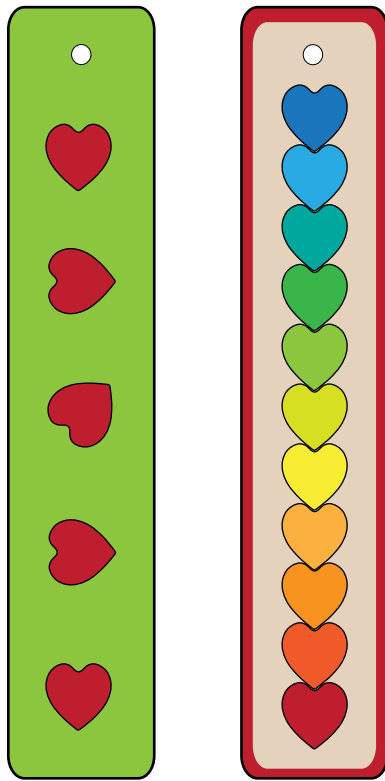
Veg-Split - Vegetable-Tanned leather can be split (layered) into two pieces: one with the grain (top hair side) and one with the rough surface on both sides. Veg-split is the rough surfaced layer.

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:

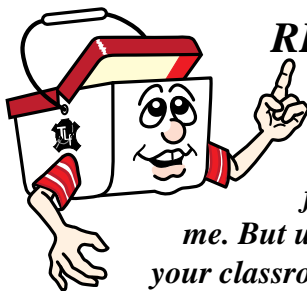
To paint large areas, mix a Cova Color “wash” by diluting the color with water. Be sure to mix enough to do the entire project or keep a record of the proportions for mixing more.

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:

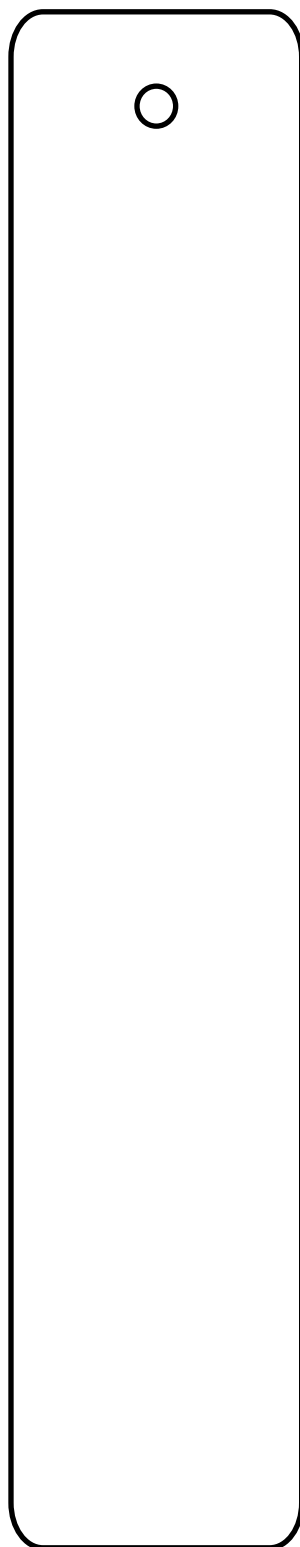
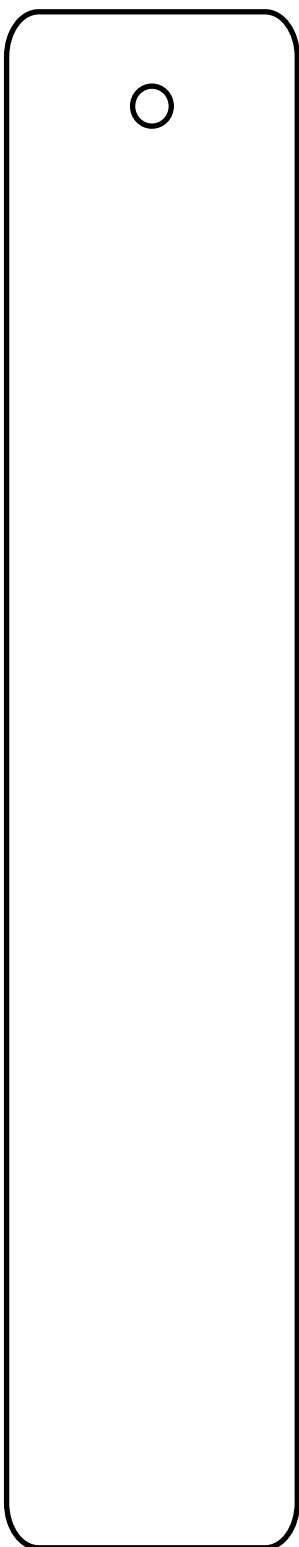
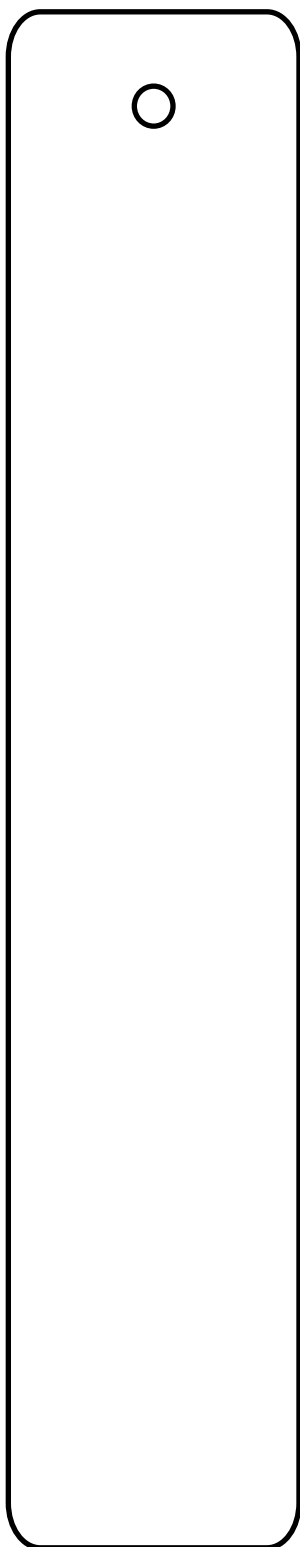
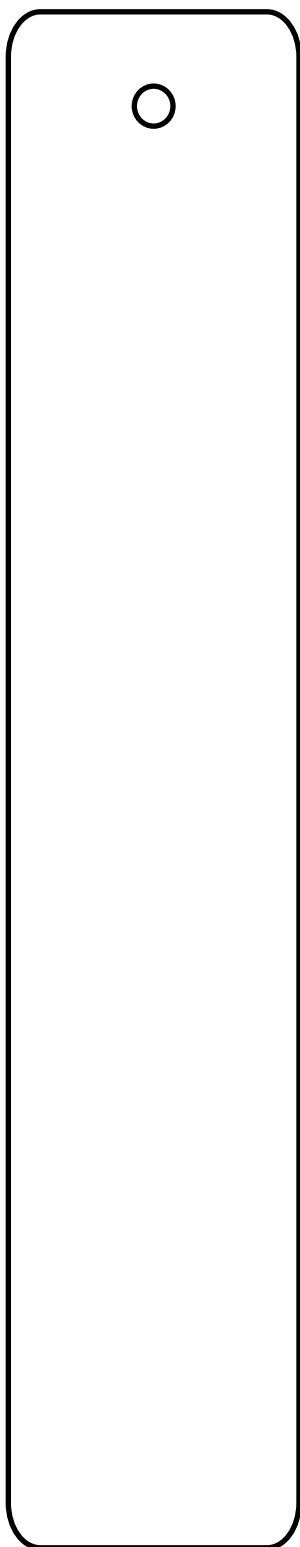
- ~ Research and study some of the early Valentine letters, poems and hand-made tokens from around the world.
- ~ Study the beginning of the mass production of Valentine Cards along with the history of the printing press.
- ~ Study some of the early Valentines created by Esther A. Howland - the Mother of Valentines.



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

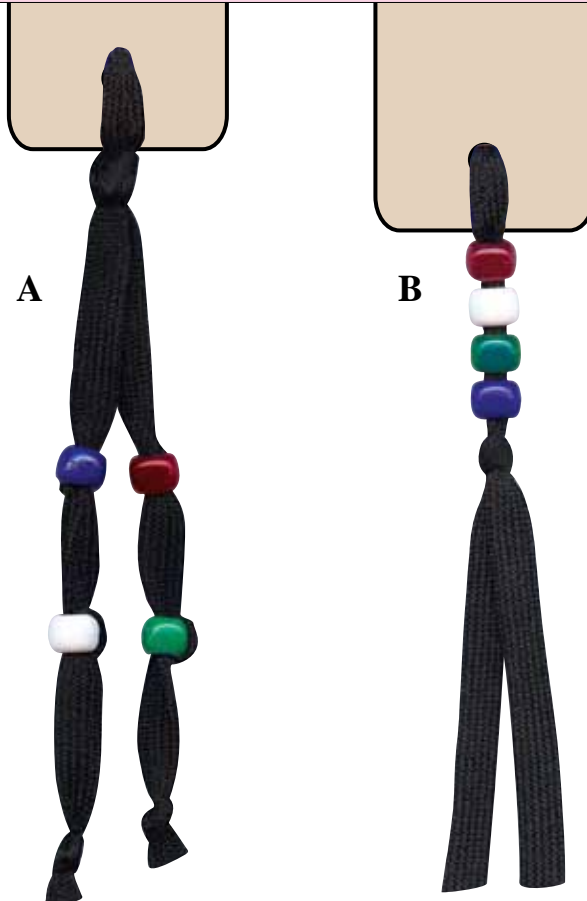
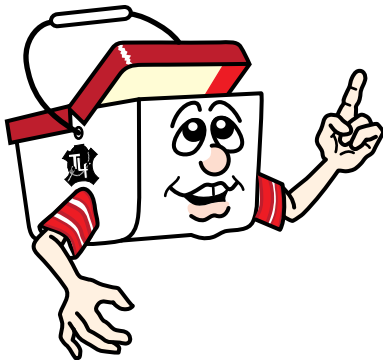


ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

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.*