



# Leatherwork

## Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book). No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33215. Merit Badge Workbooks and much more are below: [Online Resources](#).

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Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Identify and demonstrate to your counselor the safe use of leatherworking tools.

Show correct procedures for handling leathercraft dyes, cements, and finishes. \_\_\_\_\_

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Know first aid for cuts, \_\_\_\_\_

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internal poisoning, \_\_\_\_\_

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and skin irritation. \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. Explain to your counselor

a. Where leather comes from \_\_\_\_\_

b. What kinds of hides are used to make leather \_\_\_\_\_

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c. What are five types of leather

d. What are the best uses for each type of leather

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### 3. Make one or more articles of leather that use at least five of the following steps:

a. Pattern layout and transfer \_\_\_\_\_

b. Cutting leather \_\_\_\_\_

c. Punching holes \_\_\_\_\_

d. Carving or stamping surface designs. \_\_\_\_\_

e. Applying dye or stain and finish to the project. \_\_\_\_\_

f. Assembly by lacing or stitching \_\_\_\_\_

g. Setting snaps and rivets \_\_\_\_\_

**h. Dressing edges** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Recondition or show that you can take proper care of your shoes, a baseball glove, a saddle, furniture or other articles of leather.**

**5. Do ONE of the following:** *(Hint: You can use back of this page for reports or descriptions as needed.)*

**a. Learn about the commercial tanning process. Report about it to your merit badge counselor.**

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**b. Tan the skin of a small animal. Describe the safety precautions you will take and the tanning method that you used.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**c. Braid or plait an article out of leather or vinyl lace.**

**d. Visit a leather-related business. This could be a leathercraft supply company, a tannery, a leather goods or shoe factory, or a saddle shop. Report on your visit to your counselor.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Online Resources** *(Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)*

**Merit Badge Workbooks:** [usscouts.org](http://usscouts.org) -or- [meritbadge.org](http://meritbadge.org)      ► **Merit Badge Books:** [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)

Boy Scouts of America: <http://www.scouting.org/>   ► [Requirements](#)   ► [Intro to Merit Badges](#)   ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)

[ExpertVillage.com Lesson Videos:](#)       [Basic Leather Working](#)

The Leather Factory: <http://www.leatherfactory.com>

Tandy Leather Company: <http://www.tandy.com>