LEATHERWORK MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS

Additional checkoff sheets and helps are available from ScouterMom.com.

1. Do the following:										
1a. Explain to your counsel the hazards you are most likely to encounter while using leatherwork tools and materials, and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, or lessen these hazards										
1b. Show that you know first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while working with leather, including minor cuts and scratches, puncture wounds, ingested poisoning, and reactions from exposure to chemicals such as dyes, cements, and finishes used in leatherworking.										
2. Explain to your counselor										
2a. Where leather comes from										
2b. What kinds of hides are used to make leather										
2c. What are five types of leather										
2d. What are the best uses for each type of leather										
3. Make one or more articles of leather that use at least five of the following steps:										
3a. Pattern layout and transfer										
3b. Cutting leather										
3c. Punching holes										
3d. Carving or stamping surface designs										
3e. Applying dye or stain and finish to the project										
3f. Assembly by lacing or stitching										
3g. Setting snaps and rivets										
3h. Dressing edges										
4. Braid or plait an article out of leather, vinyl lace, or paracord										
5. Do ONE of the following:										
5a. Learn about the commercial tanning process. Report about it to your merit badge counselor										
5b. Tan the skin of a small animal. Describe the safety precautions you will take and the tanning method that you used.										
5c. Recondition or show that you can take proper care of your shoes, a baseball glove, a saddle, furniture, or other articles of leather. Discuss with your counselor the advantages or disadvantages of leather vs. synthetic materials										
5d. 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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