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Basic Leathercrafting: All The Skills And Tools You Need To Get Started (How To Basics)



Synopsis

Step-by-step instructions and photos illustrate basic leathercrafting techniques: choosing leather, stamping and decorating, stitching and lacing, and finishing.

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Customer Reviews

This is an excellent beginner and intermediate book on leathercrafting. I only have one disagreement with one of the sections (see below). It is a glossy 8-1/2" x 11" book with very clear color photos of everything. I believe it is also available in a lay-flat spiral bound version. The topics covered include the following: -Types of leather-Cutting leather-Tool, glues, lacing & thread-Dyes, finishes, waxes, conditioners-Laying out designs & using patterns for carving-Carving the design and stamping designs-Setting snaps and rivets-Stitching, sewing, lacing-Going through all the techniques again on two projects:-1. A fancy dyed belt with stamped design and silver conchos2. A fancy case for business cards with stamped design and stitchingA quibble: I do have one disagreement with the book on the section about using neatsfoot oil for un-dyed leather projects. Most leathercrafters rarely use it on new leather for several reasons. 100% pure neatsfoot oil (not the lower-quality "neatsfoot oil compound") is best used only to restore dried out leather (which

happens over time) so it is softer and more flexible. For new un-dyed leather, neatsfoot oil is not the best leather conditioner or preservative. The author shows dipping a nice un-dyed holster in a bucket of neatsfoot oil. On anything but very dry, thick leather, this can cause a limp, oily-looking, darkened leathercraft project. I have seen the appearance of some beautiful new leather projects ruined this way. And any adhesive bond or non-synthetic thread stitching you have on the item may come apart or loosen over time due to the absorbed neatsfoot oil.

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