



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.

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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. _____

Know first aid for cuts, _____

internal poisoning, _____

and skin irritation. _____

2. Explain to your counselor

a. Where leather comes from _____

b. What kinds of hides are used to make leather _____

c. What are five types of leather

d. 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:

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.

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

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. _____

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

Boy Scouts of America: ► scouting.org ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) ► [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) ► [Safe Swim Defense](#)
► [Scout](#) ► [Tenderfoot](#) ► [Second Class](#) ► [First Class](#) ► [Rank Videos](#) ► [Safety Afloat](#)

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workbooks: usscouts.org -or- meritbadge.org Merit Badge Books: www.scoutstuff.org

Video Lessons: [Basic Leather Working](#)

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

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