



LEATHERWORK MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

This Scoutmaster Bucky Merit Badge Workbook is based off the 2020 Scouts BSA Requirements.

Consider also using the Leatherwork merit badge class preparation page for clarification and expectations when participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity (online or in-person).

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/leatherwork/>

Scout's Name:

REQUIREMENT 1: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 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.

REQUIREMENT 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.



REQUIREMENT 2: Explain to your counselor

REQUIREMENT 2A: Where leather comes from

REQUIREMENT 2B: What kinds of hides are used to make leather

REQUIREMENT 2C: What are five types of leather



REQUIREMENT 2D: What are the best uses for each type of leather

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

REQUIREMENT 3A: Pattern layout and transfer

REQUIREMENT 3B: Cutting leather



REQUIREMENT 3C: Punching holes

REQUIREMENT 3D: Carving or stamping surface designs

REQUIREMENT 3E: Applying dye or stain and finish to the project

REQUIREMENT 3F: Assembly by lacing or stitching



REQUIREMENT 3G: Setting snaps and rivets

REQUIREMENT 3H: Dressing edges

REQUIREMENT 4: Braid or plait an article out of leather, vinyl lace, or paracord.

REQUIREMENT 5: Do ONE of the following:



REQUIREMENT 5A: Learn about the commercial tanning process. Report about it to your merit badge counselor.

REQUIREMENT 5B: Tan the skin of a small animal. Describe the safety precautions you will take and the tanning method that you used.

REQUIREMENT 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.

REQUIREMENT 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.