

LEATHERWORK MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

This Scoutmaster Bucky Merit Badge Workbook is based off the current *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 1 A: 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.

Most likely hazards

Anticipate hazards

Prevent hazards

Mitigate hazards

Lessen hazards

REQUIREMENT 1 B: 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.

Minor cuts and scratches

Puncture wounds

Ingested poisoning

Chemical exposure reactions

REQUIREMENT 2: Explain to your counselor

REQUIREMENT 2 A: Where leather comes from

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

REQUIREMENT 2 C: What are five types of leather

REQUIREMENT 2 D: 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 3 A: Pattern layout and transfer

Completed

REQUIREMENT 3 B: Cutting leather

Completed

REQUIREMENT 3 C: Punching holes

Completed

REQUIREMENT 3 D: Carving or stamping surface designs

Completed

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

Completed

REQUIREMENT 3 F: Assembly by lacing or stitching

Completed

REQUIREMENT 3 G: Setting snaps and rivets

Completed

REQUIREMENT 3 H: Dressing edges

Completed

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

Completed

REQUIREMENT 5: Do ONE of the following:

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

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

REQUIREMENT 5 C: 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 5 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.