

HOW TO DO BASIC LEATHER STAMPING

Step 1: WET THE LEATHER

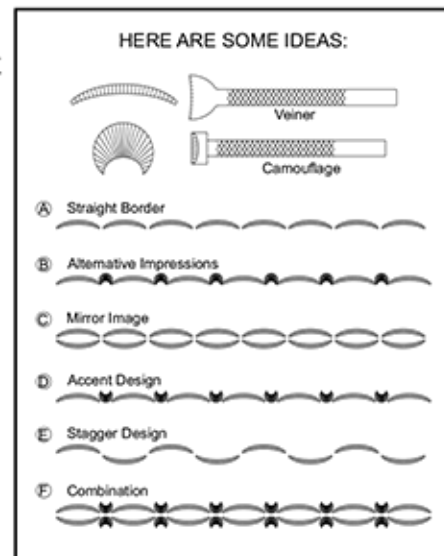
Dampen the leather with WATER using a SPONGE OR SPRAY BOTTLE.

Note: Leather should be moist not soggy. Apply the water as evenly as possible. When the leather begins to return to its natural color, begin stamping. If your leather dries out before you complete your stamping design, it will be necessary to moisten the leather again. Be sure to wet the entire piece to avoid water spots. You should get a golden brown color with your stamp impressions when the leather is moistened correctly as described above.

Step 2: STAMP BORDER

Begin stamping by holding the tool upright and striking the end of the tool with your mallet. Place leather project on a sturdy surface. Always hold the tool close to the design end (bottom) to avoid hitting one's hand with the mallet. Practice on a piece of leather before stamping your project. Your stamping tools can be used in many combinations. Symmetrical border designs will make your projects look the best. Experiment with your tools to make over 50 different geometric patterns. Tilt your tool for even more different looking impressions. Border ideas: 1) Repeat tool impression. 2) Alternate two tools. 3) Stamp the tool upside down. 4) Turn tool sideways. 5) Stagger tool. 6) Pyramid pattern.

You may want to buy Animal, Scout Symbols or Geometric 3D stamps that can be added to center areas for eye catching accents.



Step 3: APPLY FINISH / COLOR

Leather finish protects the leather and preserves the crisp appearance of the stamped impressions. All stamping of your designs must be complete before finish is applied. Be sure the leather surface is clean and free of dirt or dust. Leather finish must be applied before assembly or stitching. Apply sheen finish with damp sponge, soft cloth or wool dauber in a smooth, circular motion. Be sure to cover the entire surface. Apply once over and let dry. Do not go back over finished surface until first coat is completely dry. Projects may be buffed for extra shine. Color may be added by using Metallic Paint Pens, Sharpie Type Markers or Acrylic Paints. Add color carefully to your border and/or your main design areas.

Step 4: ASSEMBLY

Punch holes, add snaps and hardware before lacing or stitching your project together.



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