

RESOURCES FOR SUPPLIES & TOOLS



LEATHER

All levels (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) will either need to purchase a leather project kit or leather to design and cut/punch your own original project. Some of the many kit options available through Tandy Leather are shown in this message to reflect some of the common projects our 4-Her's choose...but, there are LOTS more to select from on their website: <https://www.tandy-leather.com> Bear in mind that kits do not have to come from Tandy, but Tandy has the largest range of kit options on the market. The majority of kits do NOT come with stain or dye, so you will want to also order the color of your choosing to finish.



RECOMMENDED TOOLS FOR BEGINNERS:

Many of our project members opt not to purchase their own tools, instead using those provided at our workshop by the Central Indiana Leathercrafters Guild. Should you choose to purchase your own tools, the list below is a good starting place. All are available through Tandy Leather or other online vendors.

- ***Basic 5 (or 7) stamping tool set** (Basic 7 includes swivel knife)
- **Mallet**
- **Scraps of Veg-tanned leather to practice on**
- **All-in-one stain** (recommended for beginners) *OR* **dye, paint and finish sealer**
- **Swivel knife** (optional, especially for beginners)
- **Stylus** (optional)



*NOTE: There are no specific stamping tools that are mandated for this project; the basic tool set just includes some of the more commonly used stamps by leather workers. That said, you can get some **GREAT DEALS** on tools and tool sets on **Amazon!** Used tools can also be found on Ebay...so if you're considering buying tools or need a leather project kit – you may want to look at these or other online sites as well as Tandy.



OTHER Resources:

Samson Leather - Lebanon

www.samsonleather.com

119 N. Meridian St., Lebanon, IN 46052

Ph: 765-859-5112



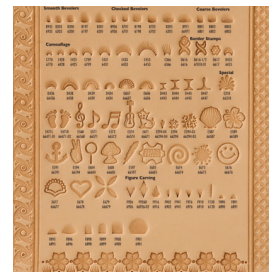
Samson Leather no longer sells Tandy kits, but do have a limited supply of dye's & finishes available for retail sales. They may be available for assistance to 4-H project members with reasonable limitations. Please call ahead.

Tandy Leather - Indianapolis

www.tandyleather.com

3019 North High School Rd., Indianapolis

Ph: 1-317-347-9948.



Note that web orders are shipped from an out of state location however, you can call the Indy store and, provided your selection is in stock, your order can be shipped from Indy (meaning possible shorter delivery time).

To learn more about Leathercrafting & get some ideas that will teach step-by-step & Inspire you:

- Tandy and other leather craftsmen and women offer a variety of tutorial style video's on YouTube that are extremely helpful. One great one is George Hurst who has some great basic leathercrafting videos there. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhYUU3soIac>
- Pinterest (www.Pinterest.com), There are several really cool and inspirational leathercrafting art ideas pinned on our own Pinterest pages. Look up our previous 4-H leader Lisa Galvin.
- Books at your local library
- Central Indiana Leathercrafters Guild: www.centralindianaleathercrafters.org

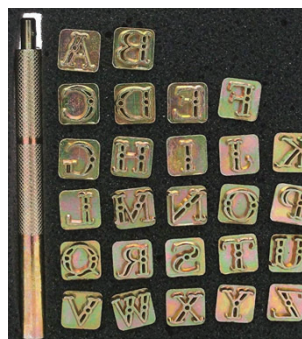


EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

LEATHER CRAFT - 2025

Categories	-	Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced (Grades 9 & Above)
Manual	-	Basic Leather Craft
Record Sheet	-	Boone County 4-H Leather Craft Record Sheet or No Exhibit Record Sheet
Exhibit	-	Category
Other	-	Craft Information Card - 4-H 618a-W (Online)

General Guidelines

1. Exhibits must be finished and ready to use. All craft articles that are framed will be required to have a dust cover on the back and must be ready to hang (if applicable). Project member may exhibit only one article per year, or if a set, exhibit the complete set.
2. Examples of articles: belt, coasters, small or full size purse, key case, billfold, bridles, saddles, Tote bags, stools, etc...
3. The articles made by the 4-Her are to be permanently identified with the year of completion. If an article is exhibited without a date, the project leader will date the article at time of judging.

Exhibit Guidelines

Beginner (grades 3-5):

Exhibit an article or set which you have used a minimum of two of the following techniques/applications: stain and/or lacquer, stamping, tooling, lacing, or pattern transfer.

Intermediate (grades 6-8):

Exhibit an article or set which is of greater difficulty using guidelines listed in bold from Beginner Division and /or one of the following: antique, branding, dyes, filigree and other style pattern punching. A minimum of three techniques/applications from this combined list is required.

Advanced (grades 9-12):

Exhibit an article or set which is of greater difficulty and/or using different leather type(s) than projects completed from past years. Techniques and applications may include any of those already learned and listed above and/or may include others, such as (but not limited to): air brush, figure carving, inverted leather carving, pictorial carving, embroidery, upholstery, rubberstamping, leather garment making (i.e.) coat, chaps, vests, etc... Leather type used in this division is not limited to vegetable or nature tanned leather and may include: velvet pig and/or cow suede, hair-on hides/skins, upholstery grade leather, exotic leather, etc...

Judging (All Divisions):

Craft Information Card - 4-H 618a-W should be attached to the article (or set) using tape, string, safety pin, or another suitable means for the project at hand. Both front and back side of the card may be used (if needed). Card can be hand written or typed.

Awards: Within each group (Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced) a champion and reserve is chosen. (These champions compete with other champions in Basic Crafts for Grand, Reserve Grand and State Fair selections.)

Leather Craft Record Sheet: One Boone County 4-H Leather Craft Record Sheet is recommended to be filled out for each craft project taken. A completed record sheet is recommended to be submitted with the project exhibit at check-in time.

State Fair Entries: 1 entry per county

For your own reference, here is a copy of the score sheet that your project will be judged by. Be sure to look it over as you start and complete your project. We want to make every effort to help you make this project the best that it can be!

4-H Leathercraft Judges Score Sheet					
Name _____		Project description: _____			
Please circle one:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner		<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate		<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	
Are all Project / Level guidelines met? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement	Comments
Usefulness					
Originality					
Kit					
Original design					
Choice of material					
Suitability of Design					
Structural					
Decorative					
Appropriate for article					
Use of leathercraft tools					
Quality of Workmanship					
*Tooling					
*Edging					
*Staining and/or Dye					
*Lacing / Stitching					
Uniform & suitably tight					
Securely ended					
Finish and Completeness of Article					
*If Applicable					
REMARKS:					
Placing: Please circle all that apply					
1st (Blue)		2nd. (Red)		3rd (White)	
Honor Group		Res. Champion		Champion	
State Fair Exhibit		Res. Grand		Grand Champion	