



Arts & Crafts: **LEATHER CRAFT** (Entered into Any Other Craft)

Exhibit Requirements

NOTE: EXHIBIT ALL ARTICLES IN A **PLASTIC BAG** SO IT CAN BE HUNG UP FOR DISPLAY.

BEGINNER: (Grades 3 – 5)

Make **ONE** of the following projects using a simple stamped design with or without single lacing:

- Coasters (set of 4)
- Coin purse
- Key case or chain

Exhibit:

One small leather article with stamped design with or without simple sewing or lacing. Attach a description of what work you did to complete the exhibit. Description is needed for all Arts & Crafts entries. Bring a completed Floyd County Record Sheet and your Green Record Book to project check-in.

INTERMEDIATE: (Grades 6 – 8)

- Learn kinds and working qualities of leather
- Practice the correct way to handle stamping tools and how to hold a mallet so as not to tire easily.
- Learn how much moisture to use in working leather.
- Practice making simple and original designs with stamping tools.
- Practice on leather scrap pieces to learn the tooling technique and the correct use of the swivel knife, how deep to cut, and decorative cuts.
- Learn double overlay lacing in purses and billfolds.

Make **ONE** of the following projects. Select an article to tool and carve, applying the design and if needed - lacing.

- Belt
- Small purse
- Key case
- Billfold

Exhibit:

One leather article of the following types: belt, small purse or case, key case or billfold. Tool, and/or stamp and finish the article. Lace or hand sewn as needed. Attach a description of what work you did to complete the exhibit. Description is needed for all Arts & Crafts entries. Bring a completed Floyd County Record Sheet and your Green Record Book to project check-in.

ADVANCED: (Grades 9 – 12)

Practice developing the following skills:

- Dyeing - use proper techniques
- Tools for figure carving
- Learn the different grades of leather
- Learn to cut your own hides

Select an article to carve - simple dyes may be used. Can use pre-cut kits, but article should NOT be pre-embossed -- carving and if needed lacing should be done. Suggested articles: bridles, saddles, bowling bags, pictures, billfolds, and handbags.

Exhibit:

One article made using tool & carve or use an advanced stamped design on one large article. Figure carving and/or dyeing of leather is also acceptable. Lace or hand sewn as needed. Pre-cut kits can be used, but article should not be pre-embossed. Attach a description of what work you did to complete the exhibit. Description is needed for all Arts & Crafts entries. Bring a completed Floyd County Record Sheet and your Green Record Book to project check-in.