

Leather Workshop (Julia, IMWe 2010)

- *some lists concerning leatherwork (what we had and did and could have had...)*

1) What you (might) need – a Leatherworker’s Wishing List

Tools:

needles, straight and bent
Revolving punch plier
Big round punches
hammer (metal)
plastic/soft hammer (mallet)
sharpening stone(s)
“fork” for making holes (= thonging chisel?)
awls
leather carving tools
cutters
scissors
scalpel
zig-zag/ pattern-edge scissor
skiver or leather paring knife
modeling tools (with rounded edges, for “tooling” or “embossing” leather. Metal or plastic.)
Stamps (letters, patterns, pictures... simple ones one can make out of thick nails etc.)
Paintbrushes of different thickness
“burning-thingy-for-drawing-on-leather + stamps for it”
Thimbles
Rulers
lace-maker or strap cutter
water-spraying bottle (good for keeping the leather moist)
clips and clamps

Materials:

Leather (obviously ;)
straps, strings, bands of leather
linen thread
bee wax
PVA-glue (“white leather glue”)
contact glue (instant dry)
acrylic colours (stays on the surface)
leather dyes (soaks deep in the leather)
Marker pens (also metal colours)
eyelets, rings, studs, rivets, press studs...and suiting pliers for them
buttons
cardboard
sticky tape
plain paper
pencils

Else:

Pictures, (Celtic) Patterns, Examples
Pictures/explanations of basic techniques/books

2) Links (updated 1.6.2010) to online material/tool providers:

I recommend comparing the prices between different providers – there is not one single store that would sell everything cheaper, and the prices vary really a lot (as probably does the quality...)

<http://www.tandyleatherfactory.com/home/home.aspx>
<http://www.slojd-detaljer.com/> (Scandinavian languages only)
<http://www.puuhari.com/> (just in Finnish :P)
http://www.dick.biz/dick/category/dickcatalog/Lederwerkzeuge-4_669/detail.jsf
<http://www.hobbyland.eu/eng/cat/4/>
https://www.brisa.fi/portal/index.php?option=com_oscommerce&osMod=index&cPath=147&language=en
<http://www.slojd-skinn.se/index.asp> (just in Swedish XD)
<http://www.keminnahkatarvike.fi/jshop/index.htm> (Finnish...)

3) Ideas for Projects:

- * bookmark
- * wrist band
- * bracers
- * pendant
- * key-ring
- * hair slide (wooden stick needed)
- * scarf slide
- * bowl (mold needed)
- * mask
- * “3D painting” / art
- * clock (clockwork needed)
- * picture frame
- * book/album
- * flowers
- * box
- * dice cup
- * purse/ wallet
- * case for eyeglasses
- * knife-sheath
- * fur hat/ mittens
- * belt bag
- * bags & pouches
- * game board
- * coasters
- * toys
- * sandals
- * (dog-)collar
- * belt

P.S.

for braided leather bracelets, check out instructions on:

<http://www.ohboydenterprises.com/InstructionsTrickBraidLeatherBracelets.html>

