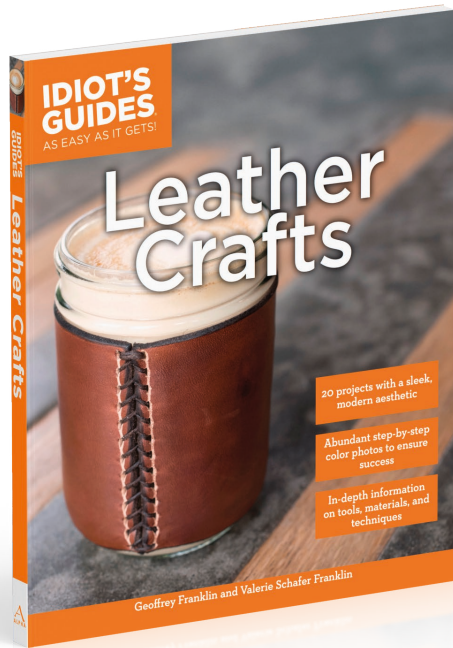


Idiot's Guide: Leather Crafts

Create your own gorgeous leather crafts with 20 sleek projects!



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Part of the artisanal/DIY movement is about authenticity and quality, with a return to simplicity, real values, genuine materials, and careful craftsmanship. Leather is one of those authentic materials, and while it has always been used for handbags and gloves, it's enjoying a resurgence in the field of crafts.

Idiot's Guides: Leather Crafts offers 20 projects (illustrated with copious step-by-step photos), ranging from beginner to advanced, each one building on the skills that have been taught in prior projects. Unlike most existing books on leathercraft, which come with a heavy whiff of the '70s, this one has a sleek, modern aesthetic. The projects are functional, and the minimal, elegant embellishment and natural finishes will keep them timeless. The book includes:

- Tips on selecting and purchasing the right leather for your project.
- A primer on tools, hardware, and other materials you'll need before you start.
- Easy-to-follow lessons on cutting, punching, finishing, and stitching.
- 20 unique and functional projects, including a bookmark, bracelet, wine tote, backpack, and more.

About the authors:

Architect **Geoffrey Franklin** wanted a way to carry his lock on his bike, but couldn't find what he was looking for on the market, so he combined his passion for traditional materials with his modern design background to create his own leather u-lock holster. He then followed it up with handlebar wraps. And then a portage strap to carry his bicycle. Soon stunning leather and wood accessories that were functional yet beautiful filled his home.

His wife **Valerie Schafer Franklin** turned his ideas into a business, listing the products on Etsy in 2009, and the couple grew the business into a full-time occupation. The couple quit their day jobs in 2011, and Walnut Studiolo hired its first employee in 2013. Geoffrey still designs each product today, driven by everyday problems he encounters and suggestions from loyal customers who believe in quality products inspired by old world aesthetic.

Today you can find Walnut Studiolo products around the globe. They've expanded from solutions for the bicycle lifestyle to interior design products for homes, beer and wine products, travel-sized games, and even custom work orders. Everything is still made by hand.

For the connoisseur of design, for the lover of leather, and for the beautifully curated life, Walnut Studiolo products are guaranteed to please.

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