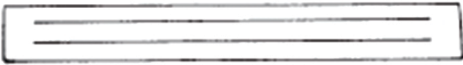





BRAIDING 101

Braiding the Three-Strand Mystery Braid

<p>Step 1</p>  <p>Make two cuts in leather strip, dividing it into 3 equal parts joined at both ends. Edge and burnish each strip if you wish.</p>	<p>Step 3</p>  <p>With resulting braid kept at the bottom, go to the top end and pass strands 1 over 2, 3 over 1 and 2 over 3. Now pass the lower end of strip between strands 2 and 3.</p>
<p>Step 2</p>  <p>Pass the lower end of strip through the slit between strands 2 and 3.</p>	<p>Step 4</p>  <p>Again pass strands 1 over 2, 3 over 1 and 2 over 3. Braiding cycle is now complete, appearing as in fig. 4. To continue braiding, follow Steps 2, 3 and 4 until strands are not long enough to complete another full cycle (Steps 2, 3, and 4). Equalize and smooth braid.</p>