

## HOW TO APPLY LEATHER FINISH



Leather finishes are applied to protect the leather and preserve the qualities and appearance. Before applying leather finish, there are several points which you should know:

- All tooling of the design must be completed before finish is applied.
- Be sure the surface area is dry and clean of any dirt, dust or other matter.
- Leather finishes must be applied prior to assembly.
- **1.** Press a sponge dampened slightly with water to the top of a bottle of leather finish and tip the bottle so a little finish flows onto the sponge.
- **2.** Apply a light coat of finish to the carved side of the leather, moving the sponge in a circular motion over the leather. Work the finish into the cuts and impressions.
- **3.** Let the finish dry thoroughly, then apply a second coat if you desire a shinier finish. Allow the piece to dry thoroughly.
- **4.** If a high gloss is desired, buff the leather with a piece of sheepskin or a clean, soft, lint-free cloth. The project is now ready to be assembled, either by stitching with waxed thread or by lacing with leather or plastic lace.