



# Identity Leather Craft

We often get asked about which threads and needles and holes sizes work with different thickness of leather so we thought it might be useful to put this guide together.

Bear in mind it is just a guide to give a good aesthetic look matching thread/stitch sizes to relevant items:

## HAND SEWING LEATHER GUIDE

Leather	Thread	Needles	Stitch Holes
<b>Extra Fine Leather (Soft)</b> Gloving leather, pig suede, lambskin/sheepskin nappa <b>For Making:</b> <i>Gloves, garments, pouches, embroidery, cosmetic bags</i>	<a href="#">Somac Fine Linen Thread</a> <a href="#">Coats Barbour Linen Thread</a>	<a href="#">Glovers Needles</a>	<a href="#">Pro-Fine Stitching Chisel 88055-</a> (approx.. 9 stitches per inch) or <a href="#">Pro Fine Stitching Chisel 88056-</a> (approx. 8 stitches per inch)
<b>Fine leather</b> Eg: 0.8-1mm veg tan calf <b>For making:</b> <i>watchstraps, fine wallets and falconry hoods</i>	<a href="#">1206- Fine Stitching Thread (approx.6mm)</a>	<a href="#">SL82 -Harness Needle Size 1</a>	<a href="#">Pro Fine Stitching Chisel 88056-</a> (approx. 8 stitches per inch)
<b>Lightweight leather</b> Calf pieces 0.9-1.1mm, oil tanned calf, firm and soft calf <b>For making:</b> <i>watchstraps, wallets, card cases, pouches, hats, aprons</i>	<a href="#">1227- waxed thread,</a> <a href="#">1205- sewing awl thread,</a> <a href="#">0.8mm Tiger thread</a>	<a href="#">SL82- Harness Needle Size 2</a> <a href="#">1195- large eye stitching needle</a>	<a href="#">Standard Stitching Chisel (Pro-Line) 88044-</a> or <a href="#">Pro-Fine Stitching Chisel 88057</a> (approx.. 7 stitches per inch)
<b>Medium weight</b> Leather 1.8-2mm, 2.0-2.4mm veg tan natural or dye-through <b>For making:</b> <i>bags, pouches, small sheaths, wristbands, hats</i>	<a href="#">Waxed Linen Thread,</a> <a href="#">Braided Cord</a> or <a href="#">1.0mm Tiger Thread</a>	<a href="#">SL82-Harness Needle Size 3</a> <a href="#">1195- large eye stitching needle</a>	<a href="#">Standard Pro-Line Stitching Chisel 88045-</a> (approx.5 stitches per inch)
<b>Heavy weight</b> From 2.4mm upwards Natural or dye through veg tan or bridle leathers <b>For making:</b> <i>Belts, axe covers, knife sheaths, straps, quivers</i>	<a href="#">Waxed Linen Thread,</a> <a href="#">Braided Cord</a> or <a href="#">1.0mm Tiger Thread</a>	<a href="#">SL82-Harness Needle Size 3</a> <a href="#">1195- large eye stitching needle</a>	<a href="#">Standard Pro-Line Stitching Chisel 88046-</a> (approx. 4-4.5 stitches per inch) <a href="#">31218- Diamond Stitching Awl</a>

## Chisel and Stitch Lengths

Code/Description	Gap between prongs	No of stitches per inch
Pro-Fine Diamond Chisel 88055 (2.5mm tip to tip)	-----	9 stitches per inch
Pro-Fine Diamond Chisel 88056 (3.0mm tip to tip)	-----	8 stitches per inch
Pro-Fine Diamond Chisel 88057 (3.5mm tip to tip)	-----	7 stitches per inch
Standard Diamond Chisel 88044 (2mm inside prong)	-----	7 stitches per inch
Standard Diamond Chisel 88045 (3mm inside prong)	-----	5 stitches per inch
Standard Diamond Chisel 88046 (4mm inside prong)	-----	4-4.5 stitches per inch

### TANDY CRAFTOOL STITCHING CHISELS—8804 SERIES



## TANDY PRO-FINE STITCHING CHISELS—8805 SERIES



Note: the size of the hole made by both a chisel or awl will be dependent on the mat used underneath and how far the chisel/awl blade goes through the leather and into the mat.

For tips on setting up to get the best results for using the chisels click for our YouTube tutorial:



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