

guide to

STAMPING & EMBOSSING

veg-tan

Vegetable tanned leather can be cold embossed or stamped due to its special properties, giving a permanent effect.

As the leather is tooled it compresses and darkens leaving a contrast that highlights the stamp detail.

chrome-tan

Chrome tanned leather does not take a stamp emboss in the same way as vegetable tanned leather. Usually this is done in commercial settings using heat embossing.

If in doubt test on a scrap piece of leather first and leave to see if the stamp imprint stays.

tools

You will need a solid stone or marble block to work on. Place leather on a solid surface that will not move when you hit the tools.

For best results use a wood, poly head or rawhide mallet.

Craftool Individual stamps have an integral handle, 3D and alphabet stamps are used with a separate handle.

how

Dampen the veg tan leather with a sponge or spray and leave to penetrate for several minutes.

Working with the leather on a stone or marble slab, hit the stamp firmly to leave an imprint. If you need to re-hit to get a deeper impression, carefully position the tool into the original imprint and re-hit.

3D Stamps - these are individual pictorial stamps set either in an approx. 25mm block or an approx. mini 15mm block. They are used with a handle or press.

Individual Crafttools - these are usually pattern stamps with an integral handle that are used in combination to create artistic patterns and textures - referred to as 'tooling, or 'carving'.

Swivel Knives - a handheld tool with rotation for carving designs and outlines into the leather.

Alphabet Stamps - lettering and numbering sets for customising projects - read more on our blog about how to line up to best effect.

Craftaids - embossing template on acrylic sheets that are pressed into damp leather to transfer designs.

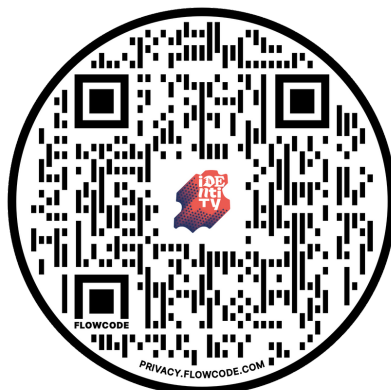
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