



A guide to planning and making a leather protective roll for storing tools, paintbrushes, or other utensils.

These make great gift ideas and can be so versatile – for almost any hobby they are a great way to look after your brushes, scissors, tools, pens etc. We have even made one for drum sticks.





# Stitching Chisel

TYPICALLY USE 3MM (88045-) WITH 0.8MM WAXED THREAD (CODE 1227-)





# Stitching Awl

FOR OPENING UP STITCHING HOLES, FROM TOP AND BOTTOM AND ENSURING THE HOLES ARE STRAIGHT THROUGH THE LAYERS OF LEATHER





### Hole Punch

A DRIVE PUNCH WILL ALLOW YOU TO PUT RIVET HOLES IN THE CENTRE AREA AT THE TOP OF THE POCKETS - USE EITHER SIZE 2 FROM THE 3003 MINI PUNCH SET OR 3777-01





# Rivet Setter

FOR SETTING RIVETS INTO THE LEATHER TO CREATE A PERMANENT FIXING, CAN BE USED INSTEAD OF, OR AS WELL AS STITCHING





# Double Sided Tape

VERY USEFUL FOR STICKING POCKET AREAS AND SEAMS PRIOR TO MAKING STITCH HOLES





# Needles & Thread

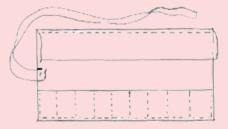
LARGE EYE STITCHING NEEDLES - 1195-00 FOR SADDLE STITCH, WITH 0.8MM WAXED THREAD (CODE 1227-)

### MAKING UP YOUR TEMPLATE

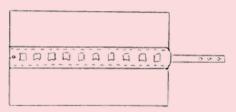
Research some images – make a newspaper template and adapt to fit. Consider the contents, and lay them out as a guide.



TIP – for items such as awls put a cork on the end to protect the blade and ensure it doesn't stab through the tool roll.



An overhanging flap stops tools falling out when being carried



Threaded strap - adjusts to the size of the item and is pulled tight as you wrap up and tie the roll

# **LEATHER**

In most instances a strong soft leather makes for a good roll – look for the soft calf pieces on the website. If you are putting sharp tools into them you might want to use the firm calf, oil-tanned calf or veg tan – use around 2mm for the outer and a thinner leather for the flaps and pockets. Test to see where the blade falls and whether there is any stress areas that the blades could cut through.

You might also like a firm leather for the wrap around strap - look in the strips and straps section of the website. If you are using a strap to wrap around the whole thing to fasten make it as long as possible – once the contents are in the roll, the diameter grows.

# **OPTIONAL STRAP FASTENINGS**



**SAM BROWNE** SMALL OR MEDIUM



STRAP BUCKLE 1602-19MM BRASS



**DEES**FUSE TWO DEES TO
ADJUST STRAP

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# INSTRUCTIONS



- 1. What items are going in? Collect together all the items you wish to store in the roll and lay out onto a sheet of newspaper in the order you would want them to be presented. Are there any that are grouped together? Is there an item that is a lot smaller or that might need it's own little pocket?
- 2. Ensuring the items are spaced out, draw around on the newspaper and make notes of what will go where – drawing round the items can help too to give shape.
- 3. Decide if you will need a top and bottom layer to keep the tools from falling free when being carried.

  Draw this onto the newspaper pattern. This part can be stitched on or the leather can be folded over.
- 4. Fold a piece of newspaper over to make a strip, using masking tape position it over each item holding them in place. Now try rolling up do you need to make adjustment? Make more room?
- 5. Once you are happy with your pattern you can cut out your leather.
- 6. It is a good idea to keep going back to the items and tested the fit, and roll before you make your stitch or rivet holes check the direction of the tool... which end needs protecting in the pocket or avoiding being squashed in the pocket?

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