



DIY Gift Tags

Project Summary: Add a bit of sparkle to your gifts with these simple, yet beautiful leather gift tags. Perfect for any occasion, these tags are not limited to just Christmas time!

What You Need:

[Hermann Oak Leather Craft Sheet](#)

[Steel Square](#)

[Art Knife](#)

[Scratch Awl](#)

[Mallet](#)

[ProDye](#)

[Alphabet Stamp Set](#)

[Angelus Paint](#)

[Glitterlites Paint](#)

[Paint Brush Set](#)

Step-by-Step Instructions (with pictures):

Step 1: Cutting Tags



Mark and cut your leather pieces into roughly 2" wide x 3" long rectangles. The size is really up to preference, you can do smaller or larger.

Step 2: Trimming Corners



I wanted my tags to have clipped corners, so I measured $\frac{1}{2}$ " in on the top and down the sides and cut according to my marks. I varied the measurements a little bit so some tags have a more narrow top.



Step 3: Stamping

Time to stamp! If you are using natural veg tan leather, use a sponge and wet the leather so the stamps will sink in nicely. **The English bridle leather does not need to be wetted.**

I used $\frac{1}{4}$ " and $\frac{1}{8}$ " letter stamps. Again, this is up to preference. I was also looking for a more rustic look so I did not use a straight edge, I just went for it and I really liked the outcome!

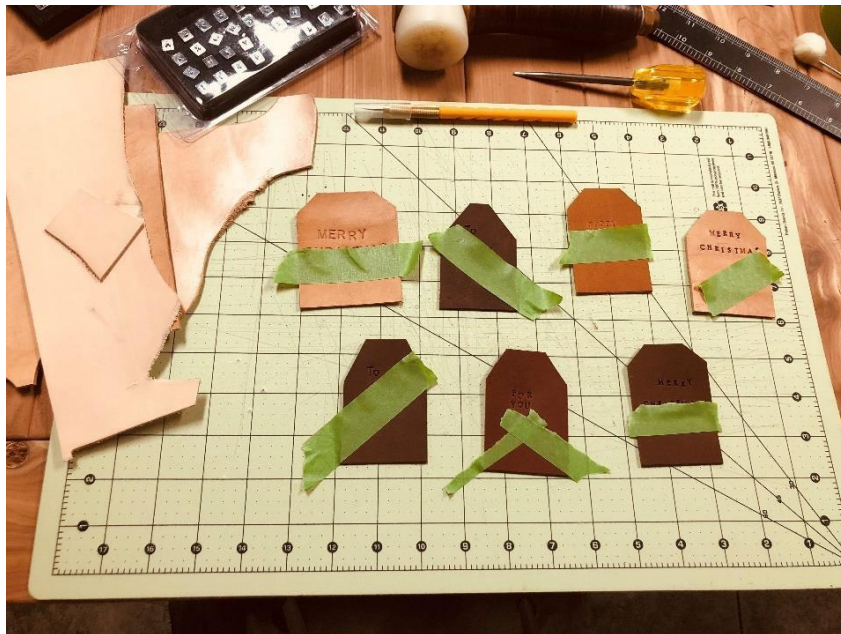


Step 4: Dyeing

Apply dye if desired. I skipped this step, but if you are using natural leather and you want it darker, now would be the time to dye the tags. We recommend Fiebing's Pro Dye and you can either dip dye or brush it on.

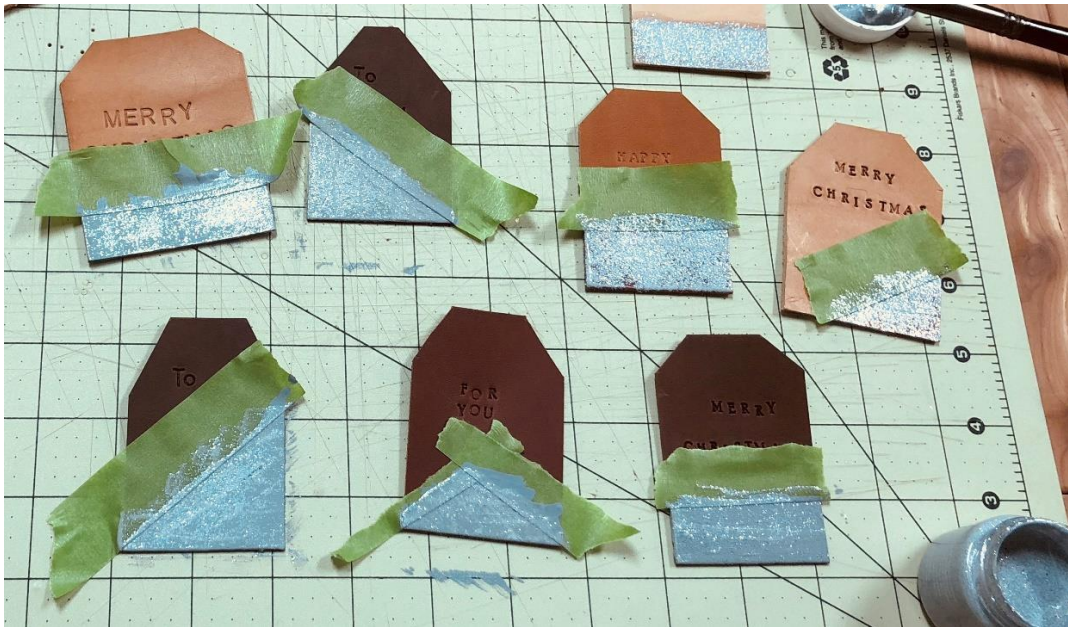
Step 5: Tape Off Painting Area

Use Frog tape or painter's tape to tape off the area you will be painting. You can do straight lines or diagonal. I also did a fun triangle; the sky is the limit 😊



Step 6: Painting

The paint I used was Angelus® Paint in Light Gray and Glitterlites Silver Spark. Putting a coat of paint first and then the Glitterlites on top ensures the glitter covers the leather more evenly. I like a lot of glitter so I did 2-3 coats for maximum shine. I did a few tags with Glitterlites only (top right) and they turned out ok but I do like the ones with the paint underneath better.



Step 7: Let the paint dry completely and then remove the tape.

Step 8: Add Strings

Take an art knife or utility knife and make a small slit at the top of the tag. This is where the string will loop through. I used a scratch awl to widen the opening once the slit was cut. Take a piece of string or thread (approx. 8" long), double it and slide it through the opening, bring the ends of the string through the other looped end and pull tight.



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