

Leather keychain



duration: 15 - 30 minutes
age: 7 - undefined years

A leather keychain with text

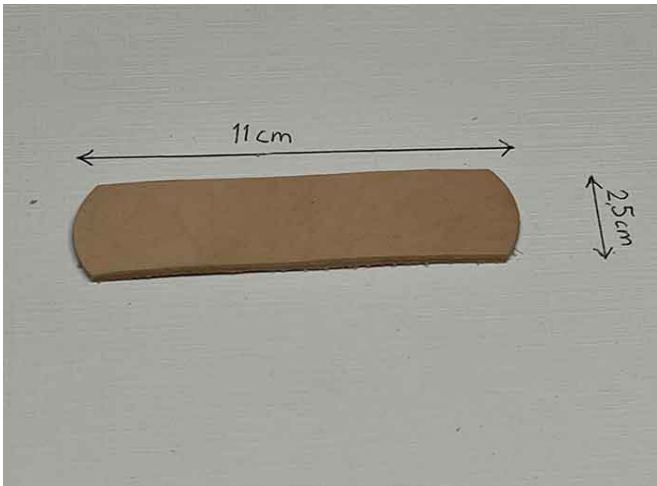
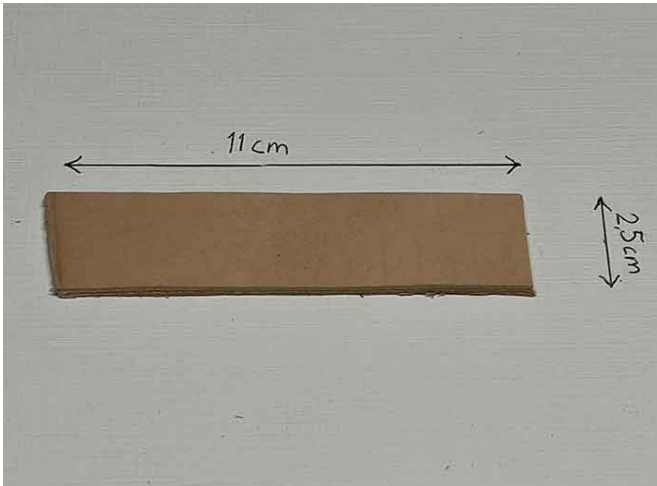
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tools

- Hobby knife
- Cutting ruler
- Punches (semi circles)
- Letter punches
- Hammer
- Cutting mat
- Anvil
- Marker
- Beveling tool (optional)
- Burnishing tool (optional)

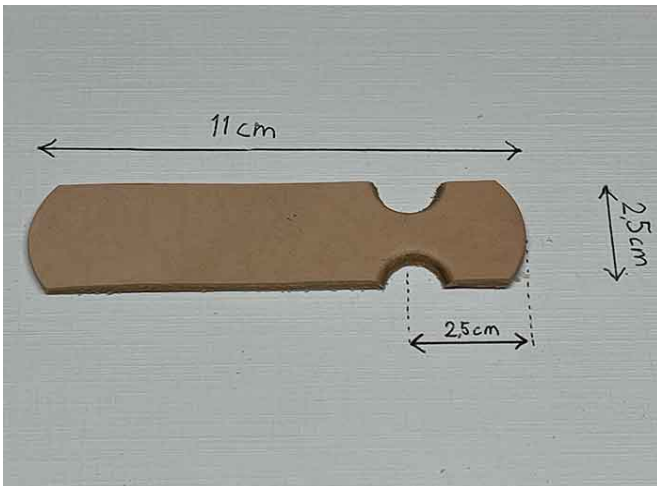
materials

- Leather (thick)
 - Rivet
 - Keychain ring
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1 Cut the leather

- Use the hobbyknife and the ruler to cut a strip of leather. About 2.5cm (1 inch) by 11cm (4 inches).
- You can use one of the semi circle punches to round off the short sides.



2 Cut out the indents

- Use the semi-circle punch to cut out 2 indents from the side of the strip, about 2,5cm (5 inch) from one end.
- Make sure that the narrowest part is at least 8mm (0.3 inches) wide.



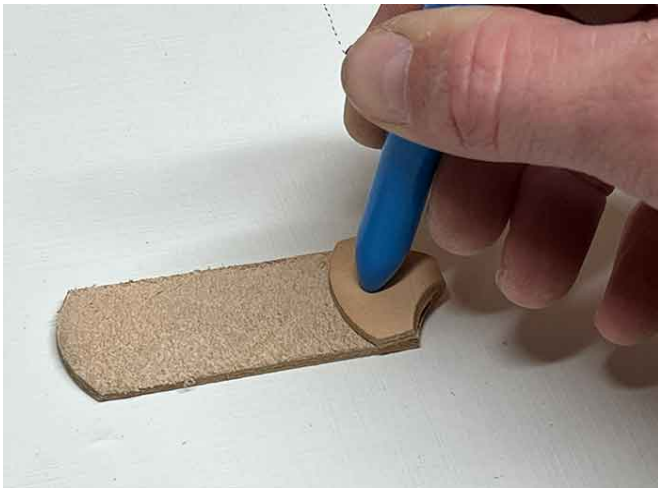
3 Add the text

- Use the letter punches to add your text to the leather.



4 Cut the holes for the rivets

- Use a punch to cut out a hole for the rivet, about 1cm (0.4 inches) from the side of the leather strip.
- Fold the end over and mark the position of the second hole with a marker.
- Punch the second hole.





5 Rivet

- If you have a hammer with round edges, use this when riveting. Using round edges reduces the chance of leaving marks on the leather.
- Place the key-ring, fold over the leather and use a rivet to fix it in place.



6 Burnishing

- This step is optional. It will give your leather nice shiny edges.
- Use an edge beveler to create a beveled edge on both sides.
- Wet the edge of the leather with some water.
- Rub the edge with a burnishing tool until a nice shiny rounded edge has formed.

