

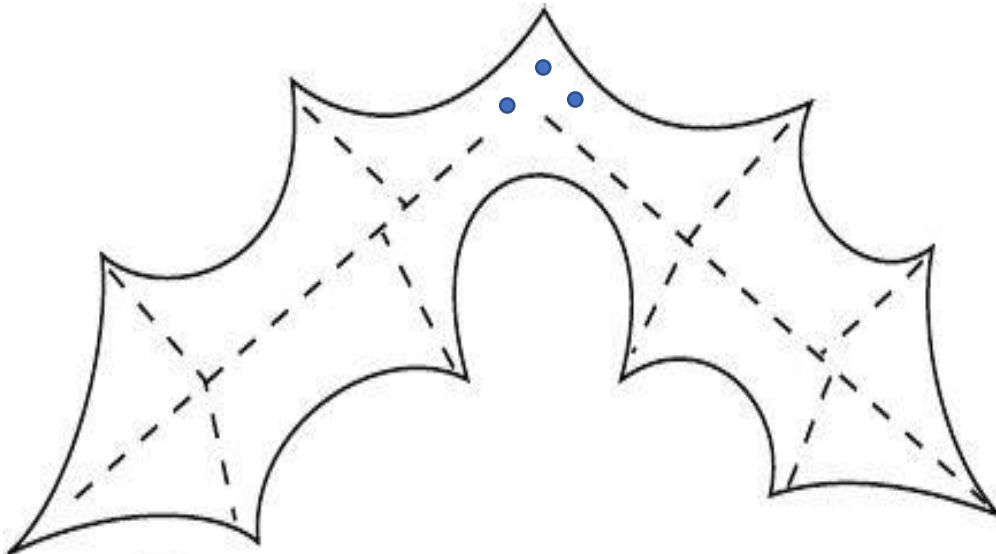


IDENTITY LEATHER CRAFT

for people who make, mend or adapt things out of leather



Christmas Holly – Leather Decoration



Materials List:

[Eco Creamy White Leather Pieces Bag](#), [Identity Forest Green Water Based Leather Stain](#), [Crow Beads – Red](#)

Short length of leather lace (or make from the white leather pieces), [waxed thread length](#).

Tools you will need:

[Awl](#) to mark out the pattern and pierce holes for stitching the beads in place, [leather shears](#) or craft knife to cut out the shape, sponge and gloves for dyeing the leaves, [leather needle](#)

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Instructions

1. Cut out the template and use the awl to scratch the outline into the leather
2. Cut out your holly leaves with scissors or the craft knife
3. Use the awl to add veins and detail onto the leather
4. Covering the table and wearing gloves, shake the dye bottle and tip into a little dish.
5. Using a sponge or wool dauber colour the leaves paying attention to the edges.
6. While the leather is still damp with dye shape the leaves to create curves and curl up the edges a little
7. Leave to dry by a radiator, or use a hair dryer or let it dry overnight.
8. Punch three holes as marked and thread and stitch the lace length and three beads in place.

Tip – lightly buff the leather leaves to bring up the shine from wax present in the leather stain.