



# IDENTITY LEATHER CRAFT

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

**The story behind our luxury dyed double tanned pieces...**

## **Soft Double Veg Tanned Calf Leather**



### **Short Description**

Luxury Calf leather made in France – these pieces are work bench cuts from the high-end British shoe and bag industry. These leathers are double vegetable tanned with oak and chestnut bark, dye and then natural oils are added. The skins are selected and assessed for their touchability/ hand feel (temper).

### **Long Description**

This leather is considered among the premium leathers in the world, and is used for makers such as Hermes and Louis Vuitton.

French calf leathers at this level of quality are selected from animals that are milk fed by their mothers for as long as possible as this is thought to give a healthy and therefore quality hide. The tannery has provided substantial funds to the farmers for vaccines to prevent parasites. This in turn has led to a fourfold reduction in the number of reject hides. As part of it's sustainability program the tannery also collects up all the hair that is removed and compresses it down to make shoe heels!

The leather is made to have an even clean flesh side that has been sueded making it a versatile leather that in most cases will look attractive where visible.



It has a characteristic grain to the top surface. This texture came about from a traditional process of “double-boarding” where the leather is rolled back and forth with a wooden rolling pin, in one direction, then turned to do the opposite direction.



The above image shows the leather boarded in one direction.

It comes in black, tan and shades of brown, and is around 0.9-1.1mm

Over time and use the leather will develop a lovely patina, deepening colours and making them richer with a light sheen.

It is also known for it's ability to recover from light marks and scratches.



Suitable for:



**Bags, clutches, purses, wallet interiors and exteriors, watch-straps, shoes, pouches, tool rolls and other small leather goods**

### **Working with Double Tanned Calf Leather**

This leather will work in much the same way as our other vegetable tanned leathers. Use a sharp knife or leather shears to cut your templates out with and give a nice clean edge to work with.

**Edge Finishing** – as a fine leather it is best edge treated with the Identity Leading Edge Treatment (see our website for details). Keep a clean sharp edge by making sure you strop your knife before cutting. Use Edge Foundation to give a smoothing effect and to act as a primer for the coloured edge treatments.

**Wet Moulding/Hardening**– this leather can be wet moulded to create sculptural detail for your projects. For best result drop into hot water, shape and leave to dry near to heat source, or placed for a maximum of five minutes in a low oven at no more than 50 degrees for a harder outcome.

**Finishing** – this leather is semi-aniline[?] and has a small amount of finish – to give water resistance properties lightly rub over with Carnuba Cream or Ducks Wax and buff to a soft sheen.

### Size Guide

**As these are work bench remnants and cuts the shapes do vary. If you need specific measurements then please let us know at the time of the order.**

Approx. 3 sq ft - £10

Approx. 4 sq ft - £15

Approx. 5 sq ft - £20

**Approx 0.9-1.1mm**

Suitable for bag making, purses, pouches, phone cases, wallets, laptop/gadget covers, watch straps, shoes, and small leather goods

Colours – Black, Tan and shades of Brown



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