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Mother's Day Make—Leather Flower Pot

## **Materials List:**

Leather— use our <u>firm calf</u>, or <u>natural</u> or <u>creamy white eco</u> calf pieces, or <u>vegetable tanned calf leather</u>—approx. 0.9-1.1mm

Single or Double cap rivets in the small size— 1271-, or 1371-.

## Tools you will need:

<u>Awl</u> to score the fold marks in the leather, a bone folder to set the creases (or you can use the wood handle of the awl), <u>rivet setter</u> and <u>mini anvil</u>, plus a knife or <u>leather scissors</u>.



To decorate—optional—natural veg tanned leather can be embossed or lightly tooled. Leather can have dye effects, ink stamps or (as pictured) hot foil applied.

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## Instructions

- 1. While the leather is flat decorate if desired— you can use ink stamps, fine liners, marbling, or if you are using vegetable tanned leather then tooling can look great and create a personalised feel. The brown pot in the photo has had gold foiling applied to the leather\*
- 2. Seal the leather on the inside with two layers of Permacoat to give some water resistant protection.
- 3. Cut out the template and use the awl to scratch the base outline and folds into the leather
- 4. Make the holes as marked on the template.

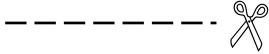


- 5. Set the rivets—a 3101-00 mini anvil is very useful for this.
- 6. The pot can be adapted and used for all sorts of things—if using for plants line the pot with a small polythene bag.

\*Tip: How to add gold foil—paint the area of leather you want to foil with leather glue (eg: Fiebings Leathercraft Cement) and press the foil sheet onto this area. Smooth out with the bone folder to remove any air bubbles. Use a hair dryer or heat gun and hold it over the foil for a few seconds making sure you get even coverage. Then simply peel back the foil paper. It can be a good idea to try this on a test piece first.



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Dashed Line = indicates where to cut

Red Dotted line—indicates where to score to create a crease/fold line

