

adding colour

HOW TO DYE LEATHER



STEP 1 - PREPARATION

Create a clean area, lay down a protective cover for your work surface. have handy paper towels, a bowl of water and some saucers for your dyes.

PS - don't forget your gloves!

STEP 2 - POUR OUT

Shake the bottle well and pour out in a shallow container or saucer.



STEP 4 - APPLY

Dip your applicator in to the dye and wipe over any excess on the rim of the saucer (to avoid drips falling on to your leather). Apply quickly using a circular motion.

STEP 3 - TEST PIECE

Practice first with different applicators until you find one you like. Try a dauber, sponge or a soft lint free cloth.



LEAVE TO DRY TO SEE THE TRUE COLOUR

The dampness from the dye will initially make the colour appear darker.

SOLVENT BASED DYES



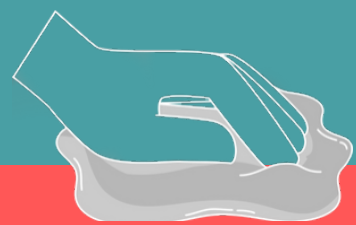
These will evaporate and dry very quickly.

Remember to always work in a well ventilated area when using these dyes.

WATER BASED DYES



These will take a little longer to dry but are kinder to the leather.



STEP 5 - SECOND COAT

Add a second coat to give the leather a more uniform dye colour. You use a lot less dye for this stage as some of the dye will sit on the top of the leather.

To avoid streaks wipe over with a damp paper towel.

STEP 6 - BUFF AND FINISH

Once the leather is totally dry vigorously buff and rub down with a soft lint free cloth.

This will remove any remaining residue and help to make the leather colourfast.

Add a finish of your choice and suitable for the end purpose of the product..

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