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

Summer Slice

Small Case (sunglasses, pencil case or purse)



A simple tooling and painting with dyes to create these on-trend summer fruit slice art cases. You can use your leather scraps for this project, a light colour works best such as our Botanical Eco Creamy White calf leather. This will give you vivid bright summer colours.

Inspired by a sewing tutorial on Craftsby.com

Leather

Any scrap remnant can work—ideally you want to be able to get a neat rectangle than will fold over into 3 to create the case. If you wish to make a bright version use the [White Botanical Calf Leather](#), or you can use around 1mm natural veg tan calf, or light coloured firm calf.

Tools:

[Leather scissors](#), **Craft Knife**, freehand groover (optional) , standard awl, bone folder (optional) , paintbrushes, needle

Materials:

leather dyes or paints, waxed thread approx. 2 metres, Carnaubua Cream or other type of finish you have to hand.

Note: You will also find it handy to have a plate to get the curve for the front flap.

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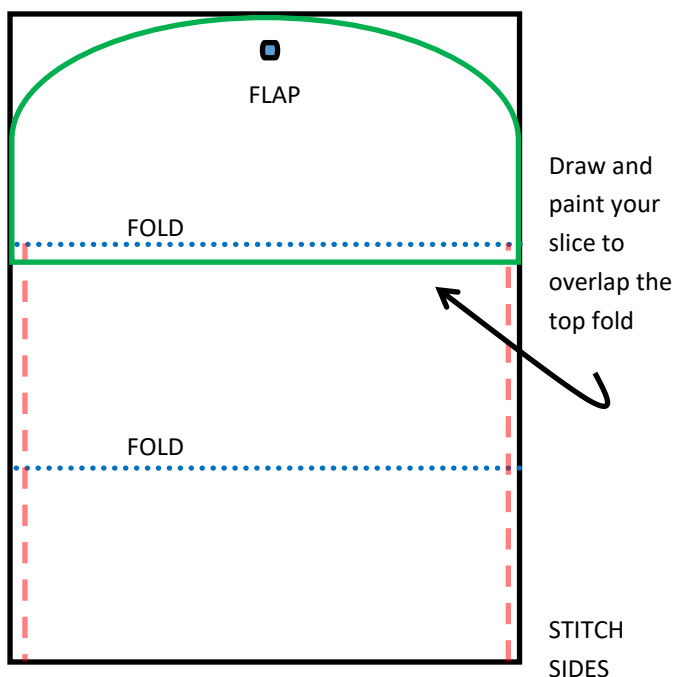
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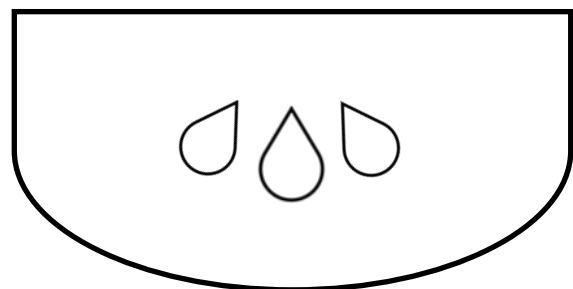
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Instructions:

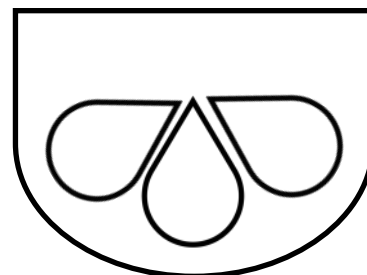
1. Cut out a neat rectangle shape, if you are making for sunglasses or as a pencil case make sure to measure and allow 2cm extra for seam allowances.
2. Fold the leather piece to give an idea of how the finished case will work. Dampen along the line for the folds and then press firmly along to set the crease. Use the round end of the scratch awl to press down.
3. Decide which is your top flap, lay the leather flat with the flap end uppermost. Using a plate centred on the leather cut a curve for the flap.
3. Lay the leather flat and using the awl or the freehand groover carve in your fruit pattern. Tip: to transfer pattern shapes use a similar colour pen to the dyes you plan to use.
4. Pour out some dye/stain into a dish and carefully paint in the outlines of your design, then you can fill in the larger spaces with ease. Leave to dry.
5. Once totally dry rub over your finish.
6. Use the awl and a ruler to make even stitch holes down each side. For best result push the awl through to a cork mat, block of wood or old piece of carpet.
7. Sew the sides together.
8. Add a small hole in the centre flap, using the awl or a hole punch. Knot together three strands of thread and feed through the hole from the back of the flap. Plait together to create a wrap fastening.



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In the photos shown we used the over edge stitch to sew the sides together—you can see how to do this on our YouTube video... [CLICK TO WATCH](#). To fasten the braided thread was secured with a knot through a hole and then plaited to create a wrap round.

If you wish to add a finish to seal your design try either Permacoat or Carnuaba Cream making sure the dye is dry.

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