



The Travelers Mug Leather Koozie

Materials

- 2 #9 copper rivets-4 pieces in total
 - Rivet Setter
 - Harness leather in 6/7oz-9/11oz
 - Masking Tape
 - Printed pattern
 - Drive Punch tool or a rotary leather punch (to accommodate your rivet size)
 - Mallet
 - Rivet Setter
 - Punch Mat
 - Cutting Mat or Cardboard
 - Handled Razor Blade
 - Scissors
 - Burnishing Gum, such as Tokonle
 - Burnishing Tool
 - Dot Anvil (optional)
1. Print out the pattern file.
 2. Cut out the paper pattern. Be sure to cut outside of the lines so as to include the ink.
 3. Use masking tape around the perimeter of the paper pattern to flatten and secure it to the leather piece. Be sure it is flush with the leather.
 4. Set the leather with the secured paper pattern on a punch mat. Punch out the 4 holes indicated on the paper pattern using the drive punch and mallet.
 5. With a cutting mat under the leather, carefully cut along the paper pattern lines with a sharp razor. Use a straight edge to guide the blade on straight lines if desired. Be sure to have the blade 90 degrees to the leather to prevent a slanted cut. Remove paper.
 6. Now is the time to paint, carve, stamp, or otherwise customize your leather if desired.

7. If desired, apply a small amount of burnishing gum to the cut sides of the leather piece. Apply friction to all the edges with a snug groove of a burnishing tool.
8. Bend the leather piece into a circle grain side out. Align the pairs of holes. Insert the male half of the rivets through the holes from the inside of the koozie. Lightly snap the female half of the rivet on top of the rivet post.
9. Using a dot anvil placed inside the koozie or the corner of a work table, set the rivets with a rivet setter and mallet or hammer. Use a light tap at first, then increase force to finish the setting. Be sure the post of the rivet is 90 degrees upright, and use a direct, straight-down blow.
10. Slip the koozie over your favorite glass or mug!