



WALSALL LEATHER SKILLS CENTRE

FOUNDATION COURSE (Level 1)

Day	Output	Lesson Topic	Techniques & Skills introduced
1	Simple Keyring Start Portfolio	Tools and safe use of tools	Measuring, cutting, edging, staining, creasing, polishing, hole punching.
2	Square leather coaster	Leather and its properties.	Stitch-marking, stitching (single and double handed) a straight line.
3	Knife Case	Joining two pieces of leather	Making and cutting a pattern, cutting a curve, stitching a curved line, trimming, blending edges & finishing.
4	Needle case	Folding leather	Selecting leather appropriate for item, cutting to a pattern, stitching three layers of thin leather.
5	Cardholder with pocket	Racing leather	How to race leather, folding leather; racing leather to create a clean fold.
6	Mount Points samples on board & describe	Cutting points on straps	How to cut different types of points (church window, egg, dagger, blunt dagger, bridle and round).
7	Martingale (half choker) Dog collar.	Stitching a ring onto a strap	Using a Strap cutter or plough gauge Cutting a straight end on a trap. Fitting furniture onto a strap. Skiving to 1/3 rd of the leather substance. Stitching sequence for a turn.
8	Dog Lead	Finishing edges on a long strap	Working from instructions on a drawing.
9	Belted Key ring	Double thickness strap	Fitting rings on a strap with an exact measurement. Skive to nothing.
10	1¼" belt with full buckle, no keeper	Crew holes	Making & stitching a turn, crew punching, preparing a length of strap; Foot- or in-stitch for a wider strap.
11	Magnetic book mark	Make a luxury product	Glueing, smaller stitching, getting the pattern right, mistakes to avoid, inserting an item between two pieces of sewn leather. Achieving a perfect finish.
12	Dog collar	Fitting D-ring and metal keeper	Triple stitch. Part splitting a strap on the bench mounted splitter.
13	Running keeper	Preparing looping	Splitter. Measuring the length of looping required for a snug fitting running keeper.



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14	Reverse buckle turn	Fixed Keeper	Making a reverse turn. Stitching in a fixed keeper.
15	Bridle headpiece	SKILLS TEST PIECE	Leather & ½” bridle buckle
16 & 17	Irish Martingale	SKILLS TEST PIECE	Stitching rings onto a strap
18 & 19	Stirrup leathers	SKILLS TEST PIECE	Punching oval holes and cutting points
20	Sample board preparation sequence	Preparation Sequence	Embedding knowledge
21	Spectacles case	Make a 3D object from a flat piece of leather	Holding a 3D leather object in clams
22	Bridle headpiece	Embedding skills	Leather & ½” bridle buckle
23	Sample board with leather, thread and stitching	Lectures on Lorinery, leather and thread	Embedding and extending knowledge Preparing for the Level 1 skills test written paper. Making Handmade thread.

PREPARATION FOR SKILLS TEST

Day 24	MOCK SKILLS TEST
24	PRESENT PREPARED PIECES FOR INSPECTION BY TUTOR, FEEDBACK AND FINISHING TOUCHES
Day 24	SKILLS TEST
	➤ SUBMIT PREPARED PIECES. ➤ MAKE A BRIDLE HEADPIECE WITHIN TIME ALLOWED. ➤ ANSWER WRITTEN QUESTION PAPER.