

SOUTHERN ROCKIES HERITAGE SCHOOL

at *Trinidad State*

Leather Holster Making

Students will learn how to construct quality gun leather using methods and techniques requiring a minimum number of leather tools. Since the work is by hand (no sewing machines, etc.) reasonable hand strength and dexterity is necessary for class participation.

Students will learn the methods the instructor has used to design, layout, stitch, wet mold, edge, burnish, apply oil or antique finish, and basket stamp holsters. As the class progresses, each student will construct two holsters for guns of their choice. A pancake holster for a semi auto (model 1911's are great) as well as a revolver holster of either a conventional or western design are suggested as the first projects. You will have the opportunity to basket stamp one of these holsters if you so desire. Students may wish to bring two personal handguns to use in constructing these holsters (no scoped handguns, please). **NO AMMUNITION IS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM.** If time permits, we will discuss construction of gun belts, cartridge loop sewing, magazine cases, saddle scabbards, and knife sheaths.



\$375 (price includes leather for the class)
Continuing Ed Only – not for college credit
Room 120 on the Valley Campus

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Leather Holster Making Tool List

Quality leather will be made available to students through the college bookstore. Costs will be based on projects to be developed. Needles, thread, oil, stamping tools, etc. will be furnished at no charge by the instructor.

- ¼" light weight electric drill
- Dremel tool with sanding drums
- Clear safety glasses
- Sponge and quart size water container (*large butter tub is great*)
- Straight edge ruler
- 16: x 20" piece of ¾" plywood with smooth side
- Exacto knife with blades
- Rawhide #4 Mallet (*such as Tandy #3300-04*)
- Craft Tool Leather Shears (*such as Tandy #3050-00*)
- Grooving tool (*such as Tandy 8074-00*)
- Edging tool (*such as Tandy #8077-03 or Osborne #127-4 preferred*)
- Craft tool Overstitcher #6 (*such as Tandy 8079-06*)
- #14 Punch (*such as Tandy 3777-14*)
- #9 Punch (*such as Tandy 3777-9*)
- 12" x 12" Granite piece (*minimum 1" thick*)



Instructor: Bob Calkins is an active shooter, hunter and firearms collector who has made gun leather for himself, friends, and customers for over 50 years. In 1990, he and his wife, LaVon, established 3 Cross Custom Gun leather as a part-time business. Upon retiring from the Department of the Interior in 1994, gun leather became a full-time occupation. Bob crafts gun rigs for cowboy competitors, hunters, outdoorsmen, casual shooters, and concealed-carry holders.