



# New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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## **New Mexico 4-H Leathercraft Basics Unit I**

4-H Leathercraft Basics is the first book in a series designed to teach 4-H members about Leather-craftsmanship. Unit I is for beginners. Members need little or no previous knowledge of Leathercraft to complete this unit. Members will learn to tool and lace simple projects, but will not carve or use dyes. Activities are included throughout the book that may be completed individually or as a group.

### **Materials Available with this Project**

4-H Leathercraft Basics Unit I Project Book – 100.F-9

4-H Leathercraft Basics Unit I Greentop – 400.F-9

### **What You Will Learn and Demonstration Suggestions:**

- The history, sources, structure, tanning techniques, and definitions related to leather and Leathercraft.
- Basic definitions and uses of stamping tools.
- Preparation techniques for leather tooling.
- The basics of cutting out projects (rounders, etc.) from large pieces of leather.
- How to stamp creative designs onto leather projects.
- Basic lacing techniques using pre-punched kits.
- Basic leather finishing.

### **Tools You Will Use:**

- Camouflage Tool
- Pear Shader
- Veiner
- Seeder
- Background Tool
- Mallet
- Lacing Needle

### **Suggestions for Completion:**

- Attend 4-H Club and Project Club Meetings.
- Complete the Activities included in this project guide.
- Select and care for tools and supplies
- Keep a record of project costs and skills learned.
- Share information through talks, demonstrations and displays.

### **Projects You Will Make:**

- Coaster
- Luggage Tag
- Coin Purse
- Knife Sheath
- Any Other Stamped Item
- Practice Board

### **Other 4-H Projects You Might Like:**

Livestock Projects ...Make halters, leashes or other tack out of leather.

Braiding.....Learn to braid with leather and add detail to your leatherwork.

Photography.....Keep a photographic record of your Leathercraft experience.

Woodworking .....Make frames or other mounts for your leatherwork.

### **Suggested Community Service Projects:**

- Make coaster for the local senior center.
- Donate supplies and teach basic Leathercraft skills to senior citizens or for an after school program.
- Make luggage tags to go on bags donated to children in Foster Care.
- Volunteer to clean leather tack at a local animal shelter or vets office.

### **Suggested Resources:**

Local County Extension Office

Local Leather Guilds

Local Leather Supply Dealers

Local Leather Craftsmen