PROJECT EVALUATION

US Cavalry Saddlebags HIGHEST POSSIBLE SCORE: 150 POINTS ©Verlane Desgrange 2001

%Score	SFCC Numerical Grade			
Name of maker				
Name of Project	US Cavalry Saddlebags			
Intended use of project_	Saddlebags			
Date finished				

Each category graded on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the highest

Coefficients have a multiplying factor where noted

Category	Directives	Coefficient	Score	Comments
Round Knife Work	Cleanness of cuts Uniformity of cuts No flat spots on cut line No high spots on cut line No undercuts, knife vertical No mis-cuts	2		
Stitch Work Covers both hand nnd/or machine stitching	Uniformity Stitch length Stitch tension Fineness of execution Appropriateness of stitch length Appropriateness of thread size Awl work: uniformity and correctness of angle Correct backstitching	2		

Edge Work	Correct edge tool used Smooth and even use of edge tool Polished edges Fineness of execution Corners chipped Smooth corners	2	
Skiving Work	Evenness Smoothness Appropriateness to use Correct location Billets skived where needed		
Hardware	Quality employed Choice of style Appropriateness to use		
Lacing Work	Lace properly crowned Lace pattern correctly done Lacing properly terminated Lace width suited to size of project		
Finish Work	Sleek rubbed feel and appearance all over finished project Correct use of dyes where appropriate Good use of various finishes Silky feel to project		
	CO	LECTIVE REMARKS	
Overall Appearance	Clean pleasing looks Aesthetics Overall proportions Would a customer buy this?	3	
Functional	Fitness for use Durable Safe for intended use Correct size for horse or rider	2	
		Total Points	
		Percentage	

CARVING EVALUATION

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HIGHEST POSSIBLE SCORE: 120 POINTS ©Verlane Desgrange 2001

Name		
Project name:		
Percentage	SFCC grade	

Operation	Directives	Coefficient	Score	Comments
Carving	Clean use of swivel knife Lines that flow Cuts that taper where needed Graceful lines and curves Correctly cut lines for pattern layout Correct depth for pattern No flat spots in pattern lines			
Beveling	Smooth and even depth Bevel indicates a "shadow" in the pattern design Bevel on correct side of line No choppy beveling or bumpiness No tool marks Beveling enhances pattern lines Gives pattern depth			
Shading	Shading adds sculptural look to pattern elements of leaves, flowers, stems, and scrolls Appropriate shaders used Shading follows flow of pattern lines Shading is smooth with no tool Marks; not choppy Shading is done gracefully No flat spots in shading			
Camouflage	Adds textural interest Follows flow of pattern Enhances pattern flow No tool marks Camos used in correct places Cams enhance stems and flower Centers and leaves Camos enhance scrolls Correct size for context Tool texture correct (fineness or coarseness of tool impressions)			

Veiners Seeder	No tool marks Veins enhance leaves and stems Tool used in correct places Tool tilted for partial impression Tool impressions "fan out" correctly for emphasizing pattern Correct choice of veiner style and size Seed tool in correct places Tool gives impression of seed pod In flower and not "dots" Seeds stamped to correct depth Tool used to emphasize scroll Correct choice of size and style		
Mulefoot Stop Geometrics Misc stamps	Mulefoot: Tool emphasizes flow line of pattern Impressions are graduated from heavy to light Tool impressions aligned correctly Stop: Tool emphasizes line terminus Stop used decoratively Tool accents pattern flow Tool used sparingly in correct places Geometrics: Tool impressions even depth Tools impressions aligned in a straight line; no waviness Gracefully combined with carving Can be used as a border stamp Misc stamps: Can be flower center stamps, turnbacks, petal stamps, etc. Tool needs to be appropriate to situation Must be stamped to proper depth Tool must not call attention to itself. It must blend with the overall carving pattern		
Background	Evenness of impressions Tool impressions create overall smooth background with NO tool marks. Individual tool must not be visible Background gives pattern illusion of depth Makes pattern "pop out" from remainder of leather		
Decorative Cuts	Swivel knife applied in most delicate way to add finishing touches to overall flow of design Cuts begin strong and finish up with very light touch Cuts emphasize flow of pattern All lines must have beauty and grace Too many or too little of cuts will detract from pattern		

Pattern	Does pattern have flow? Does it begin and end in a logical		Total points	
Layout and Design	place? Do all lines add to a harmonious movement of pattern line? Do lines connect to something or Are they "tacked on" or	3	points	
	"chopped off"? Are flowers, leaves, stems, and scrolls correctly proportioned to one another? Is one element too large for other elements? Does pattern create a sense of movement or do elements Come to dead end? Is there a good balance between pattern elements and background?	Numerical score		

Total	l points	

Percentage_____

Additional comments