

Verlane's homemade concho turner

Made from needle nose pliers • Actual size



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Homemade slickers



**Plate
glass**

(actual sizes)



**Textured
plastic**

Note bottoms of both are slightly curved to avoid "railroad tracks" on damp leather. Leather handle contact cemented on to material.

Verlane's STRIKING STICK

Actual size
shown on
long diagonal

- Overall length: 11" or 11 1/4"
- Use 7-8 oz rawhide to cover weighted end

All "lacing" done with double #277 nylon thread. Other nylon lacing tapes would be suitable.

Use 4-5 oz chap leather for handle.

Skive handle cover to feather edge before lacing cover on.

Make from 2" x 2" oak. Turn to shape on woodworking lathe. Handle area could be narrower, especially for small hands. Leave striking faces flat. After turning to shape, bore a 1" hole, 2" deep in square end. Fill hole with lead shot to add weight. Pack shot in tightly so it doesn't move around. Then cover with wet rawhide.

Seal end with tape or leather before rawhiding end. Lace such that laced edge does not interfere with flat striking surfaces. Lacing is done on a diagonal across end.

Proper way to hold striking stick



Homemade Saddle string tightener



- Make from 16" oak hammer handle
- Taper as shown the end that would go into hammer
- Sand everything smooth
- Elliptical handle makes turning tool easy when tightening a string
- Long handle allows easy reach to string at point of cante

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- Cut slot in tapered end
- Make slot about 1 1/2" long with about 1/8"-5/16" opening
- Sand all edges smooth to avoid cutting strings as you tighten

Wooden creasers

(actual size)



Old Osborne Lignum Vitae

(two views)



Vera Wood creasers made by Verlane Desgrange

