

Checklist for straps

(or two ways to approach a strap project)

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One way to make a simple strap project

1. Cut item out
2. Split leather to correct thickness
3. Prepare loop stock
 1. Cut out strip of leather
 2. Edge with edge tool (both Flesh side and Grain side)
 3. Dampen
 4. Slick
 5. Polish edges
 6. Seal edges with Resolene
 7. Allow to dry
4. Dampen main project
5. Slick
6. Round edges off on both flesh side and grain side with edge tool
7. Crease edges with creaser
8. Polish edges with edge burnisher or canvas cloth
9. Seal edges with Resolene
10. Allow to dry, making sure it does not curl as it dries
11. Punch buckle slots if needed
12. Prepare for stitching
 - Lap skive buckle lap
 - Prepare thread length from unwaxed linen thread
 1. Cut to correct length
 2. Taper both ends of thread
 3. Wax with beeswax
 4. Thread needles (one on each end)
 - Roll buckle lap around buckle, grain side to grain side
 - Mark stitching with overstitcher
 - Tack damp loop length and lap down, from “backside”, putting tacks in stitch marks
13. Stitch in hardware and loops
14. Block damp loop on loop iron
15. Crease damp loop while on iron
16. Set aside to dry
17. Punch holes

Another way to make the same project

1. Cut item out
2. Split leather to correct thickness

- 3. Round off edges with edge tool**
- 4. Dampen**
- 5. Slick**
- 6. Crease edges**
- 7. Polish edges**
- 8. Seal edges with Resolene**
- 9. Prepare loop stock**
 - 1. Cut out strip**
 - 2. Edge with edge tool**
 - 3. Dampen**
 - 4. Slick**
 - 5. Polish edges**
 - 6. Seal with Resolene**
 - 7. Set aside to dry**
- 10. Allow project to dry, making sure it does not curl in the process**
- 11. Punch buckle slots**
- 12. Lap skive buckle lap**
- 13. Stitch in hardware and loops**
- 14. Punch holes in strap from FS (reverse punch)**