

970863 Leather Jewelry Instructions

Rhinestone patterns are included with this package to make one pair of earrings or one pendant for each design.

NOTE: You can make pieces of jewelry using various different types of hardware. In these instructions we have chosen just a few ways of making them.

This is the hardware we used. We purchased the leather and metal necklaces to put the hardware on.



Materials needed:

Two small needle nose pliers

Leather strips (from Hobby Lobby or Joann's Fabrics). If you have embroidery software you can position more than one design to embroider one a strip so you don't waste. If you do not have software, move the starting position so that you can place another design later on the same strip. Leave plenty of room so you can cut between the designs.

For the backing we used suede scraps (it is thinner than the leather and costs less)

Various sizes of Jump Rings (they come in various strengths)

Decorative necklace brackets, pendant pinch ball clasps, necklace hook clips

Fish Hook Earrings

Necklaces

Clasps

Sharp crafting scissors

Crafting cutting blade (or something sharp to pierce holes with)

Soft cut away stabilizer

Tape or adhesive spray

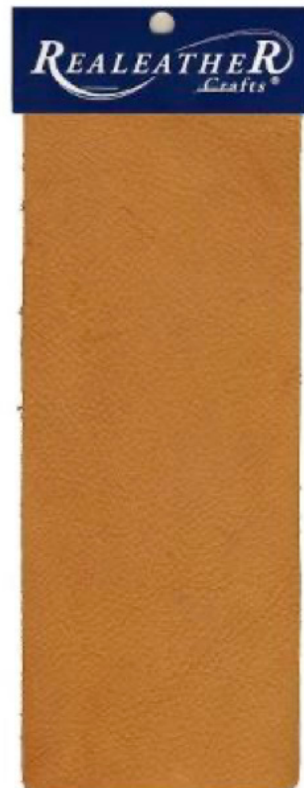
Fabric glue or regular glue that dries clear

Heat press or hot iron

Thin pencil or erasable pen

Instructions

1. Select the design you would like to embroider.
2. Hoop two pieces of stabilizer in a hoop that is larger than your leather strip.
3. Lay a strip of leather (make sure it is big enough to leave 1/8 inch around the outside of the embroidery). It works best if held down with tape or adhesive.



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4. After embroidery is done, take out of hoop and cut out embroidery leaving about 1/8" of leather to the outside of the embroidery.



8. Use your embroidered piece (right side up) and trace an outline on the suede material (right side down).
9. Cut the suede piece out and glue it to the back of the top piece (wrong side together). Let dry.

5. Take the rhinestone pattern number that matches your embroidered designs, cut off the number and peel off the white backing.
6. Place the rhinestone pattern that matches the embroidery number on top of the embroidery pattern, using the clear sticky vinyl to hold it on. Adjust the rhinestones into place. Before heating, place a piece of material or a material that will take heat under and on top of the leather design. Heat with a heat press or iron.

Note: When using an iron, turn off the water and press with up and down motions. Not side to side motions. You are using your iron like a heat press. If using a heat press set it to 330 and heat for 10 seconds.

7. Once the stones are pressed. Let it cool for a minute or two then slowly peel off the clear rhinestone vinyl. If any stones come off the leather press the clear vinyl back down and heat again. Be careful not to burn your fingers.



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10. Pierce a hole through all the layers of the design, using a sharp crafting knife (most pieces have an embroidered hole already sewn onto the piece).



11. Assemble by placing a large jump ring through the hole you just created. Using a smaller jump ring connect it to the large one and the piece you wish it to connect to, either an earring hook or necklace.



12. Your Earrings and necklaces are ready to be worn!

