



Leathering Oars

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Skiving the leather

- With a sharp plane, 'skive', or chamfer the four underside edges of the leather. Pare down to an angle of about 25 degrees, but don't be tempted to form a scarf overlap by cutting down the top surface. Then, soak the leather in water overnight, so it'll stretch and then shrink down tight onto the oar.



Fit the leather to the oar loom

- Line up the leather so that the overlap will be in line with the face of the blade.



Putting the first tacks in

- Make sure the leather sits square on the oar loom, and tack each short end on the opposite side to the join.
- Rotate the oar 90 degrees and put in another pair of tacks as before: turn the oar 180 degrees and do this again.



Tack the other edges

- Stretch the leather round the oar so that it overlaps, tucking the chamfered leather tightly over the bottom edge, and put a tack into the middle of the overlapping edge.



Tack the opposite ends

- Now continue to tuck the leather so that it overlaps along its length, and tack the ends.
- Mark for two more evenly spaced tacks either side of the central tack.



Putting the last tacks in

- Hammer in the last tacks along the join.



Trim the leather

- Using a sharp craft knife, trim off the excess.



Finished!

- Leathers and tacks can be ordered from Collars.

