



Hide Tanning Immersion 2021

Guide to hide tanning materials

Fishskin Tanning

You will need:

- fish fillet (at least one)
- dry scraper: hand scraper, head knife (ulu), *and/or* spoon
- 1 TB salt per skin
- box of Red Rose tea (70+ teabags)

Rawhide

You will need:

- deer hide
- 15+ gallon soaking bin
- 2 pounds of hydrated lime
or
- 5 gallons of wood ash

- wet-scraper
- dry scraper: a hand scraper *and/or* head knife (ulu)

Smoketanned-tanned buckskin

You will need:

- deer hide
- 15+ gallon soaking bin
- 2 pounds of hydrated lime
or
- 5 gallons of wood ash

- wet-scraper
- dry-scraper: a hand scraper *and/or* a head knife (ulu)
- emulsified oils (i.e. brain, egg yolk, soap)
- dried pincones or punky wood

Mineral-tanned sheepskin rug

You will need:

- sheepskin
- 15+ gallon soaking bin
- 1 pound of alum (aluminum sulphate)
- 1 pound of salt
- dry scraper: a hand scraper *and/or* a head knife (ulu)
- emulsified oils (i.e. brain, egg yolk, soap)



Bark-tanned leather

You will need:

- deer hide
- 15+ gallon soaking bin
- 2 pounds of hydrated lime
or
- 5 gallons of wood ash
- 5 pounds of dried bark powder
or
- 25 gallons of self-harvested bark

- wet-scraper
- dry scraper: a hand scraper *and/or* a head knife (ulu),
- fixed oil (i.e olive oil, tallow, or lard)

Plus:

- scraping stand
- hide frame
- personal knife + sharpener
- 100 yards of strong twine (total)
- roll of artificial sinew
- large tapestry sewing needle
- small regular or beading sewing needle

Instructions + guidance on building at home scraping stands and frames will happen at the first Mentors Thursday

Guide to craft-making materials

Drum-making

You will need:

- your self-made rawhide
- Douglas-fir drum frame (provided)
- artificial sinew (provided)
- bucket or bathtub for soaking the rawhide
- large sewing needle: tapestry or glover needle
- small, pointed exacto-blade or pocket knife
- scissors
- table that you can move around to work on
- notebook and pen

Slippers-making

You will need:

- slippers pattern in your shoe size (provided)
- extra paper
- lining fabric: flannel, muslin, or fleece (2x your shoe size)
- pins
- tracing pen (optional)
- scissors
- regular sewing needle and thread to sew the lining

