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GETTING STARTED:

SESSION 1 - Design:

- Have students plan their designs on paper templates before putting them on the leather.
- Copy the blank templates on page 5, copy the Symbols on page 6 and hand out along with pencils.
- Cut stencils apart on dotted lines and hand out for planning designs.

SESSIONS 2 - Color:

- Hand out leather parts to students.
- Share Sharpie Markers, paints & brushes. Use plastic palettes, plates or wax paper for mixing paints.

(SEE PAGE 3 FOR SESSION 3)

MIXING COVA COLOR® ACRYLIC PAINTS

The primary colors (red, yellow & blue) have been supplied in this Theme Bucket. The secondary colors (orange, green & purple) can be created as shown:



Now try mixing the secondary colors together to get even more colors.

HISTORY:

When American settlers first began to move into the Great Plains, they were shocked by the sight of tents in the distance. The Native Americans who lived there lived in structures known as tepees (or tipis). The native people of the American Plains were mostly a hunting people, living off what animals they could catch and moving to follow the migrations of the animals. For this reason, their homes needed to be easy to set up, easy to break down, and easy to move, yet be a good guard against the windy nights and hot days of the area.

A tepee is a conical tent, with a circle for a base. It has one entrance and an open top so that a small fire can be burnt within the tepee for cooking and warmth. Typically, an entire family would live within one tepee, with their bedding and all their belongings. Tepees could vary in size from family to family, often indicating the social status of the family. Paintings decorating the outer skins of the tepees also indicated the personality of the family living there. Most tribes set up their tepees in a circle around a central fire pit where the people would gather together for conversation and games with their fellow tribe members.

Tepees were constructed by drawing a circle on the ground that was the diameter of the desired tent. Three main support poles, usually dried young trees or saplings, were tied together near their top. These three poles would then be spread out onto the three points of a triangle that fell on the perimeter of the circle. To these three support poles, further structure poles were added so that their ends rested at the top of the tripod and on the perimeter of the circle. A rope would then be wrapped around the top of the poles by walking around the circle. Skins were then stretched over the poles, the door being created by the overlap of the skins.

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NOTE: When using acrylic paints on leather, be sure the project is completely dry before starting to assemble the project.

GETTING STARTED continued:

SESSION 3 - Assembly:

- Copy the Instructions on pages 7 & 8. Hand out to each student along with the stitching cord and fasteners. Scissors might be needed to trim the cord.
- Practice before class and then demonstrate the assembly steps.

ABOUT THE LEATHER:

The leather used for this project is called veg-split leather cut from cowhide. Both sides are rough or suede. The grain side (smooth top side) of this particular cut of leather has been removed.

Veg-split leather can be decorated with designs by either painting or drawing with markers and pens. This project will be decorated using acrylic paints and colored markers.

VOCABULARY:

Cowhide - The hide (skin) from a mature bovine (cow).

Flesh Side - The rough (suede) underside of leather.

Grain Side - The hair side of the leather with the hair removed.

Running Stitch - A very historic lacing technique where the lace is stitched in and **Management** out of a row of holes.

History Continued:

Did You Know: Not all Native Americans lived in tepees, though the tepee is probably the most famous native home. The tepee was primarily used by the many tribes of middle America's Plains. Natives from the east and south were more likely to live in a wigwam, a structure built by bending saplings over into arcs and covering the roof and walls with tree bark. In the northeast, what is now called New England, the natives built long houses out of wood, where multiple families would live together. In the northwest, the natives built houses that were built over a pit in the ground and that had mud-plaster roofs. In the southwest, the natives made clay bricks and built apartments into the cliff side that they plastered over (known as the cliff dwellers). So, although the tepee is often associated with all Native Americans, they lived in different types of homes all over North America.

The project for this lesson is to make a leather pouch or koozie. Historically, the lace used would have been leather. The lace for this project is not; however, the lacing techniques (Whip Stitch & Running Stitch) are the exact same as used back in history.

Tanning - The process using tannins (yellowish substance from bark & plants) to change a fresh animal hide into leather.

Veg-Split - Vegetable-Tanned leather can be split (layered) into two pieces: one with the grain (top hair side) and one with the rough surface on both sides. Veg-split is the rough surfaced layer.

Whip Stitch - A very historic lacing technique

where the lace is taken over the edge of the leather and then into the next hole.



Page 4 of 8 **CREATE DESIGNS USING STENCIL PATTERNS & YOUR OWN IDEAS** Here are some color & design ideas shown on the project part before assembly. The leather can be left its natural color with just the designs in color or paint the backgrounds and designs different colors. 0

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COLORING HINT: To make bright or light colors stand out on a darker background, paint bright or light colors first. Then fill in background around them with a darker color. Or, put a wash over the area, let dry, then come back and paint the designs in white. Let white dry completely (few minutes), then add desired colors on top of the white.

Be Sure To Plan Designs On Paper Before Drawing Or Applying Color On The Leather

CLASSROOM EXPANSION IDEAS:

- ~ Use Geometry to design tepees of various sizes
- ~ Explore the many different tribes that live on the great Plains: Arapaho, Arikara, Assiniboine, Blackfoot, Cheyenne, Comanche, Crow, Gros Ventre, Hidatsa, Kiowa, Iowa, Kaw, Lakota, Lipan, Mandan, Omaha, Osage, Otoe, Pawnee, Plains Apache, Plains Cree, Ponca, Sarsi, Shoshone, Tonkawa and Wichita.

RECYCLE ME!

"I am your Theme Bucket - be sure to recycle me! I would like to end up in your closet with many of my friends. I could store art supplies, extra leather project parts, or even help you organize your files. Create a new label for me so I can help you find what is stored in

me. But until it's time to recycle, I am happy to bring fun & learning into your classroom by offering you Projects To-Go from Tandy Leather Factory."



NATIVE AMERICAN SYMBOLS & MEANINGS:

SNAKE



MAN Human Life

SUN RAY Constancy



WIKE

THUNDERBIRD Sacred Bearer of

Happiness Unlimited

CROSSED ARROWS

Friendship

ARROW

Protection

Alertness

4 AGES

CACTUS

Courtship

ARROWHEAD

Infancy, Youth, Middle & Old Age

Sign of the Desert

CACTUS FLOWER





Defiance, Wisdom

DEER TRACKS Plenty Game

BEAR TRACKS Good Omen

RATTLESNAKE

HEADDRESS Ceremonial Dance

BUTTERFLY

RAIN CLOUDS Good Prospects

Swiftness

DAYS & NIGHTS Time



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Happiness

Constant Life

RAIN Plentiful Crops







Happiness MEDICINE MAN'S EYE

Wise, Watchful

HOGAN Permanent Home



BIG MOUNTAIN Abundance

HOUSE OF WATER

FENCE Guarding Good Luck



CEREMONIAL DANCE ENCLOSURE

EAGLE **FEATHERS** Chief

WARDING OFF **EVIL SPIRITS**

PATHS CROSSING

PEACE

GILA MONSTER Sign of the Desert

COYOTE TRACKS





SADDLE BAGS Journey





LIGHTNING Snake



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TEPEE Temporary Home

JAW Strength

Everlasting Life

LIGHTNING







Guidance

SUN SYMBOL

RUNNING WATER



MORNING STARS

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS: Be sure project is completely dry before assembly. TIP: Keep cord flat - try not to twist cord. TO MAKE A KOOZIE WRAP: 1) Cut cord in half and tie a knot in each cut end. 2) Select the lacing option you want to do and begin stitching on the inside of the wrap. • To do the WHIP STITCH (A): Push tip of cord up through first hole. Pull cord through hole up o knot. Stitch over edge; then up through next hole. Continue to last hole. At last hole, tie a knot in end close to hole and trim off excess cord. Repeat on other side. **END HERE ON** FIRST SIDE REPEAT **END HERE ON THIS SIDE** ON SECOND SID • To do the RUNNING STITCH (B): Stitch up through first hole; then stitch down through next hole and continue in & out around project to last hole. At last hole, tie a knot close to hole and trim off excess cord. Repeat on other side. START END HERE ON FIRST SIDE REPEAT **ON THIS SIDE END HERE ON SECOND SIDE** 3) To attach the HOOK & LOOP FASTENER: • Peel paper off one side of joined hook & loop parts and position on underside of tab. • Peel paper off other side of hook & loop. Position leather wrap around can and pull tab over so it HOOK & is tight on the can. Press tab down on other side of LOOP wrap to adhere the hook & loop to other end of wrap.

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ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

Be sure project is completely dry before assembly. TIP: Keep cord flat - try not to twist cord.

TO MAKE A POUCH:

- Select the lacing option you want to do (either the WHIP STITCH or RUNNING STITCH).
- 2) Cut cord in half. Tie knots in the cut ends.
- Fold leather wrap part and align holes on sides . Begin stitching at fold (backside) and stitch through first set of aligned holes.

• To do the WHIP STITCH (A): Push tip of cord through first aligned holes. Pull cord through hole up to knot. Stitch over edge and through next aligned holes. Continue to last hole.

• To do the RUNNING STITCH (B): Stitch through first hole, then stitch down through next hole and continue in & out around project to last hole.

4) At last hole, using RUNNING STITCH, tie a knot and trim cord. For WHIP STITCH, stitch over edge again. Then stitch under previous stitch and tie knot. Trim cords close to knots or leave long for a neck cord as described below:

IF YOU ARE MAKING AN OPTIONAL NECK, HAND OR WAIST CORD:

- At last hole on first side, tie knot close to hole.
- Do not trim cord.
- Using second half of cord, repeat Steps 1 through 4 on other side.
- Tie ends of long cords together in a knot.

5) To attach the HOOK & LOOP FASTENER:

- Peel paper off one side of joined hook & loop parts and position on underside of tab.
- Peel paper off other side of hook & loop.
- Fold tab over. Press down to adhere to front.

