

Owl Letter Holder

Required

Thick Leather 3 - 4 mm
Thin leather to cover the wooden base
Wooden base 60 x 40 mm
Sharp Knife
PVA white glue
Dyes
Sealer



Instructions

- Cut out all the owl parts
- Punch four circles for the inner parts of the eye. Two black and two white. Punch a small hole in the black pieces for the reflection in the pupil.
- Make the two groove lines inside the owl for the base
- Put some extra shape into the wings and ears with a bevel tool or modeller
- Dye all the parts
- When dry scrape or sand the leather that is to be glued together so that a better bond is produced
- Glue all the eye parts together. I use PVA glue (white wood glue)
- At this stage the owl is still flat. Glue on all the parts of the owl except the bottom stomach. Place under a weight to help the glue process.
- While the glued parts are drying make the base.
- Use thin leather which you stretch over the wooden base. Cover all edges and glue down
- When all the parts are struck firmly dampen the inside of the owl and bend into shape.
- Glue the base to the inside of the owl.
- Use nails to secure the base to the owl
- Glue the bottom stomach onto the owl to cover the nails on the front.
- Glue on two dots of leather to cover the nails on the back.
- While the owl is still damp give the owl some more shape
- When everything is dyed seal the piece

