

## Leather restoration & repair techniques 5 days

This course is for those who want to learn how to restore and repair objects made from leather or covered in leather. These might include items of luggage, cases, leather wall-hangings, furniture, containers, sporting equipment. Techniques covered may include :

- ◆ The identification of different leathers
- ◆ Case corners – moulding and attaching
- ◆ Colouring – colour matching and ‘ageing’
- ◆ Changing locks and other metal fittings
- ◆ Paring – leather patches, straps, lap joints and bindings
- ◆ Stitching – how to repair straps, corners, seams and decorative stitching
- ◆ Decorative techniques – repair /replace damaged areas of incised, tooled & embossed leather



This course concentrates on the acquisition of techniques. Students need to discuss with Neil MacGregor before the course start date, any pieces they may want to bring with them. *course notes are provided*

**June 4-8**

**Full Fee: £750**

**Deposit: £300**

## Moulded Leather Flowers 1 day

Students will learn how to create beautiful leather flowers and leaves. They can be coloured or left natural and used to make jewellery, or to decorate boxes, shoes, bags and frames for pictures and mirrors. No previous experience is needed to enjoy this course. Flower making tools will be available to buy.

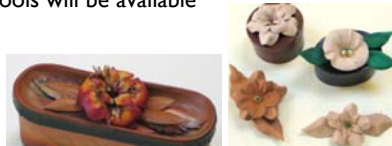
*Basic patterns & materials included in course fee*

**July 21**

**November 25**

**Full fee: £155**

**Deposit £50**

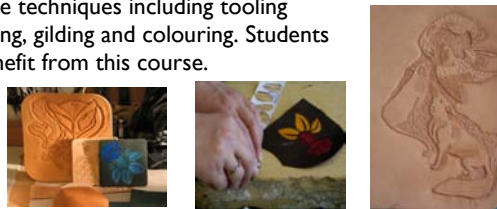


## Decorated Leather 2 days

Across the world and throughout history, leather has provided a wonderful medium for surface decoration. These courses introduce students to a range of decorative techniques including tooling (stamping), carving (incising), inlay/onlay, embossing, quilting, gilding and colouring. Students require no previous experience in order to enjoy and benefit from this course. *Cost of materials included in course fee*

**November 23-24**

**Full Fee: £295 Deposit: £100**



### BOOKING INFORMATION

**Place** The Workshop, 37 Silver Street, Tetbury, Glos. GL8 8DL . UK.  
**Tel/Fax: (0044) 01666 502179 email:info@leathercourses.co.uk**

**Times** 9. 00am - 5. 30 pm daily

**Food** Lunch, coffee/tea, cakes & biscuits are included in the course fee.

**Where to Stay** Local Bed & Breakfast starts at £30 a night. Visit [www.tetburyaccommodation.co.uk](http://www.tetburyaccommodation.co.uk).

Booking confirmation, a map and accommodation information are sent on receipt of your Course Booking Form and deposit. Please note that any course could be cancelled and deposits returned if insufficient bookings are received. Deposits will be forfeited if students fail to attend or fail to give at least 28 days notice before the course start date. If you need more information please contact us.

**You can book over the telephone using a credit or debit card Tel: (0044) 01666 502179**

**Or send your deposit payments ( cheque/card details) and Course Booking Form to :**

**MacGregor & Michael, 37 Silver Street, Tetbury, Glos. GL8 8DL. UK.**

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# Leatherwork Courses 2012

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**These practical courses are based upon the techniques described in ‘The Leatherworking Handbook’ and 40 years experience as designers & makers of hand stitched leathers.** For 2012 we have introduced new courses in response to requests, and extended a few others. The courses show students how to make a wide variety of leather goods by hand including different bag styles, travel bags, cases, belts, boxes, flowers, dog collars and leads, wallets, purses, pouches etc, all made using vegetable tanned leathers. The techniques taught help students to develop an individual style and we hope they will be inspired to experiment by exploring the creative potential of leather. The courses take place in our own workshop so with a maximum of only 4 or 5 students per course, every-

one receives individual tuition. A set of tools is provided for each person to use and a range of leathers, hand tools, metal fittings and other materials are available for students to buy. Patterns and course notes are provided for specialist courses and a ‘Suppliers List’ is given to students. Lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments are provided within the course fees. A course attendance certificate can be supplied on request. *Please note: Course start days vary so check your calendar before booking*



Dates 2012	Course Calendar	Days	Full Fee	Deposit
January 7-8	Making hand-stitched leathers (Bags,belts etc)	2	£280	£100
January 21-22	Making hand-stitched leathers (Bags,belts etc)	2	£280	£100
February 4-5	Small leathers ( includes basic materials)	2	£300	£100
February 18-19	Making hand-stitched leathers (Bags,belts etc)	2	£280	£100
March 12-16	Spring School—making hand stitched leathers	5	£700	£300
March 24-28	Design & construction of hand-stitched leather bags	5	£750	£300
May 26-27	Making hand-stitched leathers (Bags,belts etc)	2	£280	£100
June 4-8	Leather restoration & repair techniques	5	£750	£300
July 14-15	Making hand-stitched leathers (Bags,belts etc)	2	£280	£100
July 21	Moulded leather flowers (includes patterns & basic materials)	1	£155	£50
July 23-27	Framed leather bags—designing and making	5	£750	£300
August 6-10	Summer School—making hand-stitched leathers	5	£700	£300
August 18-23	Travel Bags ( only 4 people)	6	£995	£400
Sept 29 –Oct 3	Leather box and case covering techniques	5	£750	£300
October 8-12	Men’s leathers (briefcases, messenger /computer bags, wallets etc)	5	£750	£300
October 27-28	Making hand-stitched leathers (Bags,belts etc)	2	£280	£100
November 5-9	Design & construction of hand-stitched leather bags	5	£750	£300
November 23-24	Decorated leather (includes basic materials)	2	£295	£100
November 25	Moulded leather flowers (includes patterns & basic materials)	1	£155	£50
December 8-9	Making hand-stitched leathers (Bags,belts etc)	2	£280	£100

## Making Hand-Stitched Leathergoods Weekends

These 2 day introductory courses are for beginners or for those with some experience but who want to 'go back to basics'. During the courses students learn about :

- ◆ Leathers, their qualities & potential
- ◆ How to hand-stitch with confidence
- ◆ Cut edge finishing including bevelling, burnishing and creasing.
- ◆ Attaching buckles, 'D' rings, turnlocks etc

Possible projects include belts, simple bags, dog collars/leads, boxes etc.

**January 7-8    January 21-22    February 18-19**  
**May 26-27    July 14-15    October 27-28**  
**December 8-9**

*Cost of materials are not included in course fee*

**Full Fee: £280    Deposit: £100**



## Design & Construction of Hand-Stitched Leather Bags 5 Days

Students explore sources of inspiration & the history of bag styles to help them develop their ideas. They learn about different hand construction techniques then design a bag which can be completed during the course or at home. This course is not suitable for complete beginners.

Areas covered include:

- ◆ Design & pattern making
- ◆ Choosing the right leathers /linings/fittings
- ◆ Construction options, the range of possibilities including cut, turned, piped and bound edge techniques.

**March 24-28    November 3-7**

**Full Fee: £750    Deposit: £300**

*Course notes are provided . Materials are not included in course fee*



## Leather Box & Case covering techniques 5 days

Using wooden boxes as a foundation this course will cover a variety of techniques including skived/pared and turned work as used on jewellery boxes. Also, Corner ( box ) stitched, Lapped edge and Pinched edge techniques for cases using hide as a covering. This course is only open to those with experience or who have attended at least one other course.

**Sept 29 –Oct 3**

**Full Fee: £750    Deposit: £300**

*Course notes are provided . Materials are not included in course fee*



## Framed Leather Bags - Designing and making 5 days

Bags suspended from metal frames have been in and out of fashion since the 19c, the very best examples have become classic bags. Finding good quality frames, suitable leathers and framing tools are the essential elements. This course will cover:

- ◆ Principles of framed bag construction/ styles/options
- ◆ How to cut patterns for the main body and lining for a chosen frame
- ◆ Making several simple hand stitched framed bags using hand framing tools.
- ◆ Designing, cutting patterns and starting a framed bag which students can complete after the course.

This course is not suitable for complete beginners.

**July 23-27**

**Full Fee: £750    Deposit: £300**

*Course notes are provided . Materials are not included in course fee*



## Men's Leathergoods 5 days

This course will focus on high quality leather accessories designed specifically for men. These could include:

- ◆ Belts– from hide and skins, lined or unlined
- ◆ Messenger bags & computer cases
- ◆ Wallets, folding notecases, travel wallets,
- ◆ Briefcases, folios, organisers & key cases
- ◆ Boxes for cufflinks, watches, jewellery etc

Patterns will be available to use ( traditional briefcase, wallets etc) but students will be encouraged to develop their own ideas and make their own patterns. A range of leathers and fittings will be available. This course is suitable for students with some experience or who have attended at least one of our other courses.

*Cost of materials are not included in the course fees*

**October 8-12**

**Full Fee: £750    Deposit: £300**



## Travel Bags 6 days

This course will focus on making high quality Travel Bags, either a **Framed Kit Bag** or a **Holdall** style of travel bag. There will be a range of leathers, frames and metal fittings for students to choose from.

Students will be helped to perfect their hand stitching skills and be introduced to different construction options. These will involve paring and edge finishing techniques. Patterns will be available for students to use but it will be necessary to adapt or create patterns to suit the style of Travel Bag chosen. As with all courses, a set of bench tools will be provided for each student to use during the course. This course is only open to those with experience or who have attended at least one other course.

*Cost of materials are not included in the course fees*

**August 18-24**

**Full Fee: £995    Deposit: £400    This course has only 4 students**



## Spring & Summer Schools—Making hand stitched leathergoods 5 days

These 5 day courses are open to beginners and experienced students. Techniques covered will include:

- ◆ Leathers, their qualities & potential
- ◆ How to use and maintain hand tools
- ◆ How to hand-stitch with confidence
- ◆ Techniques for cut edge finishing
- ◆ Paring /skiving and splitting leather

These are versatile courses designed to encourage and guide students to develop their hand skills so they can make bags, belts, dog collars/leads,

boxes, moulded bags/pouches, wallets/purses etc. A range of patterns are available for students to use or they can design their own.

**March 12-16    August 6-10**

**Full Fee: £700    Deposit: £300    Cost of materials are not included in the course fees**



## Small Leathergoods—wallets, purses, phone cases, etc weekend

On this course students learn to make various examples of cut and turned-edge small leathergoods. The course will cover pattern-making, hand paring, turned edges, linings and hand stitching fine leathers such as calf, goat and pig skins. Students can expect to make at least 2 finished pieces.

*Materials & basic patterns are included in course fee*

**February 4-5**

**Full Fee: £300    Deposit: £100**

