Sports Theme

Water Bottle

KOOZIE or POUCH

Plus A Look Back In History At “How Organized Sports Started”

OBJECTIVE: Students will learn about the theme while creating a useful and decorative leather project. Lesson includes history and new vocabulary words. Creativity, math and dexterity skills will be exercised to design, personalize, color and then assemble the project.

MATERIALS LIST

All Supplies Needed To Complete 12 Leather Pouch or Koozie Projects:

- Pre-Punched Veg-Split Suede Leather Parts
- Lacing Cords
- Hook & Loop Fasteners
- Cova Color® Acrylic Paints
- Brushes
- Sharpie Markers
- Stencils
- Design & Coloring Ideas
- Complete Instructions

YOU WILL or MIGHT NEED:

- Pencils For Planning Designs
- Scissors For Trimming Cord
- Classroom Markers, Acrylic Paints & Brushes
- Plastic Palettes, Plates Or Wax Paper For Paints

CLASSROOM TIME:

Minimum of 3 Sessions:

Design the Projects = 45 minutes
Color the Projects = 45 minutes
Assemble the Projects = 45 minutes

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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 and hand out along with pencils for planning designs.
- Also cut stencils apart on dotted lines and hand out for planning designs.

SESSION 2 - Color:
- Hand out leather part to each student.
- 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:

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\text{red} + \text{yellow} &= \text{orange} \\
\text{yellow} + \text{blue} &= \text{green} \\
\text{blue} + \text{red} &= \text{purple} \\
\text{white} + \text{any color} &= \text{lighter color} \\
\text{black} + \text{any color} &= \text{darker color}
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Now try mixing the secondary colors together to get even more colors.

How Did Popular Sports Get Started?

Archaeological explorers have found cave paintings indicating that there were forms of sports played way back before the famous Greek Olympic Games. Many of today’s sports are related to the various kicking and running ball games played throughout medieval Europe. Many sports played back in history were quite violent and often resulted in death.

The development of sports as we know them today is linked to the history of the industrial revolution and the creation of the first public schools. Sports were restructured to make them less violent and safer for children and young adults. Rules and codes were written and schools and colleges were forced to follow them. Some of the first organized sports in schools were soccer, rugby, then basketball and football which were first introduced on college campuses in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s in the United States.

The popularity of sports was greatly increased with the creation of sports magazines, radio and television broadcasts. Now you don’t have to go to the game to enjoy them.

Basketball is the only popular spectator sport that was invented by one person rather than being adapted from another sport. Dr. James Naismith created the indoor activity for New England youth as an indoor activity during the cold winter months. January 20, 1892 was the date of the first official basketball game.

The earliest reference to baseball in the United States was in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, 1791. It was not until 1845 that the New York Knickerbockers were founded. Since then baseball has remained one of the best love sports of the United States.

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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 6 & 7 and hand them out to each student along with the cord and fasteners.
- Practice before class and then demonstrate the 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. This side may be tooled.

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

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.

Tanning - The process using tannins to change a fresh animal hide into leather.

Tannins - Yellowish substance from oak bark and other plants used to tan leather.

Whip Stitch - A very historic lacing technique where the lace is taken over the edge of the leather and then into the next hole.

History Continued:
Golf (or “chole”) games were first recorded in 1354. The game was actually more like hockey and was played in Flanders (a region in France & Belgium). In 1421, the golf game as we know it today, was developed in Scotland. Over the next two centuries, golf spread throughout Great Britain where records show that kings, queens, and other royalty played the game, as well as commoners. In fact, Mary Queen of Scots is the first female golfer on record.

Did You Know: The name “football” is associated with several different games: soccer, rugby, and American football. There is also Gaelic football, Canadian football, and Australian football. American football started in the 1820s in New England universities. In the early 1900s the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) was established to organized the codes and rules. In 1920, football was officially made a professional sport with the founding of the National Football League (NFL).

There are many more fascinating sports histories: tennis, polo, hockey, track, water & snow skiing, gymnastics, sailing, swimming, diving, cycling, kayaking, fishing and more.

History Continued:
CREATE DESIGNS USING STENCIL PATTERNS & YOUR OWN IDEAS

Here are some color & design ideas shown on the koozie / pouch part. The leather can be left its natural color with just the designs in color or paint the backgrounds and designs different colors.

COLORING HINTS:

To paint large areas or many links, mix a Cova Color “wash” by diluting the color with water. Be sure to mix enough to do the entire project or keep record of the proportions.

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 Using Color Markers & Paint On The Leather

CLASSROOM EXPANSION IDEAS:

~ Study the history of the Olympic Games and how they have changed.
~ Research and study the different logos, mascots and colors used in sports.
~ Research and study the different kinds of sports played in other countries.

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.”
TIPS - When planning your designs:

- See where the tab overlaps the front part and plan your design with that in mind.
- Plan your designs to go under the tab, but do not put anything there that you want to show when the tab is fastened.
- Plan designs to continue onto the tab if desired, or center a design on the larger open area. Experiment with several ideas before applying color to the leather.
- Use a pencil to lightly sketch your final design on the leather. Then add color.
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 to 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.

- 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.

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 is tight on the can. Press tab down on other side of wrap to adhere the hook & loop to other end of wrap.
ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:  
Be sure project is completely dry before assembly.  
Tip: keep cord flat - try not to twist cord.

TO MAKE A POUCH:

1) 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.

3) 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.