

Peace Belt

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Materials:

- Walnut Hollow® #26033 Creative Leather Branding™ Tool
- Walnut Hollow® #26162 Alphabet Hot Stamp™ Set 26 pieces
- Leather Belt
- Other Supplies: container for hot points, metal ruler, pliers, sandpaper, tape

Read through entire instructions before beginning project.

Instructions:

1. Determine what words are to be stamped onto the leather belt. (The belt in the photo has the following words: LOVE, HAPPINESS, PEACE, and COURAGE.) Each word is separated with a branded heart.
2. Before using the Creative Leather Branding™ Tool, read through and follow all safety precautions on packaging. Attach the first letter of the first word to be hot stamped. Tighten with pliers. Secure stand to hard surface with tape. Press switch "ON". Place tool on stand. Plug into electric outlet and heat for 4-5 minutes. Practice on a scrap of leather or the inside of the belt before beginning project to determine the length of time to hold the stamp in place. Some leather burns quickly and some takes longer. If the stamps or brands get discolored from stamping or branding, just rub it over a piece of fine sandpaper.
3. To insure that the words will be stamped in a straight line, use a metal ruler to hold below the stamps. After stamping the first letter, use pliers to remove the stamp. Be very careful as the tool and stamp will be very hot. (If you are uneasy about removing a hot stamp, unplug the tool and let cool between letters.) Drop the hot stamp into a glass or metal container as they will remain hot for a short period of time. Attach the second letter, tighten with pliers, and stamp in place. Continue this process until all the words are complete. Attach the Heart Brand and brand a heart between each word.
4. When all branding is complete, turn switch "OFF". Unplug tool and let cool.



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