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Brooches of grain leather

Use your leather scraps for these cute brooches. They can be made in all kinds of shapes and with different decorations. And then you have something that not many people have.....

You will need:

Remains of grain leather (not hides)

Grain black to color the leather with

Brush to apply grain ink with

Hobby knife to cut the leather with

Pearl glue for edging the edges with - or wax which is suitable for edging

Hollow pliers with different hole sizes

Glue that is suitable for gluing leather with

Brooch pins

You do this:

Choose your motif, shape and pattern. Draw it on paper.

Transfer it to grain leather and cut out the outline.

Draw any decoration by marking in the leather (scratching with a non-pointed object) without drawing. Draw any outline with black alcohol marker. Color the fields you want to color with grain ink.

Make a similar piece to make up the back.



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Mark where the brooch pin should sit and cut 2 holes with a hole punch (the ends of the brooch pin can be stuck through so that the flat side of the brooch pin will sit on the inside and only the needle and clasp stick out of the leather).

Also color the back with grain ink

Glue the 2 pieces of leather together with glue that is suitable for gluing on leather. Contact glue is good.

Color the edges with grain ink.

Spread pearl glue on the edge and polish with a piece of leather. You can also buy wax and treat the edges with it (the leather shop in Aarhus, among others). The fact that the edge is treated makes it completely shiny and smooth.

You can use embroideries, crocheted wire, beads and MANY MANY other things to decorate your brooches with. Poke a hole in the leather where something needs to be attached and sew it on so that the threads will lie on the back and between the 2 pieces of leather.

Don't let your imagination limit you - try it - and most of the time you will succeed.