

Leather Key Chains

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Materials and Tools:

Sizzix Big Shot Jewelry Studio Tool

Long Movers and Shapers cuff die (7.5 inch)

Veg tan leather (3 to 4 oz weight thickness) from Tandy Leather

Leather dye or acrylic paint

Acrylic sealer

Leather hole punch tool (1/8 inch)

Concho rivets with screw backs from Tandy Leather

Keychain findings

Instructions:

1. Use the Movers and Shapers die in the Big Shot machine to cut a 7 1/2" cuff from the veg tan leather.
2. Fold the leather cuff through the keychain finding so that both ends overlap and go through top half of your keychain.
3. Punch a 1/8" hole through all three layers of the leather below the finding, using the leather to form a figure-8 loop, with the top half through the finding and the bottom half a larger loop below the finding.
4. Remove the leather from the keychain finding and dye or paint the leather as desired.
5. Place the leather back onto the keychain finding so the holes align. Place the rivet through the holes and screw the back into place so it holds the leather onto the keychain finding.
6. Finish with a coat of acrylic sealer, which helps to stabilize your shape.