

INSTRUCTIONS: Leather Coasters

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No one will guess you made these – and when you tell them, they'll want to know more! These 8 geometric coasters are so chic, so fun and so easy! And they take only an hour or two to make!

SUPPLIES:

Cork: Buy in square sheets at Michaels. We recommend the flat sheets, although smaller than a roll priced at \$15, a roll is WAY more than needed. Plus the roll is hard to flatten out.

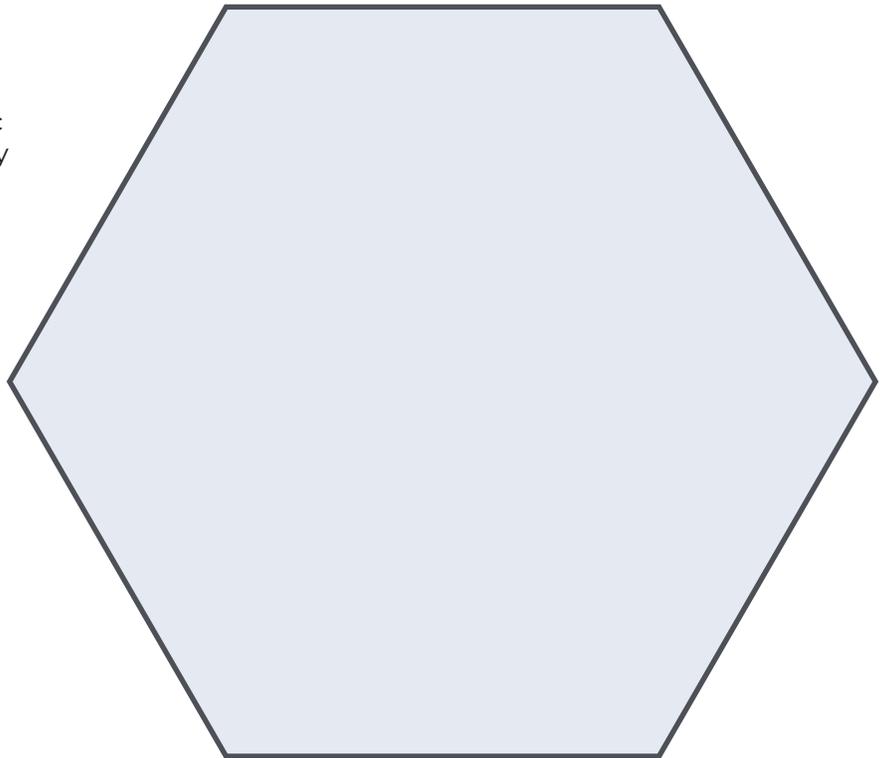
Leather Scraps: We found ours at SAS in Phoenix, but there are a few of these fabric stores in the Valley, including one in nearby Tempe. Leather scraps were \$7 per lb. We bought 2 lbs; WAY more than we needed! Strong glue such as E6000, available at hardware stores and sometimes at the Dollar Stores

X-acto or utility knife, cutting surface, straight edge, small stick for spreading glue

INSTRUCTIONS:

Using the coaster pattern, a straight edge and X-acto, cut out 8 hex shapes from various leathers you selected. We chose leathers with patterns such as ostrich and alligator and a metallic finish one because that's pretty hot right now. Slice each one in half, straight up the center. Working one coaster at a time, apply glue to a piece of cork, spreading it evenly; no empty areas. Spread glue the same way on the backs of two coaster halves. Place the two halves onto the cork, fitted the center edges tightly together. Hold together for a few moments to make sure the center edges are tight with no gap. Placing your straight edge on the coaster, trim off the extra cork around each edge. Set heavy books on top of each coaster as a weight until the glue dries. Repeat for the other seven.

Done!



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