



WALSALL LEATHER SKILLS CENTRE

INTERMEDIATE BRIDLE (Level 2)

Week 1 – BASIC BRIDLE

Day	Lesson Topic	Output	Techniques & Skills introduced
1	Reins	Pair of Rein stops and Rein end	Rein end exercise (tapering) and everything to do with a true buckle turn
2	Hook stud billets & Buckle billets	Hook stud Billets and a pr of Cheeks	A set of Standard measurements
3	Buckle Billets	Buckle billeted Cheeks	A set of Standard measurements
4	Noseband	Cavesson Noseband with London Lay	Cut on taper Making a London Lay
5	Browband	Plain Browband	Show how to do ribbons and rosettes
Student can make a Bridle after week 1. Student to choose a Project for week 5 applying the intermediate skills taught on this course.			

Week 2 – BASIC BRIDLE (continued)

Day	Lesson Topic	Output	Techniques & Skills introduced
1	Grackle NB	Plain flat Grackle NB with sheepskin centre	
2	Raised leatherwork	Raised, stitched dog collar or raised, stitched belt	Introduction to raised leather work
3	Lacing	Pair of Laced Reins	Lacing
4	Plaiting	Plaited BB or Dog collar	Introduce plaited work
5	Reins	Reins with stops or a Continental Web	Lectures on rubber reins and stops and on where to cut a Bridle from a Hide.
Student to make another Bridle at home			

Week 3 - HEADCOLLAR

Day	Lesson Topic	Output	Techniques & Skills introduced
1	Making an item from a given specification	Foal Slip	Working out from the specification how the item is to be made. Learning to ask questions.
2	Headcollar	Headcollar Cheeks	
3	Roundings	A dog collar	Rounding leather and blending the end of the turn into a rounding; stitching.
4	Roundings	Pair of Pelham Roundings with hook stud billets	
5	Headcollar	Headcollar	Cutting and preparing Headcollar and learning how to cut it from a hide
Student can finish the Headcollar at home			



WALSALL LEATHER SKILLS CENTRE

INTERMEDIATE BRIDLE (Level 2)

Week 4 - MARTINGALE

Day	Lesson Topic	Output	Techniques & Skills introduced
1	Stitchmarking patterns	Belt with decorative stitching, using a single layer of leather.	Making a pattern for decorative stitching and stitching it. Double hand stitch the pattern.
2	Making Buckle safes	Hunting Breastplate with Martingale Attachment	Learn about tapers, taper body. Make straps with 3 Keepers
3	Cutting a tapered strap	Wither piece	Make a raised wither piece with decorative stitching
4	Switching stitch marking	Martingale attachment	Switching or swapping stitch marking from front to back of strap
5	Running Martingales	Running Martingale	
Finish Martingale and continue practice at home			

Week 5 – ENHANCING AND APPLYING SKILLS & SKILLS TEST

Day	Lesson Topic	Output
1	Braiding and lacing	Laced, braided Browband
2	Guidance on completing	Complete the project chosen in Week 1
3	project	
4	Prep for written paper	Catch up day
5	SKILLS TEST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SUBMIT PREPARED PIECES. ➤ MAKE TEST PIECE WITHIN TIME. ➤ ANSWER WRITTEN QUESTION PAPER. 	

Week 3 is Headcollar week and Roundings is the important new skill here. A dog collar and a pair of Pelham roundings will have you well prepared for the Throat. You will be shown how to cut the headcollar from a butt but can do most of the stitching at home as long as you know how to assemble.

Week 4 is Martingale week and new skills introduced include making a long taper on the body, straps with 3 keepers, putting a safe behind the ring on the body, switching from stitching on the front to stitching on the back on the martingale attachment, the shape of the wither piece and making this raised and stitched.

Week 5 is enhancing and applying the skills learned and preparing for and taking the skills test if you wish to gain the qualification.