



WALSALL LEATHER SKILLS CENTRE

INTERMEDIATE HARNESS (Level 2)

WEEK 1

Day	Lesson topic	Outputs
Monday	Short Tugs	Lecture – differences between harness and bridlework, the leather used, purpose and function, etc. Prior learning is the Irish Martingale. Make stitched in Keepers - spacing between keepers (critical). Need to make 4 – 2 on a ring and 2 on a Breeching D.
Tuesday	Dock	Pattern making. Make 2 Docks with stitches showing and hidden stitches. Learn about pattern making. Learn about the gap between theory and function.
Wednesday	Breeching Seat	Basically a large Irish Martingale with an extra 'wear piece' around the rings. Introduction to a 'raised piece' (domed) by skiving edges or inserting a filling in the centre.
Thursday	Breeching Straps	This is easy work. Time to complete the Breeching Seat from Day 3.
Friday	Crupper	Learn how to make the item to the criteria for the L2 Skills Test.

WEEK 2

Day	Lesson topic	Outputs
Monday	Hipstrap	Building on the learning from the Breeching Seat. The Hipstrap is basically a cutting exercise. Make a pattern, set out the pattern on the leather and then cut it properly: cutting through 4.5mm – 5mm of leather. Holes punched with a 22 hole punch on what is a relatively narrow strap.
Tuesday	Chapes on Docks	Glueing – not tacking. Builds on all the prior learning. 4 layers of leather with Keepers and stitch it all together on a narrow strap. The work is fiddly and requires skill, attention to detail and an understanding of how leather responds when it is manipulated. Need a Vise and a round piece of wood. After Day 7 the student should be ready for the Skills Test.
Wednesday	Boxloops	Workshop day or practise for the time limited Skills Test.
Thursday	Repairs	Or Workshop day (Bring in repairs).
Friday	Skills Test	Submit prepared pieces, make skills test piece in a timed exercise and answer a written paper.