



WALSALL LEATHER SKILLS CENTRE

SIDE SADDLE NEW BUILD

Side Saddle Construction

The stirrup bar and leaping head socket should be fitted before attending the course. It is noisy work and requires a pillar drill and lots of drill bits to get through the spring steel in the tree. We can provide new trees ready mounted with bar and leaping head socket. This leaves the learning time to concentrate on building the saddle.

Day 1 (with prepared tree)

Webbing up and straining the tree. Making a pattern for the seat
Cutting out the seat, machining and fitting ready for setting

Day 2

Finish setting the seat. Pattern making pommels

Day 3

Build pommel heads.
Pattern making for skirt and flap leather parts

Day 4

Cutting out leather parts Edging and staining
Preparing to seam (hand or machine stitched)

Day 5

Catch up day – workshop will be available to continue working over the weekend

Day 6

Finish Seaming
Fitting the leather pommel covers
Fitting the seat and flaps and all hardware

Day 7

Cut out and make up girth and over girth straps. Pattern making the panel

Day 8

Cutting out felt Machining the panel

Day 9

Covering the felt with linen. Stitching the linen to the panel. Final fitting of panel

Day 10

Catch up day and final touches to finished saddle