



# ARMITAGE LEATHER

## Quality Matters

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The list below is a list as a guide to the tools needed to get you started on your path. It is not, by any means, an exhaustible list but it will get you up and running. The absolute core tool-set should include:

1. Clam
2. Irons
3. Knife
4. Hammer/Maul
5. Rule
6. Cutting Edge
7. Scratch Awl
8. Dividers
9. Beveller
10. Slicker
11. Crease
12. Needles
13. Thread
14. Snips/Scissors
15. Leather

As your skill develops, so will your tool-set. Below is a list of some of the recommended tools needed to undertake leatherwork to a greater degree. The top 15 are included below as are a few more. Always buy the best you can afford, if you pay for quality once, you only cry once.

### **Measuring and Marking**

- Rule: <https://www.axminster.co.uk/shokunin-stainless-steel-rule-300mm-106468>  
Rule Stop: <https://www.axminster.co.uk/axminster-precision-ruler-square-stop-102378>  
Square: <https://www.axminster.co.uk/axminster-workshop-squares-ax23310>  
Clickers Awl: <https://www.georgebarnsleyandsons.co.uk/product-page/awl>  
Dividers: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/osborne-106-wing-divider-6-12-5994.html> 6 inch  
Callipers: <https://www.axminstertools.com/gemred-electronic-digital-caliper-952910> 6 inch

### **Preparation**

- Detail Sander: <https://www.axminstertools.com/tools-from-japan-nt-sanding-plate-detail-sander-504014>  
Sanding Block: <https://www.axminster.co.uk/hermes-four-sided-sanding-block-ax21069>  
Impact Glue: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Evo-Stik-Impact-Adhesive-347908/dp/B0001P03S8>  
Card: <https://www.graphicsdirect.co.uk/products/white-mountboard>  
Glue: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/441-contact-adhesive-d1071>

### **Cutting**

- Clicker Knife: <https://www.georgebarnsleyandsons.co.uk/product-page/extension-clicker-handle>  
Basic Knife: <https://www.georgebarnsleyandsons.co.uk/product-page/sheepfoot-pt>  
Best Knives: <http://www.knifknives.com/leather.php> The Shark is what you need to ask for.  
Corner Cutter: <https://www.etsy.com/uk/listing>  
French edge: <https://palosanto-factory.com/collections/french-edger>  
Skiver: <https://doldokki.com/product/cutting-knifever3/171/category/133/display/1/>  
Hydroma: <https://www.partwell.com/cutting-pad-natural-hy78>

Self Healing: <https://arteza.co.uk/products/90-x-60-rotary-cutting-mat>  
Cutting Edge: <https://www.ffx.co.uk/tools/product/Maun>  
Hole: <https://ksbladepunch.com/product-category/single-punch> Full Set or 3, 4, 5 and 6mm  
Snips: <https://hwebber.co.uk/shop/scissors-shears/wiss-shears/wiss-tc1-forged-steel-thread-snip/>  
Strap Cutter: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/strap-cutter-10215.html>

### **Punches For Belts**

Strap End: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/osborne-0150-strap-end-punch-pointed-5988.html>  
Crew: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/osborne-151-oblong-bag-punch-5972.html>  
Hole: <https://ksbladepunch.com/product-category/single-punch>

### **Stitching**

Saddlers Clam: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/saddlers-clams-best-7357.html>  
Needles: No4 <https://www.ijneedles.com/loose-and-bulk-needles/envelopes/saddlers-harness-needles-1.html>  
Pliers: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product>  
Pulling Block: [https://www.justwood.com/buy/just-wood-nigel-armitage-pulling-block\\_88.htm](https://www.justwood.com/buy/just-wood-nigel-armitage-pulling-block_88.htm)  
4mm PVC Pad: [eBay link](#)

Recommended Irons 7spi or 3.85mm

KS Blade: <https://ksbladepunch.com/product/pricking-irons-black>  
Crimson Hides: <https://crimsonhides.com/collections/leathercraft-tools/products/french-style-crimson-irons>  
Amy Roke: <https://craftsbylittlebear.com/collections/pricking-irons/products/atelier-amy-roke-pricking-irons>

### **Thread**

Tiger: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/tiger-polyester-braided-thread-waxed-9723.html> 0.6mm  
Yung Fu: <https://www.blackmountainsleather.com/collections/waxed-polyester-thread> 0.55mm  
Amy Roke: <https://craftsbylittlebear.com/collections/atelier-amy-roke-polyester-thread> 0.55mm

### **Hammers**

Thor: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/nylon-hammer-with-plastic-handle-5952.html> 900g  
Setting: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/osborne-66-leather-working-hammer-5866.html>  
Maul: <http://www.barrykingtools.com/roundmauls.htm> 32oz

### **Dressing**

Beveller: <https://palosanto-factory.com/collections/edge-beveler> No's 1 & 2  
Crease: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/screw-crease-7364.html>  
Bone Folder: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/osborne-464-6-genuine-bone-folder-5853.html>  
Slicker: [https://www.justwood.com/buy/just-wood-nigel-armitage-hand-slicker-single\\_56.htm](https://www.justwood.com/buy/just-wood-nigel-armitage-hand-slicker-single_56.htm)  
Burnisher: [https://www.justwood.com/buy/armitage-leather-just-wood-burnisher\\_30.htm](https://www.justwood.com/buy/armitage-leather-just-wood-burnisher_30.htm)  
Edge Kote: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/fiebing-s-edge-kote-3992.html>  
Edge Paint: <https://www.metropolitanleather.com/buy-finishes/buy-dyes-stains/Edge-coat>  
Paint Roller: <https://www.metropolitanleather.com/Buy-Tools/edge-roller-pen>  
Bees Wax: <https://www.abbeyengland.com/beeswax-800.html>  
Tokonole: <https://craftsbylittlebear.com/collections/edge-finishing>

### **Suppliers for Leather, Tools and Hardware**

Abbey England: <https://www.abbeyengland.com>  
Metropolitan: <https://www.metropolitanleather.com/index.php?route=common/home>  
A&A Crack and Sons: <https://www.aacrack.co.uk>  
J&FJ Baker & Co: <http://www.ifjbaker.co.uk>  
LePrevo: <http://www.leprevo.co.uk>  
Identity Store: <https://www.identityleathercraft.com>  
H Webber & Sons: <https://hwebber.co.uk>  
Ohio Travel Bag: <https://ohiotravelbag.com>  
Bag Spares: <https://www.bagspares.co.uk>  
Hex n Hit: <https://hexnhitstamps.com>