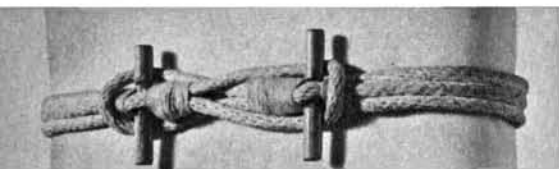


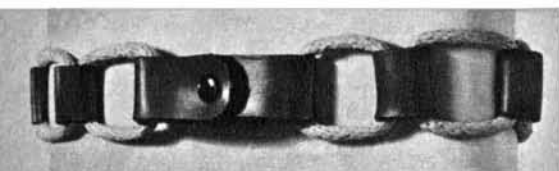
Roundup of ROPE BELTS

They match the spirit of
summer clothes and cost less
than a dollar a piece to make

Woman's Day Workshop



Peg-buckled clothesline, to team with blue jeans or walking shorts



Loop-to-loops of clothesline and cowhide. Snap fastener anchors chain



Cowpuncher combination is hemp rope laced through a strip of cowhide

Ready for the big catch—five strands of line encircle her waist and fasten with a collar button. His double line loops over two drawer pulls



General Directions

Leather: Buy cowhide belt strips or scraps. Cut with a sharp knife; skive or pare off edges that overlap. Before sewing, punch holes for stitches, using awl or fine nail. If desired, stain leather with liquid shoe polish or Antique Finish. Place clear paste wax or liquid wax on cloth; rub over leather.

Cord: To prevent ends raveling, wind with an adhesive tape, or wrap with thread and apply cement.

Cement: We used Weldwood Contact Cement, following manufacturer's directions.

Sewing: Use saddlestitch thread and draw over beeswax to strengthen; or use button or carpet thread. Sew with large, heavy needle.

Peg-buckled clothesline

Materials: Clothesline, 3 times length of waist measurement plus 16"; string; two ¼" dowels, 2" long; thread.

From clothesline cut strip length of waist measurement minus 1¾". On remaining strip, fold 8" at one end into 4" loop. Sew ½" of end of short strip between ends of loop. Continue sewing long strip to one side of short strip; make loop at other end; sew rest of long strip to other side of short strip.

Whittle dowel centers; slip under center strand, 4½" from loop ends. Wrap string over line.

Loop-to-loops

Materials: 1"-wide cowhide; clothesline; 2 hammer-on snaps; thread; cement. Directions are for 24" belt; add rings if desired.

From leather cut nine 3" strips, one 10" strip. From clothesline cut ten 6" lengths; make ring from each by sewing together ends. Sew rings together to make chain. Cement leather around chain joinings. Attach snap to 10" strip; sew to one ring.

Cowpuncher combination

Materials: 1½"-wide cowhide; leather button with shank; ½"-diameter hemp rope; ½" hole punch; thread; cement.

Cut cowhide to fit waist. Punch a hole 1" from one end, another 2" from other end; then punch 3 pairs of holes 2" apart, evenly spaced. Draw end of rope through hole 1" from end; cement flush with end of cowhide. Punch small holes through leather on either side of rope end. Thread a sliver of cowhide through button shank, through holes; cement over rope. Weave rope through holes except last hole. Make loop to fit over button, draw rope through last hole. Cut off and sew through belt.

Girl's five-strand line

Materials: 17" of 1¼"-wide cowhide; clothesline, 5 times length of waist measurement; string; thread; collar button; cement; ⅝" hole punch.

Cut 5 lengths of clothesline 3" shorter than waist measurement. Sew 5 lengths to one another at each end. Using needle, weave string over and under lengths in 3 places.

From leather cut strips 4¼", 3½", and 3" long; cut two ½" strips 4½" and 4" long. Punch 3 holes in wide 4¼" strip; punch hole in 3½" strip, 1⅜" from end.

Cement 4¼" strip over ½" of clothesline ends, then cement ½" x 4½" strip over them. With collar button in hole of 3½" strip, cement to 3" strip, flush at one end. Cement overlap at other end over line ends; cover with remaining ½" strip.

Man's double line

Materials: 14½" of 1"-wide cowhide; two ¾" wooden drawer pulls, with screws to fit; sash cord, twice the length of waist measurement; cement; stain.

From leather cut one 6½" and two 4" strips. Stain leather and drawer pulls. Overlap 4" strips to form rings, and cement.

Fold cord in half. Sew cord ends under one end of 6½" strip. Cement leather ring over this end; cement ring over other end. Attach drawer pulls 2" from ends of strip, cutting down screws.