

DRUMSTICK

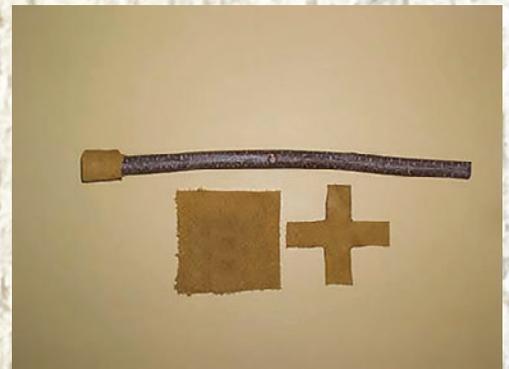
You can be very creative with your choice of materials for your drumstick. It can be as simple as purchasing wooden dowelling or cutting a branch from a tree. Handles need to be trimmed evenly at each end.

The length of the handle should be approximately the length from your arm to the middle of your palm. Leather/suede is the material most often used to wrap a drumstick.

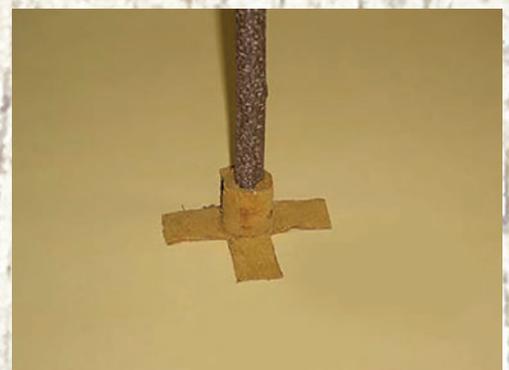
Trace and cut the four pieces of leather/suede from the templates provided. These measurements do not need to be exact and are to be used as guidelines only. Make the necessary adjustments according to the diameter of your stick.



Begin with the 1 ¼ x 10" Drumstick Head Wrap. The length will vary according to the "thickness" you want at the head of your drumstick. Thinly apply white glue to the inside of the leather and wrap it tightly around the top end of your stick. Hold tightly for approximately 30 seconds until the glue sets.



Take the 3 ½ x 3 ½" Drumstick Square. Place wrapped drumstick in the center of the square and trace the circle outline. Cut out the corners (fig. 3) to create a T-shaped piece. Thinly apply white glue over the entire inside of the leather T shape. Then place the center of your handle onto the center of the T- shape, wrap downwards onto the handle and trim excess.



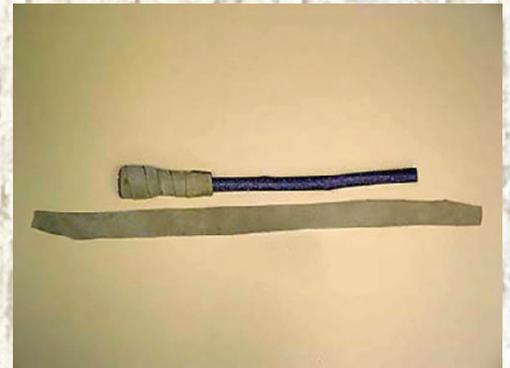


Take the Drumstick Top Wrap and apply a thin layer of white glue on the inside. Line up the flat (not angled) edge of the leather with the top of the drumstick and start wrapping the leather around the stick. Apply some tension to achieve a tightly wrapped handle. After you complete the first wrap around the stick gently angle downwards and overlap the leather by approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of the width (i.e. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch overlap). When you get to the end of the leather, wrap it evenly across the bottom and hold firmly for 30 seconds until glue sets.



This completes the top portion of your drumstick.

Take the Drumstick Bottom Wrap and apply a thin layer of white glue on the inside. Line up the flat (not angled) edge of the leather with the bottom of the stick and wrap tightly in an upward angle by overlapping approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ the width ($\frac{1}{2}$ inch). Hold firmly for 30 seconds until glue sets.



To provide additional security to leather wraps you can secure the glued leather wraps with sinew (see Sinew Wrap).

DRUMSTICK TEMPLATES

