

Leather Belt

Junior Youth Entry

Category: What You Wear

A. What is it?

It is a belt.

B. What was it used for?

In SCA I wear it on my tunic. It holds my pouch and my favor.

C. How did you make it?

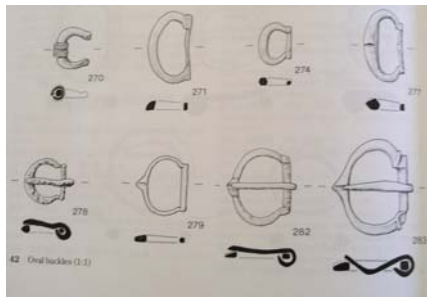
It took a long time. My daddy helped me. We used a strapping tool and we slid it along the leather to make a belt. Then we used a flat hole cutter to cut a hole for the buckle. To get the buckle to stay on, we decided not to sew it together because we didn't have a way to punch little tiny holes for string. We used a rivet because I have helped Daddy with rivets on his armor before and I like to whack them!

First, we used pokers for poking holes to put a rivet in. Then my daddy held the rivet and I whacked it and whacked it with a hammer. That's my favorite part. Then I put the belt on and Daddy showed me how to tie it and we decided how long it should be. Then I took it off and we cut it with a special kind of scissors for leather. Then we used the pokers again to put lots of little holes in it. And it is done!

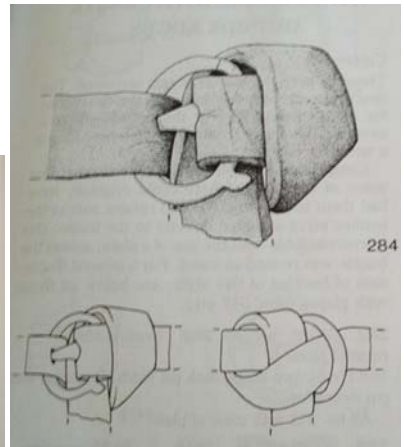
My mommy showed me a book with buckles in it and I found the buckle I used on my belt. I also saw how to tie a belt.



The tools I used



The buckles in the book



How to tie a belt

Book I looked at:

Egan, Geoff and Frances Pritchard. *Dress Accessories 1150-1450*. Suffolk: Museum of London, 1991, pp 70-71. ISBN: 0 85115 839 0.