LEATHER CONSOLIDATION

Basic Preservation Techniques

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Leather Consolidation Gel

Leather deterioration or ‘red rot’ is the break down and drying of leather into a powdery substance that weakens and makes reference of effected materials troublesome; the consolidation of leather stabilizes the affected areas through absorption of the chemicals, making the work useable again.
Leather Deterioration
Steps 1A & 1B

1A. Clean and prepare your work surface.

1B. Place the work on the clean work surface.
Leather Deterioration
Steps 2 & 3

2. Secure the work, and using long brush strokes in the same direction apply the consolidation gel.

3. Apply the consolidation gel to the entire surface of the work.
Leather Deterioration
Steps 4 & 5

4. Secure the work, and then apply the consolidation gel to the work’s edges.

5. Allow the work to dry for 15-30 minutes, and then repeat process until all sides have been covered.
THANK YOU!

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