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Your guide to using and maintaining your leather stamping tool.

INTRODUCTION

The Tandy Leather Craftool Camouflage Stamp C453 (Model 6453) is a precision tool designed for creating distinctive camouflage patterns on leather. Crafted from durable stainless steel, this stamp is an essential addition to any leatherworker's toolkit, allowing for consistent and detailed impressions. This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Craftool stamp to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW



Image 1: The Tandy Leather Craftool Camouflage Stamp C453. This image displays the complete stainless steel tool, featuring the handle and the tooling head designed for creating camouflage patterns. The stamp has a rectangular shape and a metallic finish.

The Craftool Camouflage Stamp C453 is a single, solid piece of stainless steel, ensuring durability and consistent performance. It measures approximately 5/8 inches by 7/16 inches, making it suitable for detailed work on various leather projects.

SETUP

Before using your Craftool stamp, ensure you have the following materials ready:

- **Leather:** Select appropriate leather for your project. Vegetable-tanned leather is generally recommended for stamping.
- **Stamping Surface:** A firm, flat, and stable surface such as a granite slab, marble slab, or a heavy workbench.
- **Mallet:** A rawhide mallet, maul, or poly mallet is necessary for striking the stamp. Avoid using metal hammers directly on the stamp.
- **Water/Sponge:** For casing the leather (dampening it) to achieve optimal stamping results.

Casing the Leather: Lightly dampen the surface of your leather with a sponge. The leather should be cool to the touch, but not wet. Allow the moisture to penetrate evenly. Overly wet leather can result in mushy impressions, while dry leather will not hold a clear impression.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to effectively use your Craftool Camouflage Stamp C453:

1. **Position the Leather:** Place your cased leather on your firm stamping surface. Ensure it is stable and will not shift during stamping.
2. **Place the Stamp:** Hold the Craftool Camouflage Stamp C453 firmly between your thumb and forefinger. Position the tooling head onto the desired area of the leather. For camouflage patterns, stamps are often used in an overlapping or irregular fashion to create a natural texture.
3. **Strike the Stamp:** Using your mallet, strike the top of the stamp handle with a single, firm, and even blow. The force required will vary depending on the leather thickness and desired depth of impression. Practice on scrap leather first to determine the appropriate force.
4. **Lift the Stamp:** Carefully lift the stamp straight up from the leather to avoid smudging the impression.
5. **Repeat:** Continue stamping, overlapping impressions as needed to build up your camouflage pattern. Maintain consistent pressure and striking force for uniform results.

Tip: For intricate patterns or to achieve a specific look, consider drawing your design lightly on the leather before stamping to guide your placement.

MAINTENANCE

Proper care and maintenance will extend the life of your Craftool stamp and ensure consistent results.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, wipe the stamp clean with a soft cloth to remove any leather fibers or residue. For stubborn residue, a soft brush (like an old toothbrush) and a small amount of mild soap and water can be used. Ensure the stamp is thoroughly dried immediately after cleaning to prevent water spots.
- **Storage:** Store your stamp in a dry environment to prevent rust, although stainless steel is highly resistant. A tool rack or a dedicated storage box will protect the tooling head from damage.
- **Avoid Harsh Chemicals:** Do not use abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals, as these can damage the finish or the integrity of the stainless steel.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues while using your stamp, consider the following:

- **Faint or Incomplete Impressions:**
 - Ensure the leather is properly cased (damp enough).
 - Increase the force of your mallet strike.
 - Verify your stamping surface is firm and stable.
- **Mushy or Blurred Impressions:**
 - The leather may be too wet. Allow it to dry slightly before stamping.
 - The mallet strike may be too weak or uneven, causing the stamp to shift.
- **Stamp Sticking to Leather:**
 - The leather might be too wet.
 - Ensure you are lifting the stamp straight up after striking.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	C453 (6453)
Material	Stainless Steel
Dimensions	Approximately 5/8" x 7/16" (15.88 mm x 11.11 mm)
Shape	Rectangular (for camouflage patterns)
Manufacturer	Tandy Leather

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage, product support, or to purchase additional leathercraft tools and supplies, please contact Tandy Leather directly or visit their official website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

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