

Tandy Leather 6816

Tandy Leather Craftool Flower Stamp 6816-00 User Manual

Model: 6816-00

1. INTRODUCTION

The Tandy Leather Craftool Flower Stamp 6816-00 is a specialized tool designed for creating decorative flower impressions on leather. This stamp is part of the Craftool series, known for its durability and precision in leathercrafting. It is ideal for adding floral designs to various leather projects, either individually or as part of a larger pattern.

This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Craftool Flower Stamp to ensure optimal results and longevity.

2. SETUP

Before using the Craftool Flower Stamp, ensure you have the necessary leathercrafting tools and materials:

- **Leather:** Vegetable-tanned leather is recommended for stamping.
- **Mallet or Hammer:** A rawhide mallet or a suitable leathercraft hammer is required to strike the stamp.
- **Stamping Surface:** A solid, flat, and stable surface such as a granite slab or a heavy workbench.
- **Water or Casing Solution:** To case (dampen) the leather before stamping.

Preparation of Leather:

1. Lightly dampen the leather with water or a casing solution. The leather should be cool to the touch but not saturated.
2. Allow the moisture to penetrate evenly. The leather should return to its natural color before stamping.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to effectively use your Craftool Flower Stamp:

1. **Position the Stamp:** Place the flower stamp firmly on the cased leather at the desired location. Ensure the stamp is held perpendicular to the leather surface.
2. **Strike the Stamp:** Using a mallet or hammer, strike the top of the stamp once or multiple times with

consistent force. The number of strikes and force applied will depend on the desired depth of the impression and the type of leather.

3. **Inspect the Impression:** Carefully lift the stamp to inspect the impression. If the impression is not deep enough, reposition the stamp precisely over the previous impression and strike again.
4. **Create Patterns:** For creating bouquets or borders, use the flower stamp in conjunction with other stamps, such as leaf stamps, as demonstrated in "Tech Tips" #66056-00 by Al Stohlman.



Figure 1: The Tandy Leather Craftool Flower Stamp 6816-00. This image displays the metal stamping tool with its distinct flower design, featuring a central circle surrounded by smaller dots and radiating petals, designed to create a detailed floral impression on leather.

4. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and performance of your Craftool Flower Stamp:

- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean any leather fibers or debris from the stamp's impression surface using a stiff brush or an air compressor.
- **Rust Prevention:** Store the stamp in a dry environment. If storing for extended periods, apply a thin coat of rust preventative oil to the metal surfaces.
- **Storage:** Keep the stamp in a tool roll or box to protect it from damage and prevent it from dulling other tools.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Most issues with stamping can be resolved by adjusting technique or leather preparation:

- **Shallow Impression:**
 - Ensure the leather is properly cased (damp enough).
 - Apply more force when striking the stamp.
 - Verify the stamping surface is solid and not absorbing impact.
- **Blurred or Double Impression:**
 - Ensure the stamp is held steady and perpendicular to the leather.
 - Avoid moving the stamp between strikes if multiple strikes are used.
 - The leather might be too wet; allow it to dry slightly.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	6816-00
Approximate Stamp Dimensions	5/8 x 5/8 inches (1.59 x 1.59 cm)
Item Weight	3.2 ounces (90.7 grams)
Manufacturer	Tandy Leather

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Tandy Leather products are manufactured to high standards. For specific warranty information or technical support, please refer to the official Tandy Leather website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt for any warranty claims.

Contact Information: Please visit the official Tandy Leather website for the most current support and contact details.