

## Tandy Leather 6453-00

# Tandy Leather Craftool Camouflage Stamp 6453-00 Instruction Manual

Model: 6453-00

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Tandy Leather Craftool Camouflage Stamp 6453-00 is a specialized leather carving tool designed to add texture, depth, and decorative elements to leather projects. This durable tool is an investment for leather crafters, providing consistent results for various applications, including creating borders, adding roundness to design elements like scrolls and leaves, and decorating smooth areas of a carved design. This manual provides instructions for the proper use and maintenance of your Craftool Camouflage Stamp to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

## 2. SETUP

Before using the Craftool Camouflage Stamp, ensure your workspace and leather are properly prepared.

- 1. Prepare the Leather:** The leather must be properly cased (dampened) to allow for clear impressions. Lightly dampen the leather surface with water using a sponge until it is cool to the touch and has returned to its natural color. Avoid over-wetting, as this can damage the leather fibers.
- 2. Secure the Leather:** Place the cased leather on a firm, flat surface, such as a granite slab or a heavy tooling plate. This provides a stable base for stamping.
- 3. Gather Tools:** You will need a rawhide mallet or a maul to strike the stamp. Ensure your mallet is of appropriate weight for comfortable use.



Figure 1: The Tandy Leather Craftool Camouflage Stamp 6453-00. This image displays the metal stamp, highlighting its textured face which is used to create distinct patterns on cased leather.

### 3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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The Craftool Camouflage Stamp can be used to achieve various effects in leather carving. The key to consistent results is even pressure and proper leather casing.

#### 3.1 Basic Stamping Technique

1. **Position the Stamp:** Place the face of the camouflage stamp firmly on the cased leather where you wish to make an impression.
2. **Strike the Stamp:** Using a rawhide mallet or maul, strike the top of the stamp handle with a single, firm, and even blow. The force required will vary based on the leather thickness and desired depth of impression.
3. **Lift and Repeat:** Carefully lift the stamp straight up to avoid smudging the impression. Reposition the stamp for the next impression, ensuring consistent spacing and alignment for continuous patterns.

#### 3.2 Applications of the Camouflage Stamp

- **Creating Borders:** For a decorative border, use the stamp repeatedly along the edge of your project. Overlap impressions slightly to create a continuous, textured band.
- **Adding Roundness:** In leather carving, the camouflage stamp is effective for adding dimension and roundness to elements such as scrolls, leaves, and stems. Apply the stamp along the edges of these elements to push the leather down, making the central part appear raised.
- **Decorating Smooth Areas:** Use the stamp to add texture and visual interest to otherwise smooth or plain areas within your design. This can help to balance the overall composition.

For advanced techniques and detailed illustrations on the various uses of the camouflage tool, refer to the book *"Tech Tips" #66056-00 by Al Stohlman*.

### 4. MAINTENANCE

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Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and performance of your Craftool Camouflage Stamp.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, wipe the stamp clean with a dry cloth to remove any leather dust or residue. If stubborn residue accumulates, use a soft brush (like a toothbrush) to gently clean the textured face. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.
- **Storage:** Store the stamp in a dry environment to prevent rust. A tool rack or a dedicated tool box is ideal. Applying a thin coat of tool oil or wax can provide additional protection if storing for extended periods.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the stamp for any signs of wear or damage. While Craftools are

designed for durability, proper handling and storage are crucial.

## 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are solutions to common issues encountered when using the camouflage stamp:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
<b>Faint or Uneven Impressions</b>	Insufficient leather casing, weak strike, or uneven striking surface.	Ensure leather is properly cased (damp but not wet). Use a firmer, more even strike. Verify the stamping surface is flat and stable.
<b>Smudged or Blurred Impressions</b>	Stamp moved during or immediately after striking, or leather is too wet.	Hold the stamp firmly in place. Lift the stamp straight up after striking. Allow slightly over-wet leather to dry for a few minutes before stamping.
<b>Stamp Sticking to Leather</b>	Leather is too wet.	Allow the leather to dry slightly. Ensure proper casing.

## 6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
<b>Model Number</b>	6453-00
<b>Product Dimensions</b>	15.24 x 4.57 x 0.51 cm
<b>Weight</b>	41 g
<b>Approx. Stamp Dimensions</b>	5/8 x 7/16 inches
<b>Brand</b>	Tandy Leather
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Tandy Leather
<b>Shape</b>	Rectangular
<b>UPC</b>	098834642008

## 7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Information regarding specific warranty terms for the Tandy Leather Craftool Camouflage Stamp 6453-00 is not available in the provided product data. For warranty details or customer support, please contact Tandy Leather directly through their official website or customer service channels.