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# How To Tan Animal Hides And How To Make High Quality Buckskin Clothing

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How to wet scrape and how to dry scrape a hide.  
How to tan hides using brains, or  
eggs, or soap, or acorns.

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## Synopsis

This is the book that is mentioned on the "grandpappy.org" hard times survival website. This book contains complete and detailed instructions on how to skin and butcher a wild animal. It also describes the process of creating delicious smoked meat that has a normal shelf life of approximately one year. The meat can be smoked over a normal fire but instructions and illustrations are also included on how to build a simple efficient smokehouse. You will then be guided through the entire hide tanning process, step by step. Next you will be shown how to take specific measurements at exact locations on the human body so you can create your own clothing patterns at home. You will then be shown how to combine your own homemade clothing patterns with your own tanned animal hides so that you can make your own high quality underwear, shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, jackets, ponchos, caps, and moccasins. This book also contains instructions on how to make ropes, whips, slings, and arrows. Also included are detailed instructions on how to make parchment, homemade ink, and a feather pen. In summary, this book will show you how to use almost every part of a wild game animal so that nothing of any real practical value is wasted. If you are a hunter and you do not currently save and process the hides of the wild game animals that your family eats, then this book will clearly explain how to accomplish this task so that you can begin to strategically use a part of the animals that you have been throwing away. If you are currently experiencing hard times and you are eating a lot of wild game meat, then this book will explain how to convert the hides of those animals into soft smooth buckskins that can be used to make high quality clothing for your family that will last for many, many years. In my opinion, every one of the practical skills that are described in this book could be of timeless value to you and to your descendants.

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## Customer Reviews

As with his other material. It is a straight forward and clearly written resource. It is written on an adult level by my 10 year old was able to read and do a project for himself. In addition, I recommend anyone interested in hard times survival, home craft skills, etc... to go to his website for additional information. [...]

Though I haven't read it all the way through this is very informative and I hope to do some tanning in the near future! Thanks R.W.A for sharing your wealth of knowledge in the old ways. Very appreciative!

Simple enough that even someone with no experience in tanning could follow Mr. Atkins directions, and end up with some nice buckskin.

This is one of the most comprehensive books we have ever seen. It is easily understandable, very precise and has tons of useful information. If you have ever tanned a hide or doing it for the first time, this book is a must have. My husband was very pleased and has read and reread this book sharing all the wisdom it offers with me. Thanks to the author.

This book is written with plenty of technical information to guide you through the various steps to fabricate leather garments while still keeping it light enough to be entertaining.

bought it for future reference. never hurts to know. this info is a better to have than not to book. he has a free website with some of the info on it.

Just awful. I must have gotten a different book than these folks rating it five star. There is not one photograph that shows an example of how to perform any of the tasks involved. Not not one example of how stitching looks when finished....nothing. Stick drawings are what you get. This day and age...stick drawings? Not much effort on the illustrated part of this book...disappointed. Should have bought an once of silver with the money.

Great for the money. I bought this for when the S H T F and I believe it will serve me well for that

purpose and at a decent price.

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