

Recycled Leather Belt Bracelet Materials List

- Leather belt(s) – real leather is preferred, as faux leather tends to split into layers and doesn't wear well. I look for belts at thrift stores, estate sales, garage sales and flea markets. You can also use a belt that doesn't fit or has broken, so long as you have a long enough piece of belt to fit your wrist with about an additional 2" for setting the snap. I tend to favor vintage belts as I like the patina and suppleness that come with use.

Keep in mind that the thicker the belt, the tougher it may be to add snaps, etc., and you may end up having to get snaps with longer shanks to accommodate the thickness of the leather. Belts that are about 1/8" thick are ideal because they're sturdy but pliable and easy to work with.

I will be adding snaps, but you may also choose to use the buckle end of the belt instead if you prefer.

- Heavy duty scissors or utility knife
- Pencil or pen
- Ruler or measuring tape
- Sandpaper (optional)
- Rotary leather punch, awl or nail
- Hammer
- Self-healing mat
- Anvil or piece of wood
- Snap fastener kit (available at hardware stores & craft stores)
- Rivets, grommets, and/or buttons (optional)
- Waxed linen cord or waxed cotton cord (optional -- for sewing on embellishments)
- Thin leather for backing (optional -- if you decide to sew on embellishments)
- E6000 glue or equivalent (optional -- for attaching backing leather if you decide to sew on embellishments)

You can also finish your bracelet by painting, inking, riveting, wood burning, chiseling...there are tons of possibilities for adding your own special touch.