

KOMATSUYA bag shop

Leather Craft

Experience Activities



Experience leather craft (pen case workshop)

Komatsuya is specialty leather craft store selling traditional Japanese school bags, alongside various bags, purses, and other leather accessories. Komatsuya's owner Miki-san has an extensive knowledge of leather craft and makes various items for the shop. Would you like to make your original, one of a kind leather accessory, decorated with ornaments unique to Karatsu and Japan? Here we'll introduce the main steps:

Fee: 1500yen/person

Time: 40 minutes

Capacity: 1-3 person

Event date: Year round (9:00-18:00)

Holiday: New years day

Reservation: Necessary (Please make a reservation 3 days in advance)

Sponsorship: Bag no Komatsuya

Address: 1810 Gofukumachi Karatsu

Tel: 0955-72-2994



STEP 1

Choose your leather and ornaments

Choose your favorite color leather, and ornaments for your pen case.



STEP 2

Fix ornaments

Make holes in the leather with the hammer and tools, fix the ornaments in place.



STEP 3

Form the shape of the pen case

Apply a special bond to the outer periphery. Bend the leather in half, and make a pen case shape with hammer.



STEP 4

Make the holes for the seam

Make straight and curved holes on the outer edge.



STEP 5

Sew with hemp yarn

Pass a threaded needle through the opened holes, sewing along the seam.



STEP 6

Finishing off

After sewing, remove any leather fuzz with sandpaper and a processing agent. Sand the leather as much as needed to make your pen case beautiful.



STEP 7

Completion

After repeating Step 6 many times you will have your unique and special pen case.



STEP 8

Carve your favorite words or name

If you want, you can carve your name or a favorite word onto the pen case with a leather pen.