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MAKES YOUR ORDER
COMPLETELY UNIQUE

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TOOLING

LUCE specializes in the technique of tooling leather. Tooling is a labor intensive way of carving leather and hammering impressions into it. It is this hand tooling that adds deep character and uniqueness to each piece. Tooling gives the image dimension on the flat piece of leather. This very manual techique takes time to acheive well and time to master. Out of respect for the workers and their hands, the hours devoted to hand tooling is limited to no more than seven hours each week.



STAINIG

After the leather is hand-tooled, it is stained. This process can take a half-hour to 25 hours.

Being a self-taught leather artisan, arriving at this point of leather staining and painting has taken years of experience and experimentation. Layer upon layer of stain is applied. After the leather is stained, the leather is sealed with a waterproofing finish.

This more daring experimentation with stains came thanks to my experience in the monastery. There, I became courageous enough to start tooling and staining people and intricate paintings into leather.

Though it still took another a year of experiementing with the stains, a breakthrough happened in the Spring of 2014. Now, grace a Dieu, these images are real works of art.







SADDLE-STITCH TECHNIQUE

At LUCE LEATHER, we want our products to last for generations. In order to accomplish this, we use the longest lasting stitch: "saddle stitch." This equestrian stitch can only be done by hand because the threads pass consistently over each other. If the thread starts to fray from wear-and-tear, unlike machine stitch which can quickly unravel completely, the saddle-stitch's crossed stitches hold the thread, preventing it from raveling.

Though the saddle-stitch quadruples the production costs, we believe that your heirloom product deserves such value, durability, and craftsmanship. We are not alone in this belief, as the top highend luxury leather designers do the same. Not only do we use the same technique, but also we import the same high-quality linen thread and tools that are used to create the world-famous Hermes leather products.

*Machine stitching is only employed on Clutch purse zippers.

les collections

AIMER + HERITAGE + GRAM

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ove the Mediterranean coast?
Paris? London? Tokyo?
Sydney? Or what about your
hometown treasure: Manhattan
skyline? Boston Harbor?
Chicago's Theatre? French
Quarter? Grand Cayon? San Francisco
Bridge? Pike Place Market? Wherever you
love to be, the AIMER COLLECTION loves it
too. Let's put it into leather!

some restrictions apply*



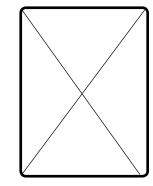
AIMER COLLECTION

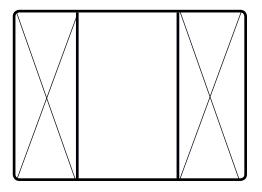
Architecturally-dominate images look best carved in leather. Due to the nature of leather, we cannot replicate exactly every detail and color as the original digital image. In terms of colors, expect an aged look. Choose your favorite image and send it in at info@luceleather.com

*Restrictions: Due to difficulty to transfer images of detailed people and nature into leather, some images and geographical landscapes may be denied for commission. (They can often look "cheesy" in leather.) Artist reserves the right to determine the suitability of the image for commissioned work.

DETAILS

Hand Tooled & Stained
2-3oz Veg Tan Tooling Leather
Leather lining of choice
Saddle Stitch
Finished Edges
\$375, standard
\$400+, for exceptionally detailed images & bright colors





CUSTOMIZE

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EXTERIOR FRONT & BACK

INTERIOR POCKETS

The image will continue onto the interior.







BEAT THE ONE-YEAR

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ORDER BEFORE AUGUST 2015, TO BEAT THE ONE-YEAR WAITLIST.

IN NOVEMBER OF 2015, ALL CUSTOM ORDERS WILL BE ON HOLD UNTIL JULY 2016. DURING THIS TIME, LUCE WILL BE IN PARIS LEARNING THE FRENCH "SAVOIR-FAIRE" IN LUXURY LEATHER GOODS AT THE TRAINING ATELIER FOR HERMES & LOUIS VUITTON.

OUR ONLINE STORE WILL REMAIN
OPEN AND WILL SHIP FROM
THE UNITED STATES. NO NEW
OR CUSTOM ORDERS WILL BE
ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 2015.
ONCE WE ARE SOLD-OUT, WE ARE
SOLD-OUT. WE CANNOT GUARENTEE
THAT WE WILL PRODUCE THESE
INTRICATE & HAND-TOOLED
IMAGES INTO LEATHER UPON OUR
RETURN IN 2016. IF YOU NEED
BIRTHDAY OR CHRISTMAS GIFTS
FOR THE FUTURE, PLACE YOUR
ORDER NOW BEFORE THE WAIT-



ur HERITAGE COLLECTION pays homage to the family because LUCE values family as much as you do. We strive to make products that last, with the hope that you can pass them down from generation to generation. LUCE invites you to buy a bag - not just for you, but one you can pass down to your granddaughter. In this collection, we hand carve & hand tool your family crest or monogram into leather. Viva la famille!

HERITAGE COLLECTION

Want a heirloom passport cover that you can hand down through the generations? Find your family crest and send it over: info@luceleather.com

Restrictions: No logos, trademarked, or patented crests can be reproduced.

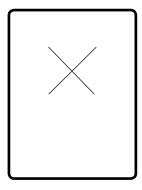
DETAILS

Hand Tooled & Stained 2-3oz Veg Tan Tooling Leather Leather lining of choice Saddle Stitch Finished Edges \$250, simple interior \$275, card holder interior

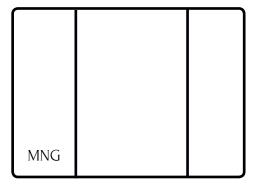
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MNG: Monogram possible in this location for +\$10



EXTERIOR FRONT

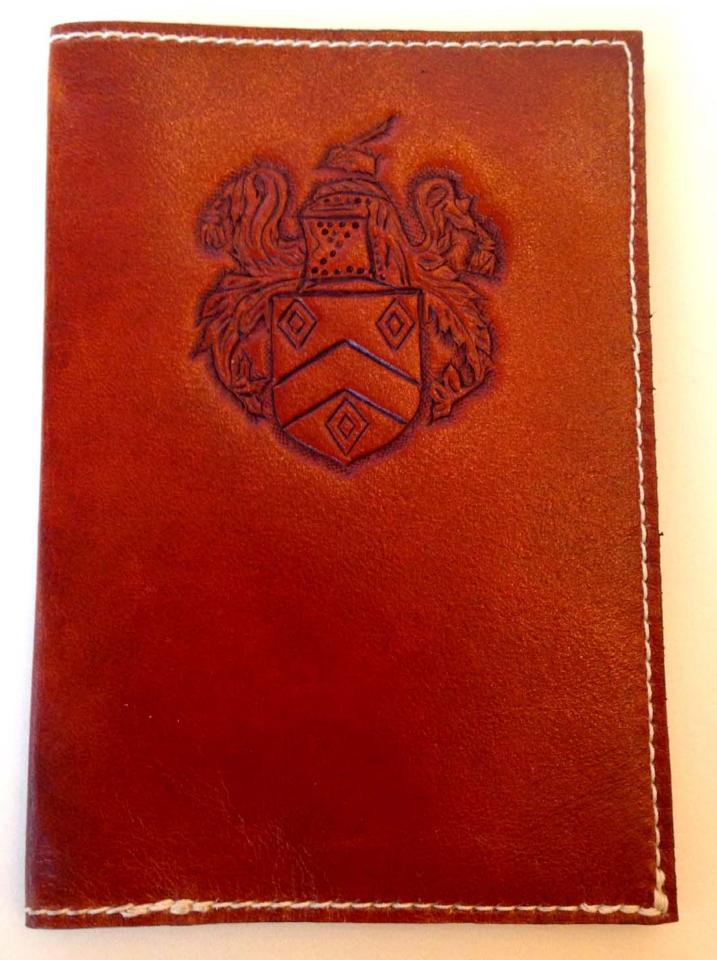


SIMPLE INTERIOR



CARD HOLDER INTERIOR

Slots for two cards Stitching is visible on the back of the holder



GRANI COLLECTION

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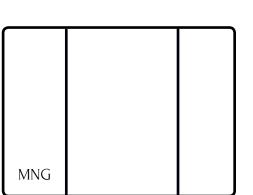
The GRAM Collection is your best bet! Sophisticated & chic: let's design it with you!



GRAM COLLECTION



RECTANGULAR STYLEFor this style, the order of the initials from right to left is:
first + middle + last



SIMPLE INTERIOR



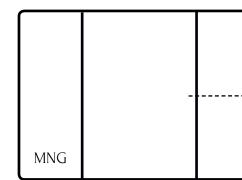
ROUND STYLE
For this style, the order of the initials from right to left is:
first + last + middle

DETAILS

Hand Tooled & Stained
2-3oz Veg Tan Tooling Leather
Leather lining of choice
Saddle Stitch
Finished Edges
\$200, one-tone
\$225, two-tone

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CARD HOLDER INTERIOR
Slots for two cards
Stitching is visible on the back of the holder

customize

make it your very own

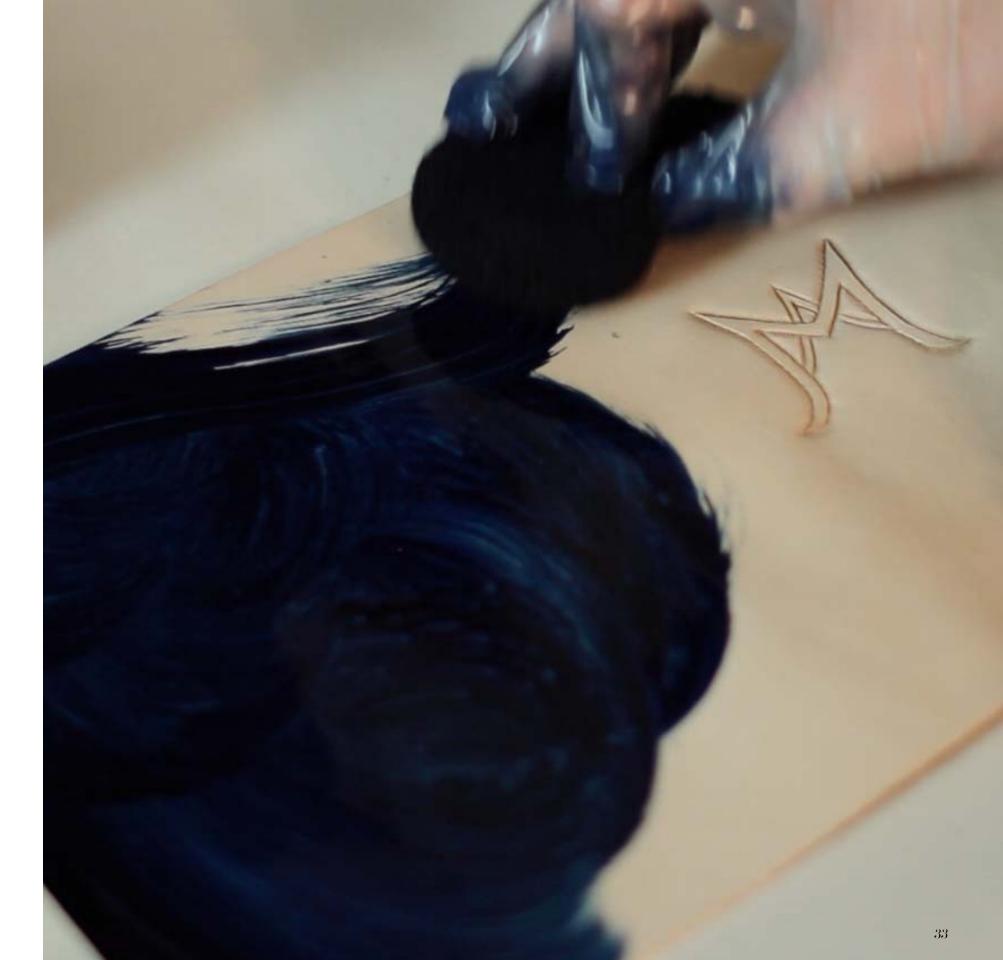
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STAIN



Please select from the variety of stains offered. You may specify the body color. If you would like accent colors or other specific details, please specify them when you place your order. CLAUDE BROWN

Claude Brown is custom made and designed. Many experiments took place in search for a beautiful, vibrant, rich, warm color. After a painter's color secret was applied to leather staining... voila! The Claude Brown.



THE AD

We import the same durable French Linen Thread used by luxury handbag makers. Our selected thread company has skillfully mastered the French "Savoir-Faire" since 1847. The strands are double twisted. Then, it is moistened and retwisted. Moistening the linen fibers keep it from distorting while giving it a greater strength. This thread is about 10x more expensive than standard linen thread. Please select one of our colors for your passport holder.

BLACK
WHITE
NATURAL
ORANGE
TEAL
BLUE



LINING

Nothing refines your leather goods like a beautiful lining. Our linings are made of genuine leather. We glue and stitch them in place, so that they will last for years to come. Please choose from our selection of goat skin suede linings which color you would like for your passport holder.





BLUE LIGHT TAN

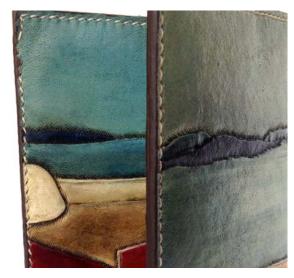


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FINISHED EDGES

Finished edges make all the difference. It is this last detail that is rather arduous and timely. The images to the left only show some on the steps of the process. Then, these steps have to be repeated five times to ten times over to achieve the proper finished edge.

Please choose from our selection which color you would like for your passport holder.









ORANGE











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ax seal? Personal handwritten note?
We love them too!
No matter the price point, LUCE wants to thank you with a little note. For custom orders, we even finish them with a wax seal. At LUCE, we strive to treat our customers and our artisans with dignity and respect. Our buyers are people; our artisans are people. We do not treat either as a number, but as a person.

For our customers, we believe this little act lets you know how much we thought of you as we made your very own LUCE original.

Also with a note from the artisan, you know the source of this unique hand crafted piece of art: a human person, not a machine.

or our artisans, not only does a note give closure to a work they put their heart into; but also, it helps us remember the finality of our work: you! You're not a number to us. You're person - a person who holds an intention behind your order with us.

PACK AGING

Given the natural leather we use, LUCE labels packages with cotton canvas stickers. We enclose each leather item in a cellophane bag to best safe-guard the item in shipping.

UNITED STATES

LUCE generally uses USPS shipping. Shipping prices vary on the size of the goods and insurance costs.

USPS PRIORITY SHIPPING

includes tracking & \$50 insurance Small Box \$6.50 Envelopes \$6.50 \$9.00 Medium Box

Additional insurance available add \$1 for every \$100 value

USPS EXPRESS SHIPPING

We can send a package via Express mail, for the current Express shipping rate.

INTERNATIONAL

LUCE sells and ships merchandise via United States Postal Service (USPS) to:

AUSTRALIA CANADA **FRANCE GERMANY IRELAND NEW ZEALAND NETHERLANDS** UNITED KINGDOM

INTERNATIONAL

PRIORITY SHIPPING

5-10 days, unless held in customs NO TRACKING. \$50 insurance, more insurance available for increased cost

Small Box \$18.00 Envelop \$18.00

Includes tracking + \$50 insurance Medium Box

FLAT RATE PRIORITY SHIPPING

5-10 days, unless held in customs NO TRACKING. \$50 insurance, more insurance available for increased cost

Small Box

\$26.00 \$26.00 Envelop

Includes tracking + \$50 insurance Medium Box \$48.00

REGISTERED MAIL

2-3 weeks, unless held in customs TRACKING, \$50 insurance, more insurance available for increased cost

Small Box \$18.00

EXPRESS SHIPPING

2-3 days, unless held in customs TRACKING. \$50 insurance, more insurance available for slightly increased cost

\$46.00 Envelop



POLICIES

CUSTOM ORDER FEE

All custom orders start with an intial *custom order* fee of \$50. For passport holders, this price is already included in the list price.

DISCLAIMER

LUCE does the best to color match on the computer every item to the actual leather item. Sometimes the color of the leather and tooled images appear differently on various computer screens.

PAYMENT

Invoices may be paid via:

- Check
- PayPal*
- Square-Up* (Mastercard, Visa, etc.)
- * Additional service fees are added to the customer's invoice.

READY-MADE PRODUCTS

Payment is taken at the moment of purchase. No items will be sent without a payment for the item, tax, and the shipping.

CUSTOM ORDERS

LUCE will not start work on the custom order until the payment is received in full. No items will be sent without a payment for the item, tax, and the shipping.

REFUNDS & EXCHANGES

READY-MADE PRODUCTS

Orders cannot be cancelled after the item is shipped. A refund or exchange is then available with the first 30 days after purchase. No returns or exchanges on used items.

CUSTOM ORDERS

All sales are final.

No refunds on custom orders.

LIMITED WARRANTY

We strive to make items of quality that will last. We are attentive to detail and do our best to produce and inspect our products before selling them.

For an item over \$300: if a manufacturing defect arises within the first year of the purchase, LUCE will repair the defect.

LANGUAGES

LUCE can do business in English and French.



