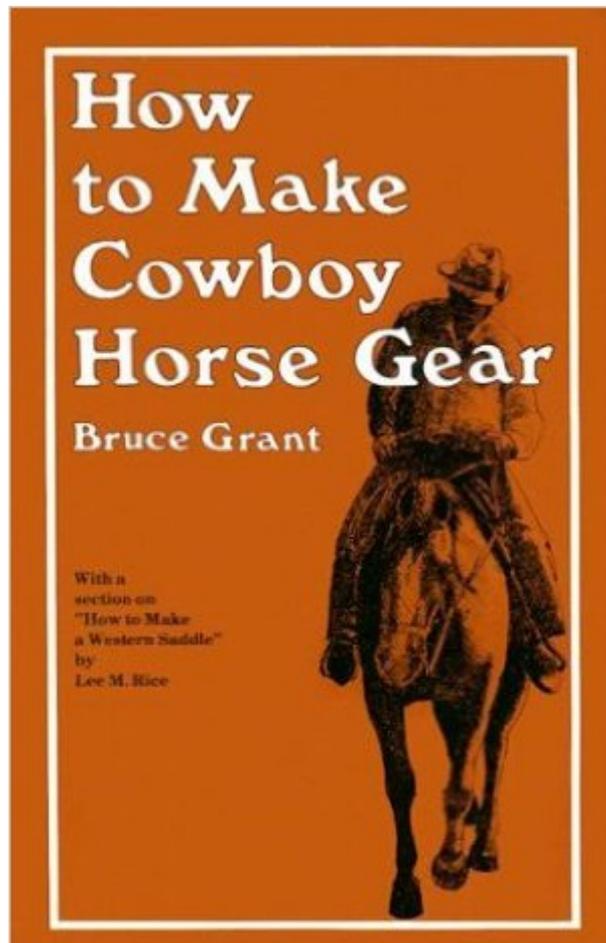


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# How To Make Cowboy Horse Gear



## Synopsis

Written by a man who made a lifelong study of leather craft and rawhide work, *How to Make Cowboy Horse Gear* is the answer to many requests for how-to-do-it information from cowboys, horsemen in the show business, dude ranchers, and many other people interested in riding horses and their gear. Bridles, hackamores, reins, reatas, quirts, and riding crops are among the articles of gear that can be made using this well-illustrated book as a guide. Most of the pieces described here are made of rawhide; however, leather thongs and plastic string can be worked in the same manner. Clear and detailed drawings show from beginning to end how to make the articles of gear the horseman uses to work or show his horse to best advantage.

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## Customer Reviews

HOW TO MAKE COWBOY HORSE GEAR is the sequel to Grant's LEATHER BRAIDING. As such, all projects listed in this book are braided from leather. Illustrations clarify the steps. Instruction is direct, but has a wonderful dose of cowboy humor mixed in. As an added plus, there is a brief section by Lee Rice entitled, "How to Make a Western Saddle."

My family and I have worn out the first copy. It is excellent -- well-written, fairly well organized, and easy to follow. We recommend it to anyone interested in making their own gear.

I have a copy of "Encyclopedia of Rawhide and Leather Braiding" by Bruce Grant and it has sort of become my bible for leather braiding and complex knot work as well a source for making braided

western tack. I love it so much that when I came across this book "How to Make Cowboy Horse Gear" by Bruce Grant and Lee M. Rice I had to have it. I was mainly looking for a deeper treatment of tack making to help fill in the details that were not covered in "Encyclopedia of Rawhide and Leather Braiding." I was very disappointed to discover that all but the section on saddle making by Lee M. Rice at the end of the book (about 40 pages) is a reprint from the "Encyclopedia of Rawhide and Leather Braiding". Just buy the Encyclopedia do not waste your money on this book.

I purchased this with the interest of making miniature western horse tack, specifically braided pieces, and it gives instructions on how to do all the basic braiding (6-12 string around a core), and several knots used in braided tack (ring, turk's head, pineapple, cowboy, gaucho, etc.). If you are new to braiding, you may want to refer to other sources as well for help (I also purchased Woolery's book), because there is a bit of a learning curve to this, but I did use this book's instructions to make my first pineapple knot. It also shows how to construct a hackamore, including tying of the mecate and hackamore and fiador knots. There is a section on making saddles, but it's a rather brief overview and isn't of much use if you are actually planning on making a saddle (even a miniature one). Overall, it's a great reference book for your library on western braided tack, and I'd definitely recommend it.

This book is only for those that are already skilled in braiding leather, not for the novice or beginner.

The pictures do not necessarily match up with the descriptions. That is the worst thing that one can say about this book. The author does a first rate job of describing the how and why of most everything involved. Most of the projects have multiple ways to accomplish explained. An indispensable book for a tack do-it-yourselfer.

To begin with, I've already owned this edition of the book for several years...I bought it, in 1980, and used the devil out of it... I was starting out, and at that time, could do simple things, and was making reins and other forms of headgear, but needed more.. My Original purchase was another Bruce Grant publication... Encyclopedia of Rawhide and Leather braiding.... This is an advanced, instructional series.... and centered on Cowboy Horse Gear, hence the "title"... I guess, that the fact that I've bought it again, is a demonstration of my being content with it.... I lost my other copy in a house fire, along with the others.. Obviously, this is a replacement... Easy to understand, as long as you read, and take your time... Braiding and weaving, leather isn't something you can buy a book for, and then,

forget about it... Much like some do, with the average set of instructions..I will learn something, and unless I do it, regularly, I will be back for referral...because, multiple strings, are difficult, to say the least... once you get where you are comfortable, there is a lesser need to refer to it...All I can say is, I have made numerous projects, and I recommend this as one book to have.....I hope I've helped someone....

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