

## How to create a Rawhide Rattle

### Materials:

- Rawhide
- Sinew
- Pattern of your choosing (shape and size)
- Blunt point needle (if you punch holes for sewing)
- Glover's needle (if you don't pre-punch holes)
- Clean sand
- Small funnel
- Awl
- Dowel for packing sand into rattle head
- Stick for handle (I prefer natural handle of wood or you can use a dowel)
- Scissors
- Seed beads, small pebbles, seeds or whatever you wish to put into your rattle to make it rattle.
- Sharpie marker (fine point)
- Elmer's glue
- Polyurethane



### Directions:

- Create your pattern. (I use plastic or cardboard to create a permanent pattern)
- Trace your pattern on the backside of the rawhide, flip the pattern over and trace a second piece. Now you have both halves of the rattle head and they will match. USE A SHARPIE.
- Measure around the edges  $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart with dots for holes to sew together. Come in  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch from the edge. If you are too close to the edge the rawhide may rip through when you are sewing or packing with sand.
- Once you have your pattern drawn and the hole spacing marked, soak the rawhide overnight or until flexible enough to cut, punch holes and sew together. Make sure it's soft and pliable.
- If you choose to punch your holes now, do so and begin sewing right away. Begin sewing at the edge of the rawhide where the handle fits into the rattle head. If you choose not to punch your own holes, use a glover's needle and begin sewing.
- Make your stitched snug but don't pull so tight you rip the rawhide.
- Once the piece is sewn together you will now begin to pack with sand.