

THE FENCING'S QUICK AND EASY GORGET

Here are some simple instructions for a simple leather gorget, as we are getting close to the date that we will be needing them, this will be a good way to get some out there where they are needed. Anyone that has even a passing knowledge of leather working will be able to make these in a short time.

A quick list of tools and materials:

Tools

- Craft knife
- leather punch

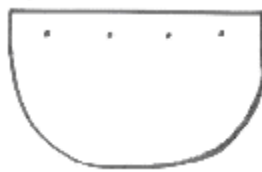
Materials

- 1" leather strip
- 5" X 7" piece of scrap leather
- Velcro
- Rivets
- Closed Cell foam
- Duct tape (Imagine that!)

REMINDER! Use 8oz leather!

Now for the technical part: Cut a 1" leather strap 2" longer than your neck measurement, while wearing your fencing hood. **(Important or it will be too short)**

Next, cut your leather scrap so it looks something like this:



The sides of this "bib" should cover your throat and past the Adam's Apple area, to meet requirements of the Rapier Rules.

Now punch holes in the "bib" and the strap. I suggest that you align the bib under the strap, and so that the fastening will be to one side rather than the back. (Easier to get on and off). Rivet these parts together. Affix Velcro to the overlapping ends of the strap, I used rivets, you can sew it also. Back the bib with closed cell foam. (This is where the Duct Tape comes in) In short order you have a fine, list-ready gorget.