

## Tassel Tutorial

You will need:

A metal tassel cap\*

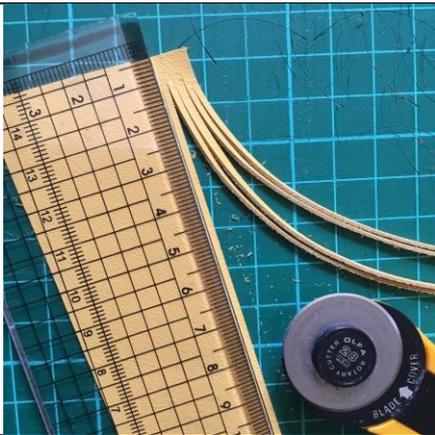
Pieces of thin leather – I would recommend 1mm or thinner

Gutermann glue

Rotary cutter / mat / ruler

\*A word about tassel caps

There are various styles and sizes available, generally this method will work for them all. If you are making your tassel to hang from a bag handle, I would suggest one that has a chain link between the tassel cap and the clip, so that it dangles well. If you are making one as a key fob, you may find that a tassel cap with the fixed hook attached to the top, works better. Tassel caps and glue can be purchased from Blossom Bits and Bags.



You can make your tassel any length you like. Using your rotary and ruler, cut very narrow strips into the leather BUT don't cut all the way to the top.



The fronds should all still be attached. I don't measure anything, but do this by eye. If your fronds are slightly different in width, no one will notice!



Use as many different colours as you want. The amount of leather you will need will vary depending



Start to roll one of your leather pieces, tightly, at the uncut end. Add each colour as tightly as possible,

on the thickness of your leather and the size of your tassel cap.



checking as you go whether it will fit the cap. When you get to the right size, it will be a snug fit.



Once you have worked out what order to put your colours and have checked they fit the cap when rolled up, unroll them and put a tiny bit of glue along the uncut edge. Don't use too much!

Then carefully roll your leather. Pop a bit more glue on the rolled up end and some in the tassel cap before you push the leather into the cap.



Trim the ends.

If you are using a plain metal cap, you will just need to insert the tiny screw. Use an awl to puncture the leather first to get you started.



If you have a cap with an indented channel around the top, you may want to glue a strip of leather to this. Measure out a strip the correct width and length