

# How Much Leather Do I Need?

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## Leather Conversion Formula

- To convert the pattern yardage to square feet first determine the number of square feet in a yard of fabric. For example, a 54" wide fabric yard contains 13.5 square feet.
- Next multiple 13.5 by the number of yards specified in your pattern.
- To allow for irregularities in the leather, multiple your result by .15 for a large skin or .20 for a small skin.
- I always round up a few square feet to allow for errors.

45" wide fabric contains 1620 square inches or 11.25 square feet.  
54" wide fabric contains 1944 square inches or 13.5 square feet.  
60" wide fabric contains 2160 square inches or 15 square feet.

Example: Pattern calls for 3 yards of 54" fabric  
 $3 \times 13.5 = 40.5$  square feet  
 $40.5 \times .15 = 6.075$  square feet  
 $40.5 + 6.075 = 46.575$  square feet

"Courtesy of Candace West"