

# Raw Hide Gazette

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To show and demonstrate to people outside the Co-Op leather in all forms and try to help them to become interested in leather.

...to share...

time talent, with all others in the Co-Op, especially the young.

## Are You a Leather Burner?

### Episode #6

### How to organize a pile of tips

As Debbie and I accumulate more and more (*and more, we now have 28...!*) tips or "nibs" for pyrography it has become much more difficult to find the correct tip for the job. Debbie asked me to find a case to carry everything in and I found an aluminum case (item #69315) measuring 18" x 13" x 6" which worked for a while but as she added more tools, patterns and accessories there was soon no room for the burner itself. Even though the tips we buy come in little plastic tubes a pile of those is somewhat unruly.

This meant another trip to Harbor Freight (*Oh dang – do I have to?*) to acquire another

case. Of course, Debbie wanted something somewhat smaller than the briefcase sized one she already was carrying, so I purchased another that was 11-1/2" x 7-1/2" x 4-1/2" (item #69316) for about \$14 USD. The size seemed about right and held the burner, tips and handle quite nicely.

Fast forward about a year....

### Picture #1 - See the problem

A few months ago the club members met at Jeff Bemets' house for a holster class and I saw his workbench stamping tool holder which is a large number of 1-1/2" PVC pipe sections glued together. This system gave me the idea I could scale this down to solve my problem. I went out to the chop saw and





cut a piece of 3/4" PVC pipe into a bunch of 1-1/2" long tubes.

**Picture #2 – PVC Tubes**

After placing the burner in the case, I started arranging the tubes into different patterns until I found what I thought would work. I ran it by Debbie (40 odd years of marriage has taught me well in these matters...) and prepared to glue it all into a cohesive block.

**Picture #3 - Layout**

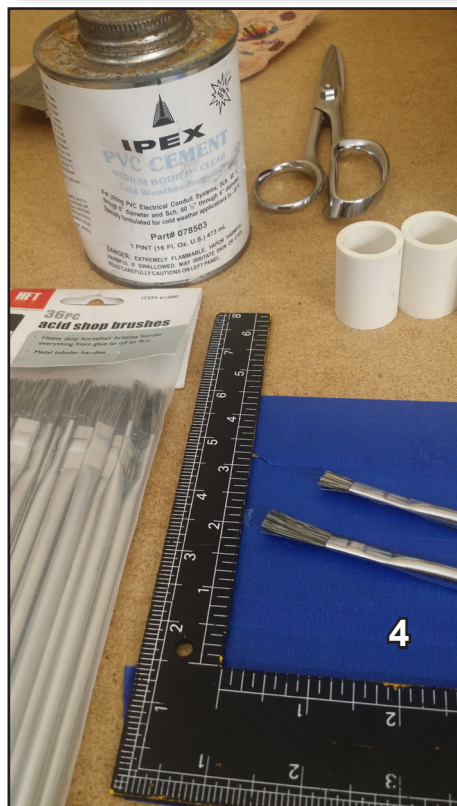
Rather than glue the tubes in the case I used a square on my work table. I protected the work surface with some painters tape in case I was sloppy in my application.

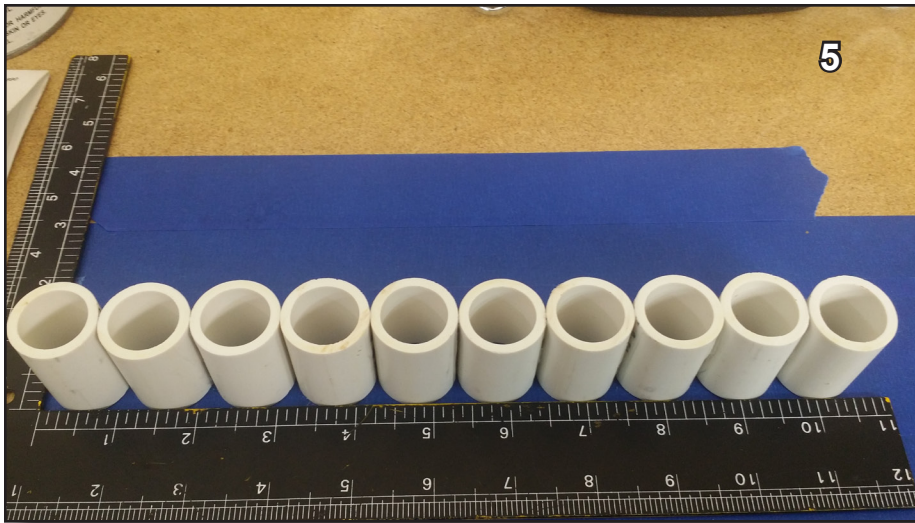


Picture #4 – Square, Tape, Glue and Brushes, Ready to glue

Using clear PVC glue and an acid brush I started gluing the pieces one by one into rows. I have found acid brushes at hardware stores. The brushes are usually horsehair with a crimped metal handle and are cheap enough (32 for \$2.49 from Harbor Freight) to be single use. I trimmed one down to give me a bit more control with the glue but as it turned out I probably could have used the brush at full length just as well.

The idea is to place a brush width (about 3/8") of glue to both adjoining pieces, align



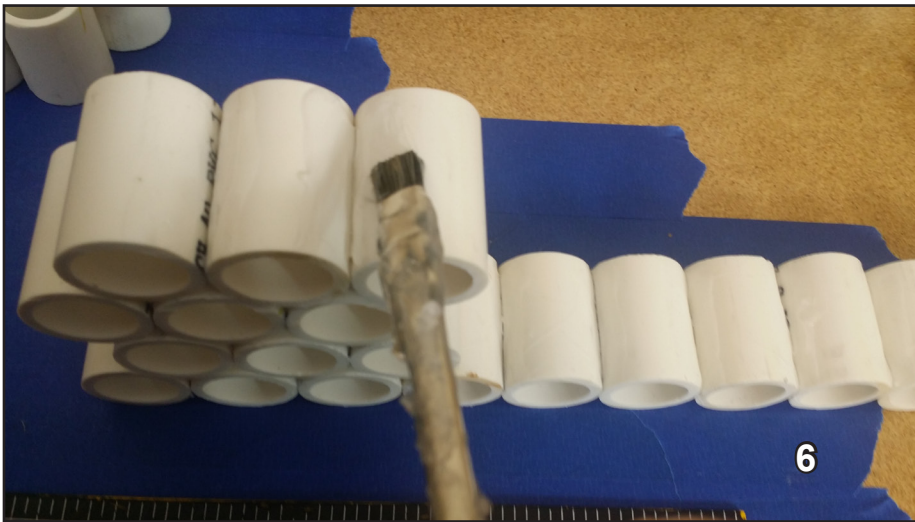


the pieces and press together for a few seconds. Move on to the next piece until you have the number needed for the row.

**Picture #5 – Row of Tubes glued together**

Once you have all of the rows done it is a simple process to turn the sections on their sides and glue the sections together by again applying glue to adjoining pieces (section by section) and checking alignment with your fingers. Make sure to have some paper towels near in case you get some glue where you don't want it (like your fingers!).

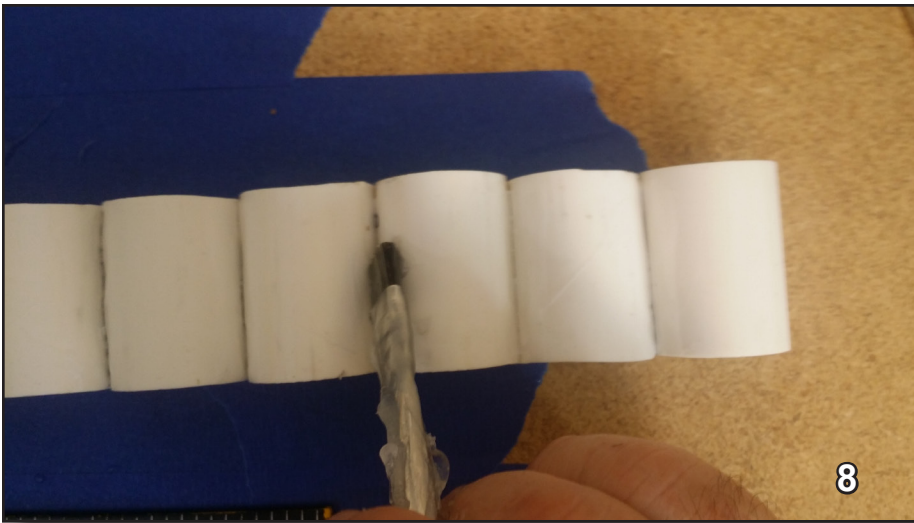
**Picture #6 – Gluing Sections Together**



**Picture #7 – Completed Gluing**

If you have a row that is not glued to other sections just lay it on its side and place a thick application of glue to the joints and leave it to dry. Then flip it over and do the same on the other side. This additional glue will help to provide some structural strength to the joints once it cures.





**Picture #8 - Reinforcing the Joints on Single Row**

Check your fit of the final assembly. If you have made a mistake it may be possible to pry a section or two loose for a few minutes. If not a hobby razor saw (Xacto makes one) will cut through the glue joints quite easily.

**Picture #9 – Problem solved**

All that remains is to draw up a grid with the correct tip number.

Hope to see you all at Pendleton November 2nd – 3rd.

**Roger Kaiser**

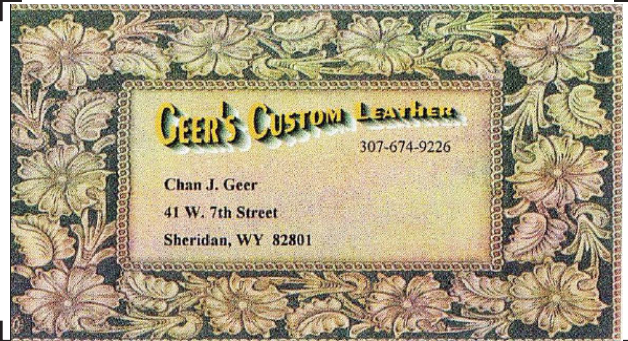


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