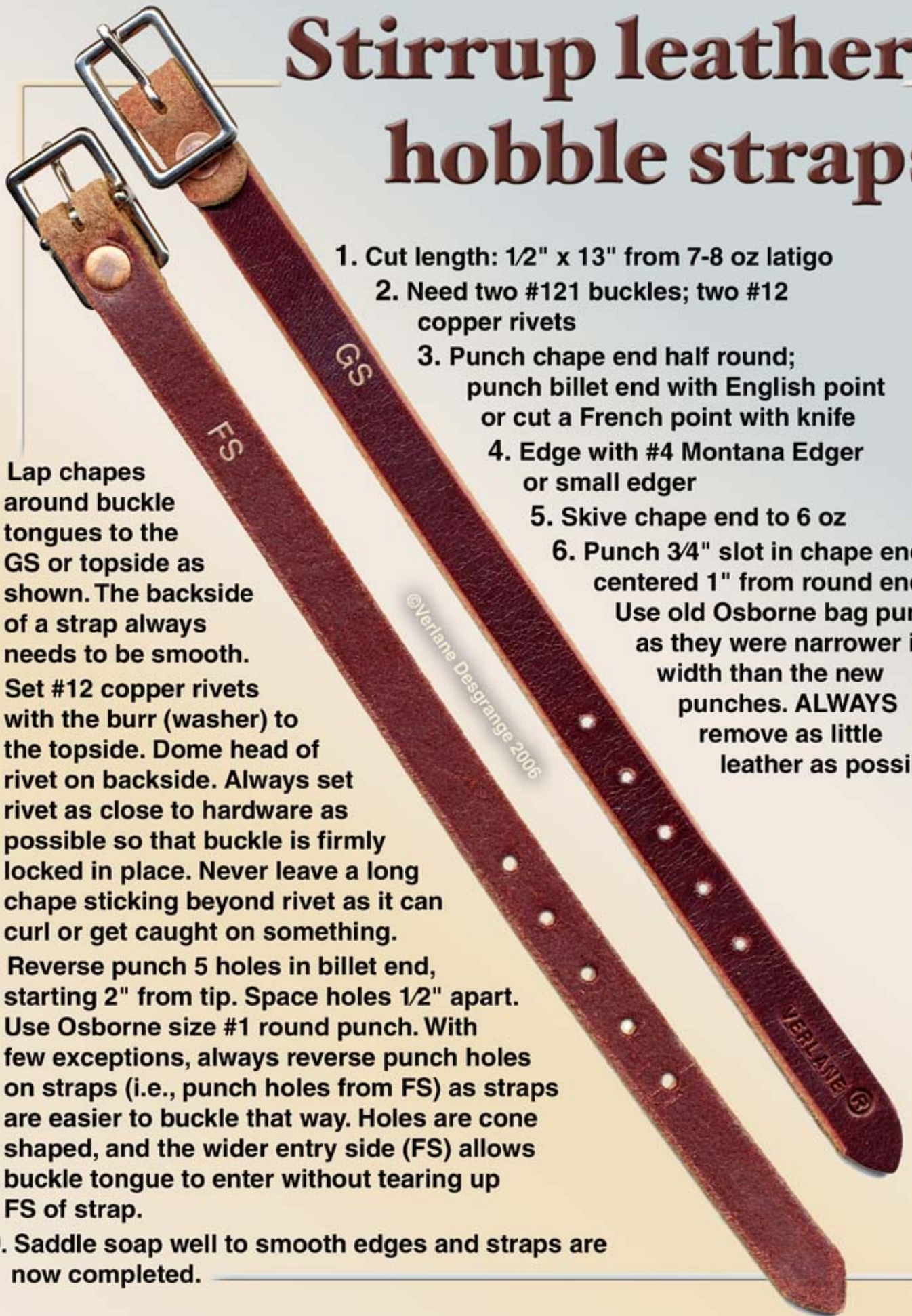


Stirrup leather hobble straps



1. Cut length: 1/2" x 13" from 7-8 oz latigo
2. Need two #121 buckles; two #12 copper rivets
3. Punch chape end half round; punch billet end with English point or cut a French point with knife
4. Edge with #4 Montana Edger or small edger
5. Skive chape end to 6 oz
6. Punch 3/4" slot in chape end centered 1" from round end. Use old Osborne bag punch as they were narrower in width than the new punches. **ALWAYS** remove as little leather as possible.
7. Lap chapes around buckle tongues to the GS or topside as shown. The backside of a strap always needs to be smooth.
8. Set #12 copper rivets with the burr (washer) to the topside. Dome head of rivet on backside. Always set rivet as close to hardware as possible so that buckle is firmly locked in place. Never leave a long chape sticking beyond rivet as it can curl or get caught on something.
9. Reverse punch 5 holes in billet end, starting 2" from tip. Space holes 1/2" apart. Use Osborne size #1 round punch. With few exceptions, always reverse punch holes on straps (i.e., punch holes from FS) as straps are easier to buckle that way. Holes are cone shaped, and the wider entry side (FS) allows buckle tongue to enter without tearing up FS of strap.
10. Saddle soap well to smooth edges and straps are now completed.