

Pocher Leather seats guide



Thanks for purchasing this leather piece, you will find in this guide an easy way to make your own leather seats, to your beautiful pocher car.

All the tools you will need are: a sharp knife, a regular craftsman glue (transparent) this glue is used for fabric or paper, it is a thick glue who takes about 5-10 to get dry., you will also need a regular kitchen knife, a ruler, and a piece of thin light foam (you can buy this material in any upholstery store). If you want to use the original plastic seats of your Pocher kit, this guide is also useful, or you can make your own balsa wood seats, and then cover them with leather (This is almost necessary for the Rolls Royce sedanca).

Well, good luck and if you have any doubts please let me know.
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Best regards



Step 1. Balsa seats

If you are going to build your own balsa wood seats, you will have to buy some balsa wood pieces and join them (if you can make the seat in one piece) and cut it just at the same size of the plastic seat in your pocher kit. This is very important, you can make it a little small, but never bigger than that because it won't fit inside your car.



Step 1. Balsa seats

Check the finished piece with the plastic one, just to be sure that both are of the same size.



Step 2. Light foamy layer

You will have to cut a piece of light foam with the same size and shape of your seat.



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Once you have the piece cut, you will have to measure the size of each seat lines. You can do this with a ruler, and all of them have to be the same wide.



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Then cut the foamy in slices just where you marked the lines.

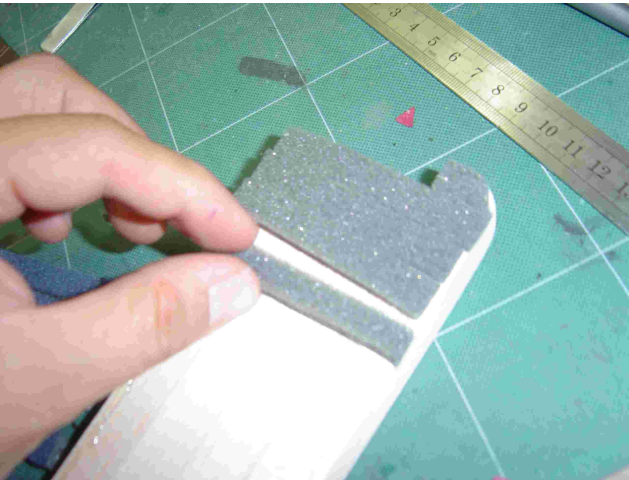


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You will have your piece like in the picture.

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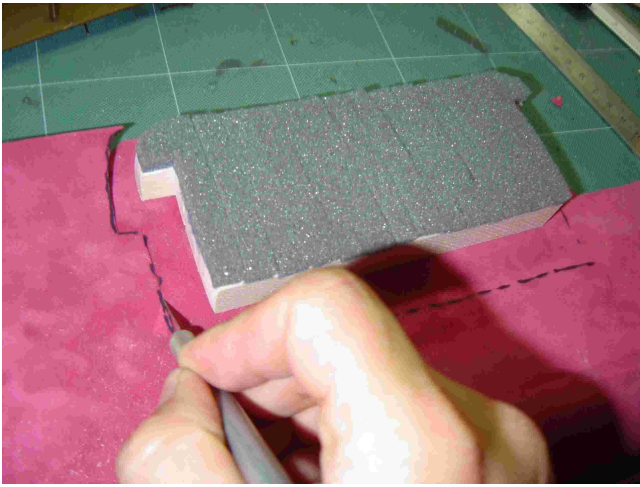
Now you will apply two lines of glue all along the seat, just to fix the foamy slices to the seat.



Step 3. Cutting the leather

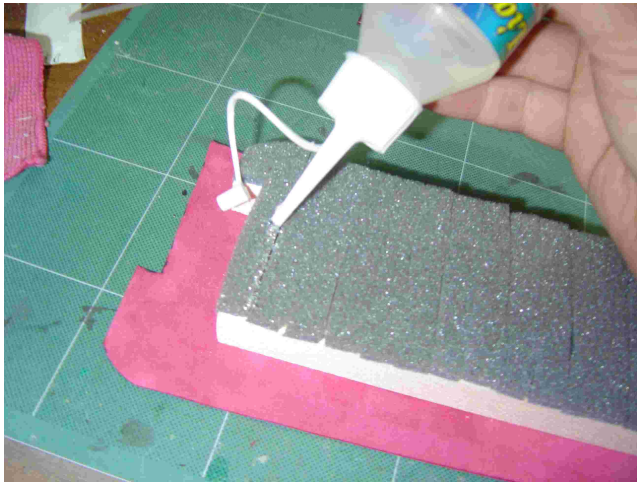
Once you have finished with the foamy, you will have to cut the leather piece to cover the seat, in the picture I cut the leather about 1 cm bigger than the seat. **¡¡THIS IS WRONG!!** Please cut the leather piece about 2 cms. bigger in each side, because of the round lines of the seat you will use more leather than you think.





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So Mark the leather 2 cms. bigger than the seat and cut it with a sharp knife.



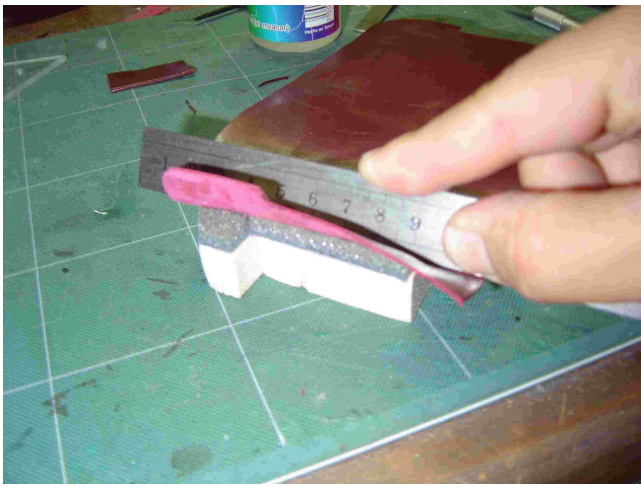
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Once you have the leather piece, apply one line of glue in the first line of the foamy, JUST the first line.



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Then put the leather in place, leaving just 1 cm. off the seat. !!THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT DO NOT ALIGN THE LEATHER PIECE TO THE CENTER OF THE SEAT!! Just leave 1 cm in the side you are begging with. At the end you will see why.



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Then then with the ruler apply a good presure on the line so the glue will work on the seat and not on the foamy. Once again the glue gives you enough time to correct any mistake, and to do this carefully. Try to apply the presure for 30 sec. or more. THE GLUE won't be dried but don't worry you can keep working on the next lines, Once you finished all the lines of the seat, Please apply presure with your ruler once again to each line, just to be sure.



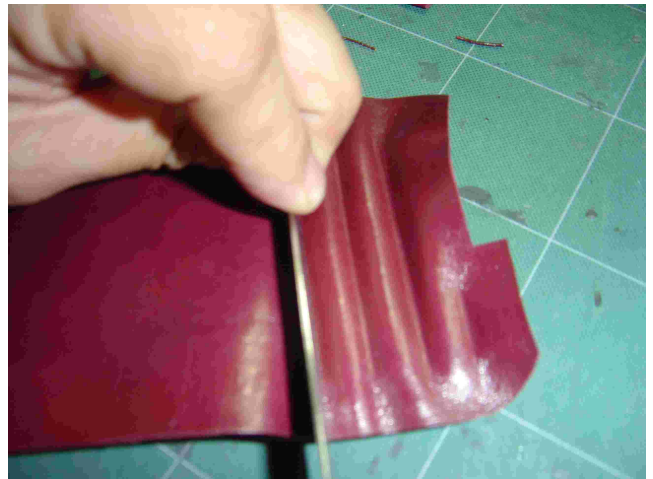
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Now that the first line is ready you can apply a second line of glue between the next slices, and then repeat the previous step.



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Your seat will be looking like this one in the picture just repeat the steps for each line. Do it carefully.





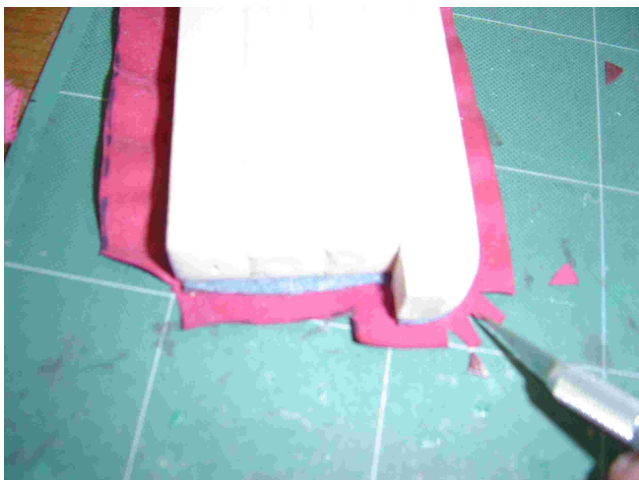
Step 5. Making the sawings.

To simulate the sawings of your seat, you will have to use a regular jagged edge kitchen knife.



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With the knife you will have to make good pressure on each line, the knife will make small holes in the leather and this holes will look like the sawing of the seat. This gives a nice realistic looking on your seats.

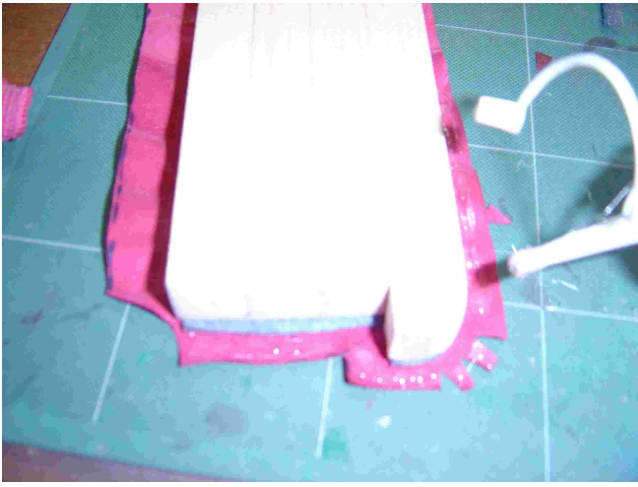


Step 6. Covering the seat

Now you will have to cover the seat with the remaining leather on all the sides the seats. That's why you will need the leather piece bigger. In the corners and in the round parts you will have to make a few cuts, to make easier the covering with the leather.

Step 6. Covering the seat

Now apply a line of glue on the inside of the leather, and then little by little go and cover your seat, Look at the picture.



Step 7. Sides and piping of the seat

Some modelers apply a thin piping to the edges of the seats, this is very difficult to make.

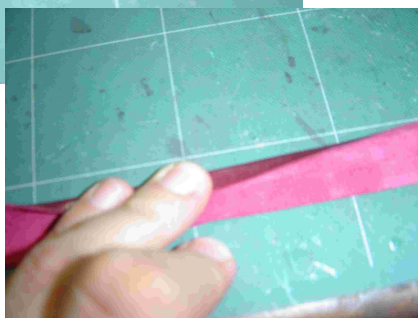
Here is a very easy way to avoid that piping.

Just cut a large piece of leather, long enough to cover all the side we want to cover and 5mm more than wide to cover the height of the seat. We will fold this part.



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Apply a line of glue on this piece and then glue it like in the pictures.



You will have something like this.





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Then it's time to glue this piece to the seat, apply enough glue to the inside and then start applying it to the seat.



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Glue this piece a couple of inches at a time, don't try to glue it all at once.

The folding piece look like piping on the final seat.



CONGRATULATIONS, YOU ARE NOW AN EXPERT IN MAKING LEATHER SEATS FOR YOUR POCHEr CARS.

You just have to repeat all the steps for each seat, you can also make your door covers, you know how to make them look like the real ones.

In the Rolls Royce Sedanca, you will have to make two extra pieces for the rear seat. You can use this same method to cover them. And for the front seats you can use some tin pieces to make the seats move.



Some specific information on other Pocher Kits.

I will try to help you in each Pocher Kit.

Alfa Romeo.- For the Spider, Monza and Muletto, you can just cover the plastic seat, and with the kitchen knife just mark the sawing, you can cut a thin stripe of leather and glue it like a little pipe. And this pipe looks very nice in the border of the seat.

For the spider you can make your own seat or use the ones with the kit and cover them using this method.

Mercedes.- For the K91, you can cover the plastic seats, but in this car I recommend to use light foamy, because the plastic seats look too square and unreal, This seat is very easy to make with this method. For the other Mercedes you can use the spring seats and cover them using this method or you have 2 more options. You can make the balsa wood seats, or you can buy a Resin seats at www.modelmotorcars.com. In any case you can apply what you have learned here.

Bugatti.- In this case you can just replace the ugly vinyl provided in the kit for leather and making the seats like in the instructions, or you can make your own balsa seats, based on other Bugatti, you can find a lot of pictures in the internet.

Rolls Royce.- For the sedanca and ambassador is more than clear here, for the Torpedo you can also cover the plastic seats with light foamy inside. The plastic seats look too square, the real seats are more rounded.

Fiat.- In this case just cover the plastic seats with leather and try to mark the sawings with the knife, One thing you can do with these seats is to drill holes in the seat and put some golden round head pins in each hole, this look very nice, like an old sofa.