

LRstitched Tutorials | Leather Tassel Keychain



Supplies:

- 6" x 6" piece of leather, 3.5oz weight or less
- guttermann glue or similar heavy strength fabric glue (E6000 will work)
- sharp scissors
- rotary cutter + mat + ruler
- 1.5" lobster claw clasp or key ring
- fabric marker
- pony tail holder



Step One | Cut Tassel Pieces

From your 6" square of leather cut:

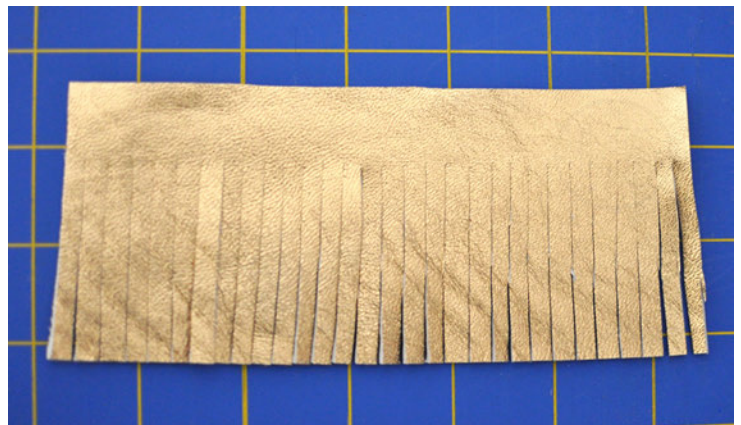
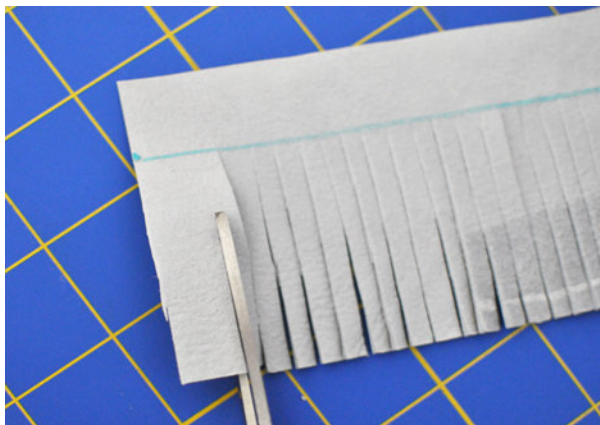
- (1) piece measuring $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 6"
- (2) pieces measuring 2.75" x 6"



Step Two | Create Fringe

With your ruler and fabric pen, take one of your 2.75" x 6" rectangles and mark a line $\frac{3}{4}$ " down along the 6" side of the rectangle.

Take your scissors and cut fringe at your desired width (between $\frac{1}{8}$ " and $\frac{1}{4}$ ") evenly across this piece.



Step Three | Create Key Chain Loop

Lay your $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 6" piece wrong side up and run a thin bead of glue from top to bottom. Carefully thread the strip through your lobster clasp or key ring and fold over, matching up ends. Finger press well. Use your scissors to snip a line through the middle, stopping $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the bottom of the clasp or key ring.



Step Four | Create the Tassel Base

Lay your fringed 2.75" x 6" rectangle wrong side up with fringe on the left. Run a thin bead of glue from top to bottom on the uncut side of the leather.

Place the key chain loop you created in step three onto the fringed piece. Arrange so that it overhangs by $\frac{1}{4}$ " past the right side of the fringed piece and so that the long edge of the loop and the short edge of the fringed piece are aligned.

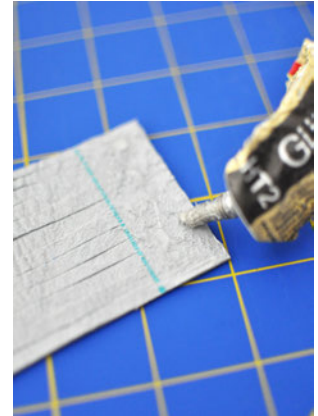
Tightly roll the fringed piece over the key chain loop, continuing to the end of the fringed piece. Be careful to keep the right edge lined up and the roll neat. Secure with the ponytail holder to hold everything in place. Set aside to dry for at least 30 min.



Step Five | Cut the Tassel Outer

Once your tassel base has dried, remove the elastic holder. Wrap the remaining 2.75" x 6" piece (uncut) around the tassel base you have created. Wrap tightly and use your fabric pen to make a dot where the leather meets. Cut down to size.

Repeat step 2 and create fringe for the outer layer of the tassel. Add a thin bead of glue.



Step Six | Attach the Outer to the Base Tassel

Center your base tassel onto the tassel outer, making sure the key ring loop is laying flat and the edges are aligned.

Starting on the end closest to you, tightly pull the outer around the tassel base and press into place. Repeat with the other side, pulling tightly so that the two edges meet nicely. Add a small dab of glue if needed to get the edges of the outer layer to lay neatly. Replace the elastic and allow the tassel to dry.



All Finished!

Enjoy your new leather tassel! Clip onto your keychain or add some bling to a clutch or handbag. They can be addicting to make and I'm sure you'll think of lots of ways to use them!

I'd love to see what you've made. Tag with **#lrstitched** on social media or feel free to add to the LRstitched flickr group. <https://www.flickr.com/groups/lrstitched>

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or find an error.

xo *Lindsey*

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