

Steps In Brain Tanning

Skins are often prepared using plants that contain tannin compounds, giving the term tanning. However, Indigenous people in BC, Canada and elsewhere traditionally have used different chemical ingredients. The results provides an exceptionally soft, durable and waterproof leather or hide.

The goals of preparing hides are to remove water from the skin, prevent decay, flexibility make it waterproof.

Technique, materials	Time	Intended results
1. Soaking		
2. Cleaning		
3. Stretching		
4. Fleshing		
5. Scraping and thinning		

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6. Prepare brain emulsion		
7. Brain treatment		
8. Soaking		
9. Drying		
10. Softening		
11. Smoking		