



# MICHAEL ANDERSON

## Senior Leather Artisan

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### SUMMARY

Craftsmanship in leather saddlery is exemplified through an extensive career dedicated to the art of leatherworking. With over a decade of experience, this artisan has honed skills that merge traditional techniques with contemporary design principles. Expertise encompasses the creation of bespoke saddles, harnesses, and leather accessories, ensuring each piece meets the highest standards of quality and functionality.

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Senior Leather Artisan Equestrian Innovations

Jan 2023 - Present

- Designed and produced custom saddles tailored to client specifications, enhancing rider comfort and performance.
- Implemented quality control measures that reduced product defects by 30% over two years.
- Collaborated with equestrian professionals to develop innovative saddle designs that address specific riding needs.
- Trained junior artisans in advanced leatherworking techniques, fostering a culture of craftsmanship.
- Managed inventory and procurement of high-quality leather materials, optimizing cost-efficiency.
- Presented leatherwork at industry trade shows, increasing brand visibility and customer engagement.

#### Leather Craftsman Heritage Leather Co.

Jan 2020 - Dec 2022

- Crafted a range of leather goods, including bags and belts, utilizing traditional techniques to ensure durability.
  - Conducted market research to identify trends and customer preferences, leading to a 25% increase in sales.
  - Maintained workshop equipment and tools, ensuring optimal performance and safety standards.
  - Participated in community workshops to educate the public on leather care and craftsmanship.
  - Developed a client feedback system that improved product iterations based on consumer insights.
  - Led a project to revamp the product line, resulting in a successful launch of 15 new items.
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### EDUCATION

#### Bachelor of Fine Arts in Leather Design, University of Leathercraft, 2014

Sep 2019 - Oct 2020

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Technical Skills:** leatherworking, design, quality control, project management, customer relations, training
- **Awards/Activities:** Received the National Leather Craftsmanship Award for outstanding design in 2021.
- **Awards/Activities:** Increased customer satisfaction ratings to 95% through enhanced product quality and service.
- **Awards/Activities:** Successfully launched an online store, boosting sales by 40% within the first year.
- **Languages:** English, Spanish, French