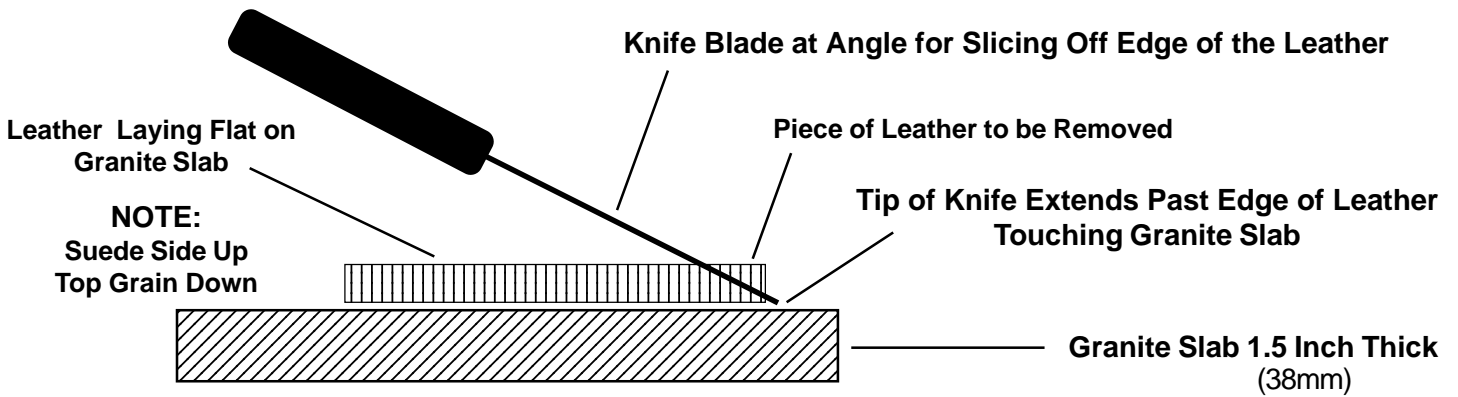


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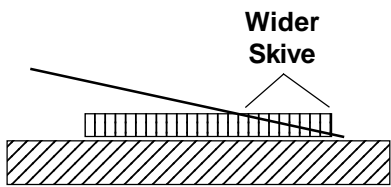
Skiving: Slicing or Cutting at an Angle on the Edge of a Piece of Leather to Reduce the Thickness.

Having a Razor Sharp Edge on Your Knife is the **ESSENTIAL** First Step for Skiving Leather.

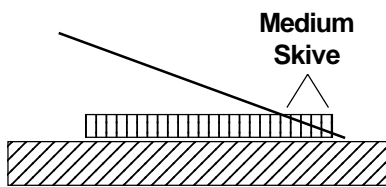


- Side View:**
- .. Leather on Granite Slab
 - .. Positioning the Knife Blade Edge on Leather
 - .. Tip of Knife Touching Granite Slab

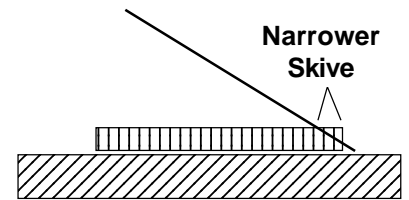
Granite or Glass makes the best surface for Skiving. A thinner piece will work, but it will be more fragile and may crack.



**Low Angle of Knife
Wider Skive**



**Medium Angle of Knife
Medium Skive**



**High Angle of Knife
Narrower Skive**



Right Hand: Holding the Knife and Guiding to Control Angle and Depth of Cut.

Left Hand: Index Finger Pushing Knife Smoothly, Other Fingers Hold Leather In Place.



- Index Finger Pushing Knife Blade
- McKay Knife
- Granite Slab
- Hard Smooth Surface for Skiving

Skiving Leather by Hand

Tips for Skiving

Skiving or Beveling the Edge of Leather Requires **EXTREMELY Sharp Knife**

Granite Slab or Glass Works Best for a Hard Smooth Cutting Surface

Always Skive On the Flesh Side of the Leather
Place the Leather with the Top Grain Down

You Can Make Multiple Passes for Wider Skive

**Knife Blade Past Edge of Leather
Barely Touching the Granite Cutting Surface**

Close Up of Leather Edge Removal



Hold the Knife at a Steady Angle and **PUSH** or **DRAW** Along the Edge of the Leather... Slicing Off the Edge.



1. **Position Edge of Knife Parallel to Edge of Leather**



2. **Rotate Edge of Knife Slightly Start Cutting the Leather at Angle**



3. **Continue Cutting with Steady Movement and Even Pressure**



4. **Use Index Finger of Other Hand to Push Knife Blade with Smooth Motion**