



• CRAFT/PROFESSION

Sylvain BARGEHR is a leather craftsman. He uses leather imported from New Zealand to create items for practical use.

He works only with leather tanned naturally and sustainably using the ancient wood bark method.

He makes all his models by hand, cutting out the pieces, using alcohol and natural pigment based dyes and embossing the leather to create relief designs.



• BACKGROUND

Sylvain began working with leather in 1993 in Martinique.

A self-taught craftsman, he set up his business in 1998 and sells his goods at Noumea's municipal market. Sylvain shows his work at New Caledonia's many trade shows and fairs and also works to order.

• INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

Sylvain designs and makes items for practical use, such as belts, handbags and sheaths for machetes. He ornaments his designs with hand-embossed patterns or decorative details in wood or Rusa deer horn.

Sylvain's work has a real outback feel, with pieces featuring rawhide leather, shades of natural brown and the iconic traditional designs of New Caledonia's bush cowboy culture.