

# Rawhide Mallets

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A rawhide mallet has a head of compressed rawhide that strikes firmly yet softly, without marking fine wood, leather and metals. It is the traditional mallet for chisels, forming and projects where a hard hammer would bruise the work.

## Key Features

- Rawhide coil heads
- Weights 250-900 g
- Soft, non-marring impact
- Replaceable heads
- Balanced handles

## Typical Uses in the Workshop

- Strike woodworking chisels softly
- Form leather and soft metals
- Seat joints without bruising
- Tap veneer and fine parts

## Safe Operation

1. Select the weight for the work
2. Strike with controlled blows
3. Keep the face square to the work
4. Replace the head as it wears
5. Store away from moisture

## SAFETY NOTES

- Do not use rawhide on sharp tools that cut it
- Keep the mallet dry - wet rawhide softens
- Check the head is secure
- Keep hands clear of the strike zone
- Store in a dry tool box

#### Maintenance & Consumables

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- Dry the mallet after use
- Check the head coils for cracking
- Replace worn heads
- Oil the handle lightly
- Store hanging or flat

#### Specification & Buying Notes

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A 400-600 g rawhide with a replaceable head covers woodwork and light forming. Quality coils last; keep a spare head in stock.