



**FOR HER** **Leather Forever** One afternoon Clayton Wright and her boyfriend decided to play around with leather. He made cuffs and belts; she made luggage tags. She gave a hot-pink hand-painted skull-and-crossbones stamped tag to a friend, who wore it on her purse. Bingo. Orders started coming in. "It's rolling on its own," says Wright, 34, who never expected her funky tags to turn into a business, **DeadBeat Leather**.

Now, besides luggage tags, she's making diaper tags stamped with baby feet; skull-and-crossbones buckles; flasks, wrist cuffs, checkbook covers, belts, and dog collars. Besides skull-and-crossbones and baby-feet stamps, there's a flower, butterfly, music notes, buffalo skulls, longhorns, and a sunflower. Colors include red, pink, black, light blue, green, and white. If you can dream it in leather, she can custom make it in any color.

"The DeadBeat line is feminine but has a kick to it," Wright says. "I grew up a tomboy and my favorite T-shirt had a girl softball player on it. I had to wear a dress once a week, and I cried when I had to put it on. I played with trucks, and my Barbie had a Mo-hawk." We're not surprised.

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Clockwise from top left: hand-tooled, hand-stitched luggage tags embossed with skull and crossbones (\$20), small keychain flask (1 fluid ounce, embossed with stars—great for mouthwash—\$25), medium flask (6 fluid ounces, \$35), large flask (9 fluid ounces, \$45), wrist cuff with skull and crossbones (\$45).

