

TEQUILA



INSTRUCTIONS

Materials:

I used 8-9 oz leather for the back panel and straps (can be thicker if you want). The important part is that this leather has to look good at the flesh side after burnishing. Try burnishing the flesh side on a small piece and decide if you like it.

For the gusset and the front panel - 4-6 oz, firmer temper.

For the flap - again, something thick and firm, like 8-9 oz. Thinner and softer leathers won't really work here. When closing the bag you will be pressing against the flap to fasten the button stud and the leather should give support for this.

Hardware:

1 x 1" buckle

5 x button studs

1 x rivet

Tools:

Scissors, knife (paper knife or rotary cutter would also work).

Stitching irons: my pattern is made for 5.2mm stitching irons (5 stitches per inch).

Needles - according to your thread size, a pair of harness needles.

1" bag punch (oblong). Hole punches. A button hole punch would be helpful.

Mallet.

Instructions:

Print the pattern at actual size (100%). Use the reference on top of each page to make sure everything is printed correctly. Join the pages together. Cut the pieces.

I recommend burnishing all the edges. Also mark the bottom of the back panel - this is where you will be stitching the buckle strap in.

Make 5 strap keepers: adjust the length so they sit very tight.





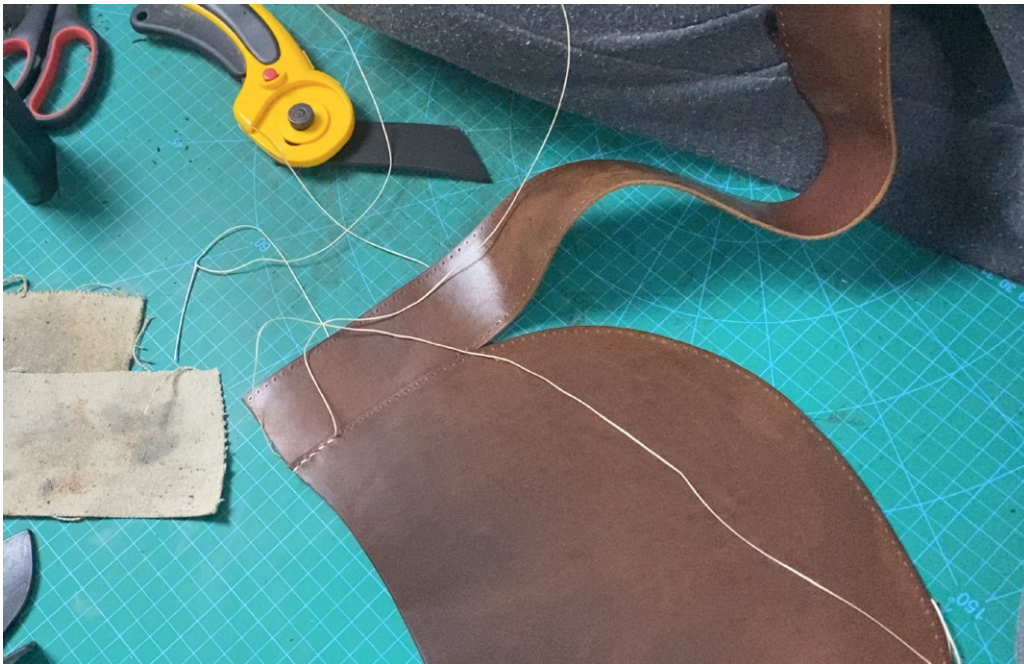


Burnish the flesh side of the loops and edges on the back panel (everything outside the stitching line).

(Sorry for the dog hair everywhere - it's all the dog's fault).



Stitch the gusset to the front panel with overlapping stitch, front panel being on top.



Stitch the assembled front panel +gusset to the back panel. Keep in mind that back panel seam has 1 more stitching hole on each end to secure the edges of the gusset.



Stitch the flap on - note that this time both seamlines on the flap and on the back panel have the same amount of holes so we are not securing the edge and not stitching over it.





Bonus! How to get rid of dog hair that got stuck in the seams:



Install the buckle. There is nothing tricky to this part, insert a strap keeper between the buckle and the rivet and install the rivet normally :)



Buckle up the closure strap.



Install the button stud on the flap.



Install the straps: On the ends that are attached to the bag, the button studs are installed on the flesh side. It's convenient to pass them through first :)
After that the attachment is secured with a strap keeper.





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