



ZIPPER LAPTOP BAG TUTORIAL



MATERIALS

7-9TSQFT OF LEATHER 4-6OZ (I USED 5.5OZ CHROME TANNED).

WAXED THREAD (I USED 1MM RITZA TIGER THREAD “CIGAR”

(14) 7MM JIFFY CAP RIVETS

(1) 1.25” WIDE X 20” LENGTH ZIPPER (CAN BE LONGER AND TRIMMED)

(2) 3/4” D RINGS

TOOLS

-1.5MM STITCHING PUNCH IF USING A MULTIPUNCH THE DISTANCE IS SET AT 6MM

-2.5MM PUNCH FOR SETTING RIVETS

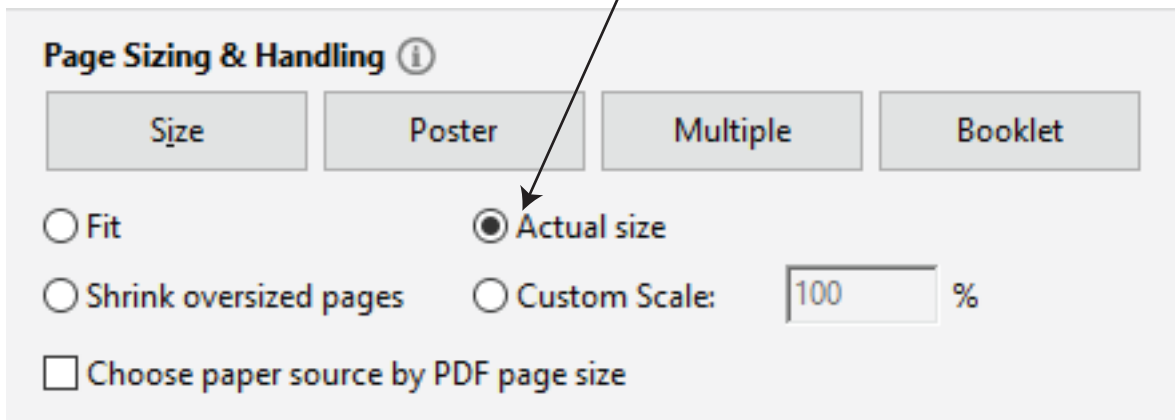
-HAMMER

-KNIFE

-TAPE

-BAND AIDS (IT HAPPENS)

**1. PRINT PATTERN USING ADOBE ACROBAT
READER - PRINT SIZE ACTUAL SIZE, OR 100%**



**MAKE SURE YOUR PRINT MATCHES THE CALIBRATION
SHEET KEY ON THE PATTERN**

**2. TAPE PATTERN ONTO LEATHER, I PREFER
ON THE FLESH SIDE TO NOT RUIN ANY FINISH ON
YOUR LEATHER.**

**3. PUNCH OUT HOLES USING A 1.5MM PUNCH
SPACING IS SET AT 6MM (WHEN APPLICABLE) AND
RIVET HOLES ARE SET AT 2.5MM**

4. ATTACH THE INTERIOR HANDLES TO THE INSIDE OF THE HANDLES, FOLD AND STITCH TOGETHER AFTER YOU ARE FINISHED IF THEY ARE NOT FLUSH, SAND DOWN THE HANDLES TILL YOU HAVE A SMOOTH GRIP.



5. ATTACH THE D RING HOLDERS USING 2 RIVETS AND THE D RING TO THE SIDE GUSSET.



6. ATTACH THE BOTTOM SUPPORT TO THE INTERIOR (SUEDE) SIDE OF THE GUSSET. MAKE SURE THE PIECES ARE FLESH SIDE TO FLESH SIDE SO THE TOP SIDE OF THE HIDE IS SHOWING. YOU CAN GLUE THIS PART AS WELL IF YOU WOULD LIKE, OTHERWISE STITCHING IS SUFFICIENT.



7. SLIP THE HANDLE IN THE SUPPORT PIECE AND RIVET THE BAG SUPPORT AND HANDLES TO THE FACE SIDE OF THE FRONT AND BACK OF THE BAG. STITCH THE SUPPORTS ON JUST AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM ROWS, LEAVE THE SIDE EMPTY FOR NOW.



8. USING GLUE OR DOUBLE SIDED TAPE, SET YOUR ZIPPER AND STITCH IT ON USING THE MOST INTERIOR SIDE OF THE HOLES. THE ZIPPER SHOULD NOT COVER THE EXTERIOR HOLES AS THOSE WILL BE USED LATER.



9. STARTING AT THE MIDDLE TOP PORTION OF THE ZIPPER, ATTACH TO THE BAGS TOP GUSSET ALL THE WAY AROUND. MAKE SURE YOU START AT THE MIDDLE FOR BOTH SIDES SO ITS EVEN.



**10. STITCH THE 2 GUSSETS TOGETHER JUST ALONG
THE CURVED PATH**



10. ATTACH THE LAPTOP SLEEVE TO THE INTERIOR OF THE FRONT OF THE BAG. NEXT ATTACH THE CELL-PHONE POCKET TO THE V SHAPED POCKET. THE HOLES ON THE V SHAPED POCKET IS INTENDED FOR A PEN STRAP. SINCE EVERYONE USES DIFFERENT SIZE PENS, OR OTHER THINGS THEY WANT IN THIS STRAP, THAT PIECE IS NOT INCLUDED. TAKE A STRIP OF LEATHER 1" WIDE AND PUT YOUR FAVORITE PENS OR WHAT YOU WANT TO CARRY IN THE BAG IN BETWEEN THE HOLES. MARK YOUR LEATHER AND PUNCH 6MM SPACED HOLES (4 OF THEM) INTO THE LEATHER AND STITCH TO THE BAG.



10. NOW ITS TIME TO ASSEMBLE THE BAG, CHECK AGAIN YOU FOLLOWED ALL THE STEPS WITH THE D RING, ZIPPER, AND INTERIOR POCKETS. NO GOING BACK AFTER WE START THIS NEXT PART.

10. ON THE TOP SIDE OF THE ZIPPER GUSSET YOU WILL NOTICE RIGHT IN THE CENTER THE HOLES ARE SPACED A BIT FURTHER THAN 6MM, THIS WILL BE YOUR LINE UP SPOT. IF YOU DID NOT PUNCH YOUR HOLES EXACT AND CANT FIND IT, REFERENCE THE TEMPLATE YOU PRINTED. IT IS IMPORTANT YOU MAKE THIS STITCH STARTING IN THE DEAD CENTER OF THE BAG SO IT DOESNT COME OUT ALL WONKY. DO THIS TO BOTH SIDES OF THE GUSSET AND YOU ARE DONE! MAKE SURE TO HAVE THE GUSSET FEED UNDER THE FACE (SHOWN IN NEXT PHOTOS)



10. TIP - WHEN GETTING NEAR THE END OF THE FINAL STITCH OPEN THE ZIPPER TO GIVE YOURSELF AMPLE ROOM TO GET IN AND FINISH THE INTERIOR STICH.



FINISHED PRODUCT

