

ACC-139 Sac à Dépêches briefcase making tutorial

Here is the tutorial of how to make Hermes Sac à Dépêches briefcase, there are maybe some tiny difference between the pattern in picture and pattern in pdf, because we had optimized the pattern after test making.

The finished measurement is about: 15.7" x 11.8" x 4.3" (40cm x 30cm x 11cm).

You can have the hardware kit here:

<https://www.leathercraftpattern.com/Hermes-Sac-a-Depeches-briefcase-pattern-pdf-download>

Material:

Leather:

2.0mm leather about 7 sq.ft

1.5mm leather about 1 sq.ft

1.0mm leather about 3 sq.ft

0.6mm regenerator leather, about 3 sq.ft

Please understand: there are so many kinds of leather in the market for choose. If the leather you use is thinner than advised data, you can add spunlace or stiffener's thickness.

Skill tips:

There are some skill tips that I was asked frequently, let's introduce them to you at first.

Tip 1: Why use spunlace?

For vegetable tanned leather, we use tragacanth gum to deal with the flesh side, but for chrome tanned leather, full glue spunlace on flesh side is a better way, that will strength the leather effectively, and normally the spunlace is smaller than leather edge about 1cm, when you thin the 1cm and sew the bag, there will be very nice looking bump effect.

Tip 2: Where is the regenerated leather to be used?

Regenerated leather is used between surface and lining leather, if you use soft and thin leather to make a bag, a piece of strong regenerated leather will support it a nice look. It is also used on bottom frequently, to make the bottom strong enough. Of course, regenerated leather is smaller than edge too, normally 1cm.

Tip 3: Can I use leather to replace spunlace and regenerated leather?

Yes, if you want the stiffener more than 2mm thick, leather is the best choice. If you want a 0.3mm stiffener, anyhow, spunlace or regenerate leather is the best choice, because it is so hard to thin leather into 0.3mm

Tip 4: What's bending glue skill? Must I use bending glue tool to do this work?

Please read this instruction:

<https://www.leathercraftpattern.com/leather-bag-sewing-how-to-sew-leather-bag-bag-pattern-leathercraft-leather-tool/how-to-sew-leather-leather-sewing-skill-instruction/how-to-do-bending-glue-tutorial>

Bending glue tool will make you complete the work efficiently, but for a skilled leather worker, bending glue by hand is OK.

Tip 5: Is an electronic creaser machine is needed?

If you want your leather work looks better, you need it, I like FN2 tip very much, I use it to draw decoration lines almost everywhere.

Tutorial

This bag is very simple, so we only offer key steps, You MUST thin edge before sewing for this bag, or it will be very thick.



Step 1: Glue one piece of A15 with same size vegetable tanned leather.



Step 2: Bend glue stiffener on vegetable tanned leather. Here is the link where you can get the stiffener: <https://www.leathercraftpattern.com/Leather-supplies/handle-core-cord/rubber-handle-core-cord-3-sizes>



Step 3: Glue the other piece of A15 with vegetable tanned leather, shape by bone creaser, and finally cut off redundant leather, paint oil and wait for use.



Step 4: Glue half part regenerated leather on flesh side of A18.



Step 5: Fold and glue A18.



Step 6: Sew the key holder, and paint oil on edge.



Step 7: Glue a piece of A13 with regenerated leather, here I use 1.0mm leather, so I use 1.0mm regenerated leather, if you use 2.0mm leather, no need regenerated leather.



Step 8: Glue A14 on and here I add a piece of strengthen tape on hole places.



Step 9: Glue the other piece of A13 on, shape by bone creaser, make marks of holes.



Step 10: Sew around and install 3 eyelets, the strap is done.



Step 11: Cut 2 pieces of A16 and 2 pieces of A17, I add strengthen tape on regenerated leather.



Step 12: Fold A16 and wrap A17 in. Thin edge of A16 before folding.



Step 13: Glue A06 on flesh side of A05, install lock on A05, glue a piece of tape to prevent scratches.



Step 14: Glue with A07, A07 can be larger than A05.



Step 15: Cut redundant A07 by use pattern, the front pouch is done. The process to make back pouch is same as the steps above, just without hardware.



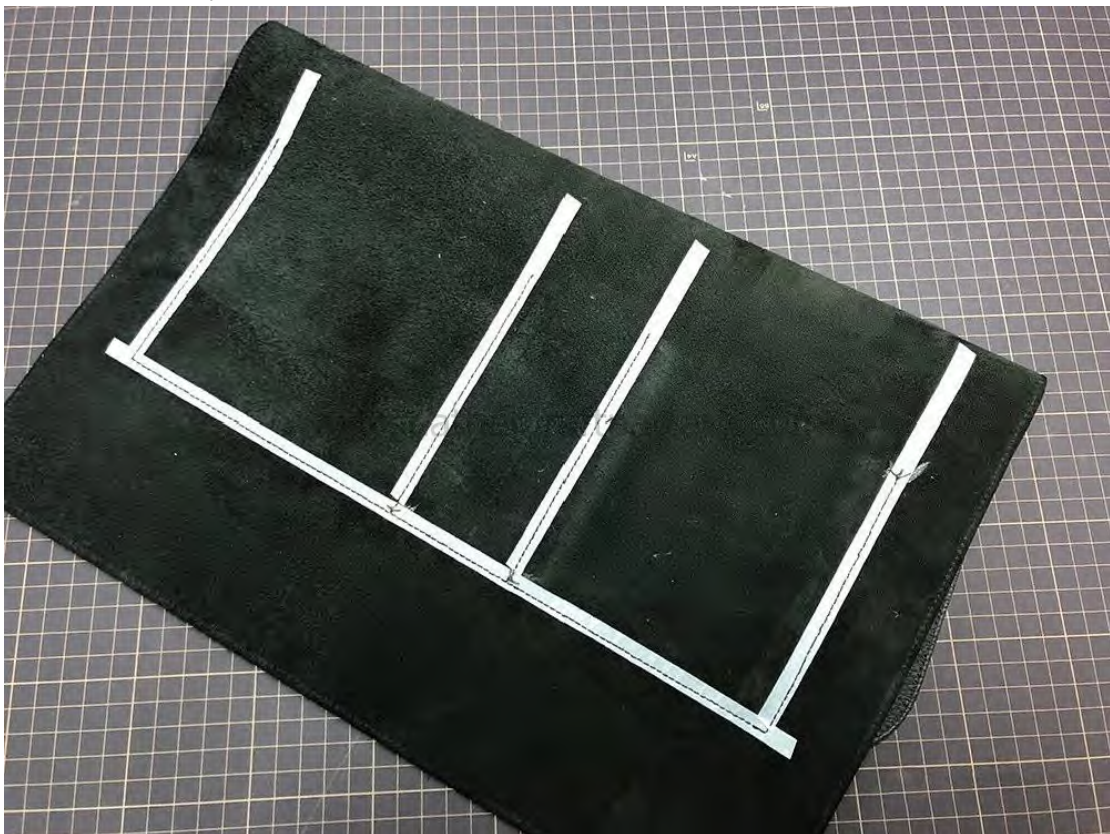
Step 16: Cut A03 by pattern.



Step 17: Cut A04 by pattern, punch chisel holes.



Step 18: Sew A04 on A03, here I add some strengthen tape on flesh side of A03, then the thread won't scatter easily.



Step 19: Cut A02 by pattern A01. I had optimized the pattern in pdf, add A02 pattern.





Step 20: Punch handle holes on A01.





Step 21: Install rivet with Steel bar and A16, you can replace steel bar with plastic bar or leather.

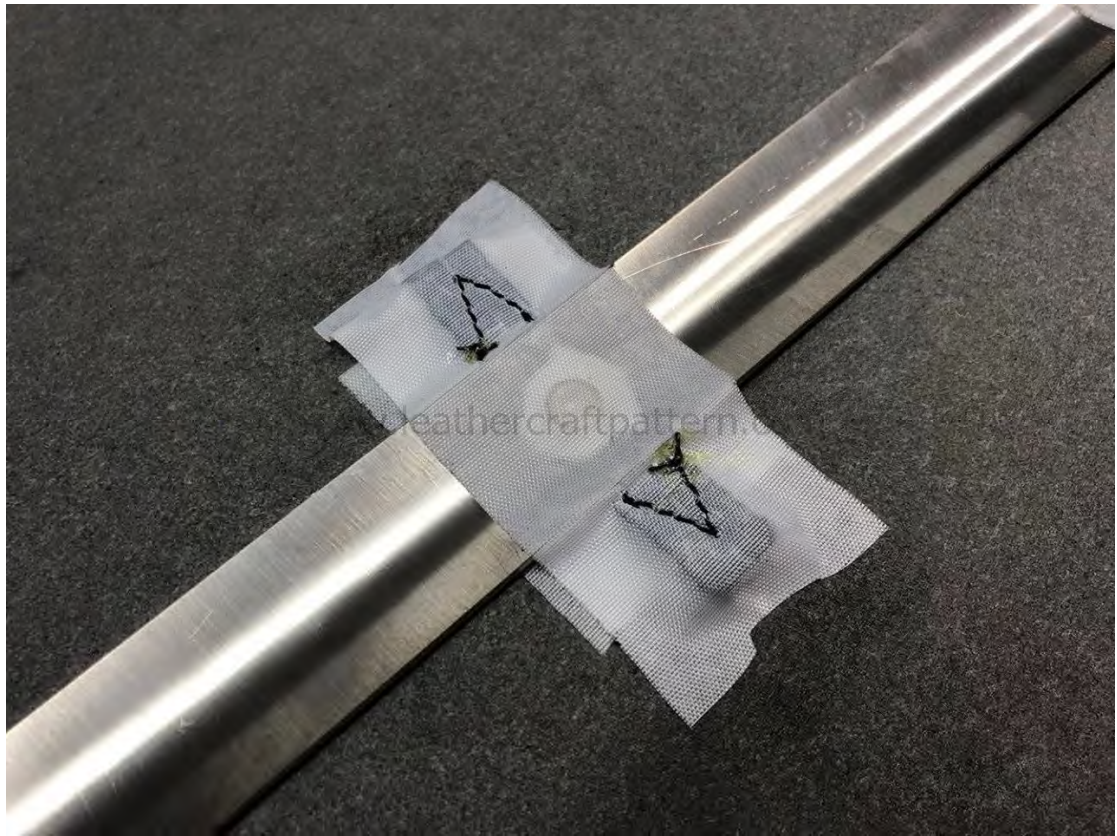


Step 22: Install handle in.



Step 23: Sew A16 on A01.

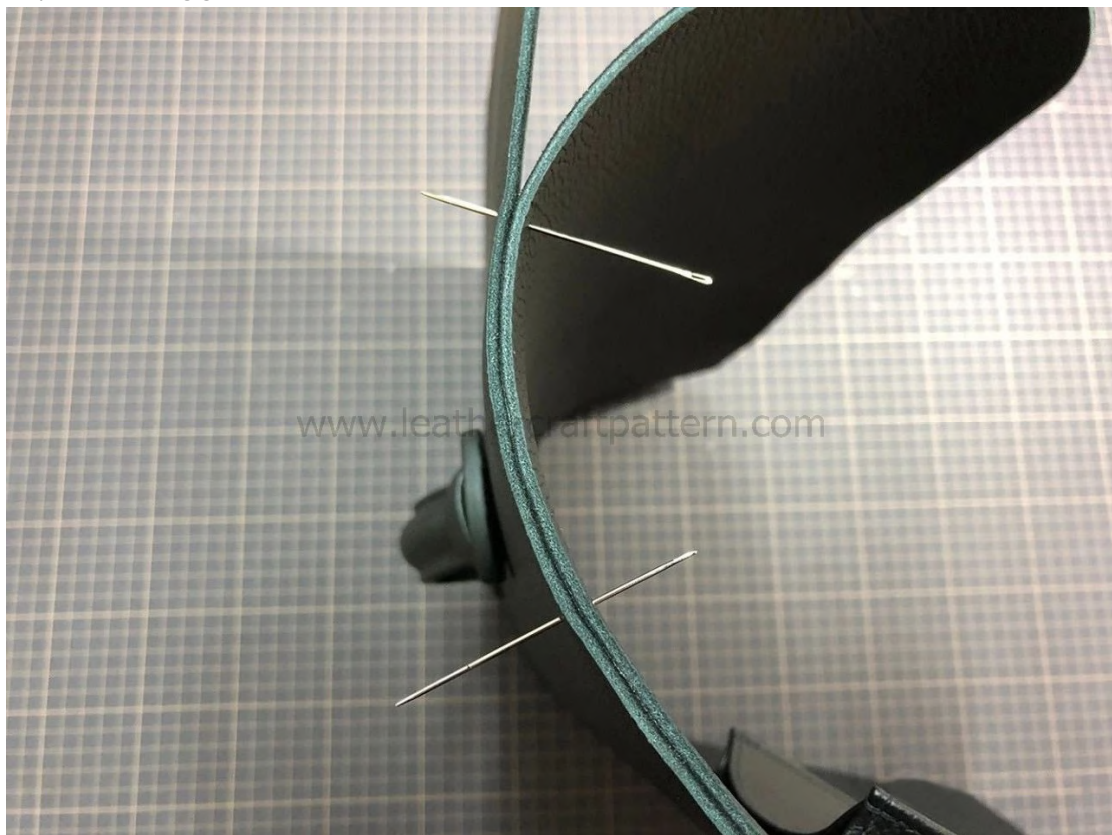




Step 24: Add strengthen tape on A13 orienting line of A01.



Step 25: Bending glue A01 and A03.





Step 26: Sew A13 on A01, sew orange stitching line first.



For pretty, I design the red stitching line chisel hole distance not 3.38mm, you can use awl to prick holes here.





Step 27: Glue A11 on A10 flesh side, and then sew A10 on A08 and A09.



Step 28: Cut 2 pieces of A12, as I said before, MUST thin all edges before sewing.



Step 29: Sew A12 on A08 and A09, please take notice, A12 short edge sew with A09, long edge sew with A08, I had marked red and green anchor points for you to understand well.







Step 30: Glue one A05 with A08 as front pouch, and glue the other A05 with A01 as back pouch.



Sew to complete this bag.



