



LEATHER TOP-HANDLE BAG

17 x 13 x 22 cm

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Difficulty level: Intermediate

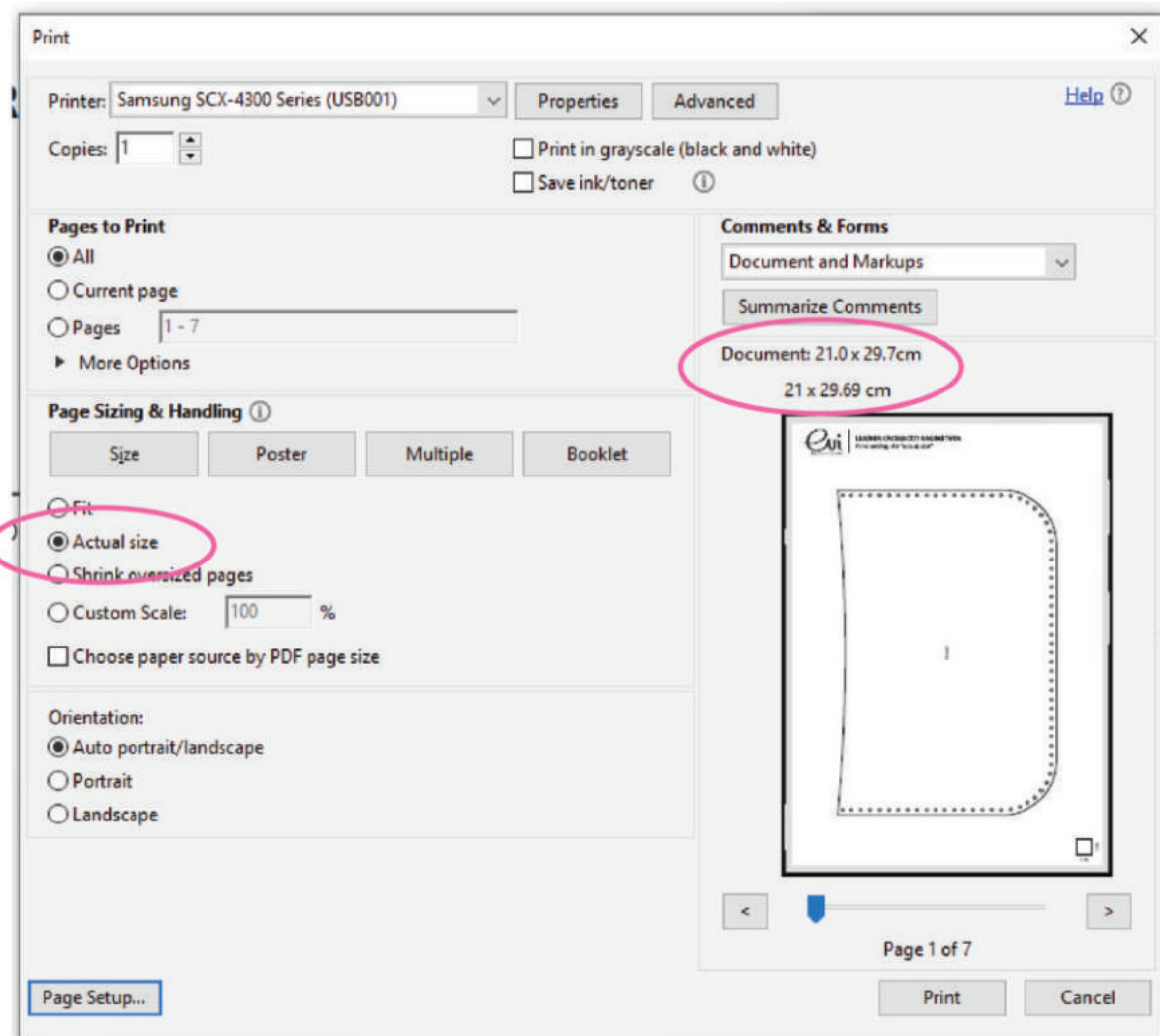
Completion time: 16 - 17 hours

NECESSARY TOOLS

- B&W Printer,
- Scissors or a cutter,
- 1.5 and 3 mm size hole puncher,
- Thick natural leather at least 6 Oz (2.4 mm thick),
- 0.8 - 1 mm waxed thread,
- Needles,
- Turn clasp,
- 2 x 20 mm, 2 x 15 mm D-rings,
- A few rapid rivets,
- 2pcs button studs,
- 4pcs round cap screw rivets.

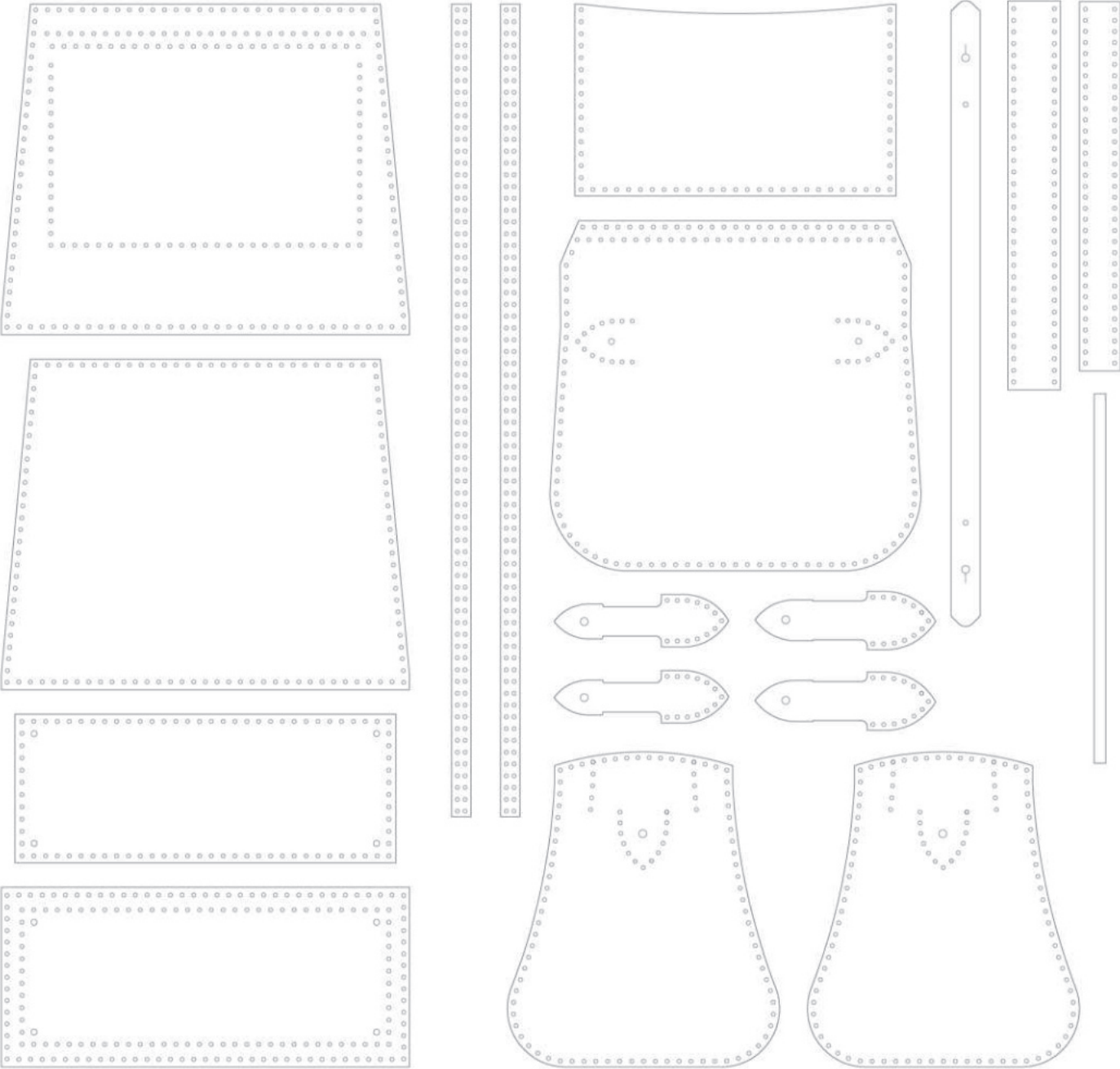
PRINT THE PATTERN

Set up your paper size to A4 and choose actual size in the printer settings



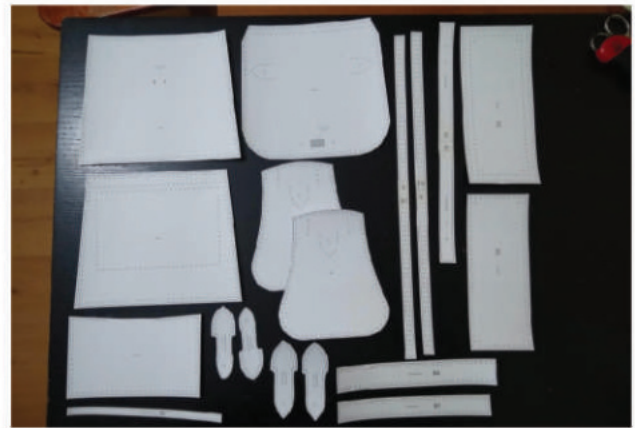
Please contact me if you need the pattern to be printed in another size.

You should have all the pattern pieces as shown below:

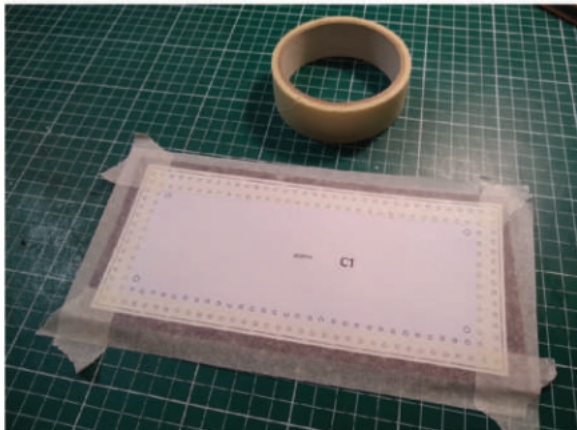


LET'S BEGIN.

STEP 1. Start by printing all the patterns on A4 paper size with zero margins. Cut-out all the pieces of the patterns. You shouldn't cut very close to the pattern edges. Leave 3-4 mm. Some larger pieces must be joined together.



STEP 2. Place the patterns on the top of the leather and use masking tape to hold it in place.



STEP 3. Take your time punching every single hole carefully before you cut out the leather.

Stitching quality depends on how straightly these holes are punched in.

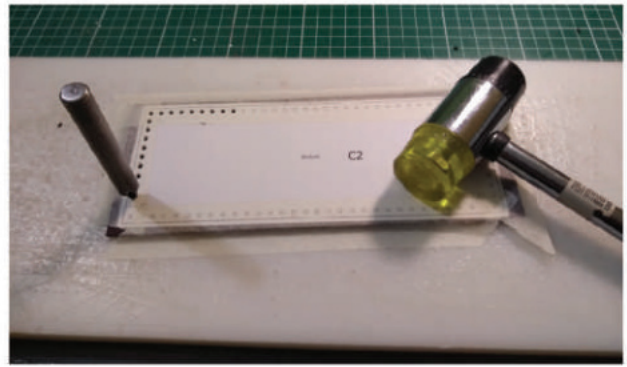
Use around 1.5 mm hole-puncher to make each hole.

Alternatively, you can mark the holes with a needle and punch it after you cut-out the leather parts.

Use around 3 mm hole-puncher for some holes.

The holes in the pattern are perfectly spaced between and at a constant distance from the edge.

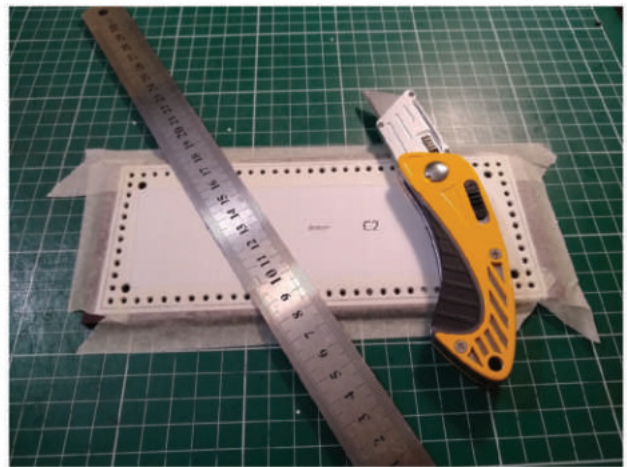
Every single hole is in the right place to get a perfect symmetrical bag. Do not add or skip any.



STEP 4. Let's cut the leather pieces.

The blade should go exactly on the pattern line. Cut the corners carefully and make sure the blade is always perpendicular to the leather.

Use the metal ruler on the straight lines to get better quality cuts.



STEP 5. Cut the holes for the clasp in the flap and the front piece.

If you have a different clasp then you shouldn't be using the guides that I've marked.



STEP 6. Now you should have all the leather pieces cut and every hole punched.

You can burnish all the edges of the leather pieces and dye your leather.



STEP 7. Time to start stitching. Pretty easy stitching for the whole bag, nothing too fancy. Two-needle saddles stitch everywhere. I use a 0.8 mm waxed thread for this build.

Begin stitching from the pocket. Stitch the pocket to a back piece.



STEP 8. Stitch the top edge of the back piece.



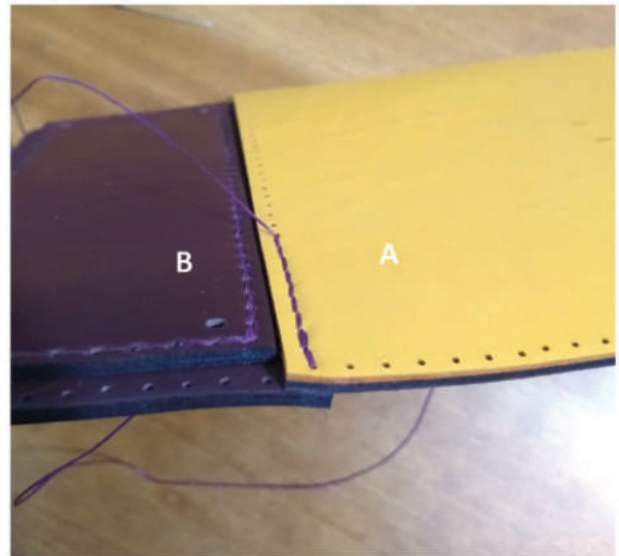
STEP 9. Stitch the top edge of the front piece.



STEP 10. Put the C1 piece on the C2 piece and then stitch.



STEP 11. Stitch the bottom edge of the front piece (A) to the bottom piece (B).



STEP 12. Stitch the bottom edge of the back piece (C) to the bottom piece (B).



STEP 13. Next, stitch the side panel.
Attach the D-ring holder in the same order as
pictured (A).
You should punch-in the rivet first (B) then
do the stitching (C).

Stitch the D-ring holder to the side piece.

Stitch the other side the same way.



STEP 14. Stitch the top edge of the side piece.
Stitch the other side the same way.



STEP 15. Stitch the side piece (A) and the side strip (B) together.



STEP 16. Fold one side of the side piece and then stitch in the same order as pictured.



Stitch the other side the same way.



STEP 17. Stitch the side piece of the bag with the main body piece.



Stitch the other side the same way.



STEP 18. Stitch around the flap.



STEP 19. Attach the D-ring holder in the same order as pictured(A).
You should punch-in the rivet first(B) then do the stitching(C).



Stitch the D-ring holder to the flap.





STEP 20. Stitch the flap to the back piece.



STEP 21. Attach the clasp to the flap and front piece.



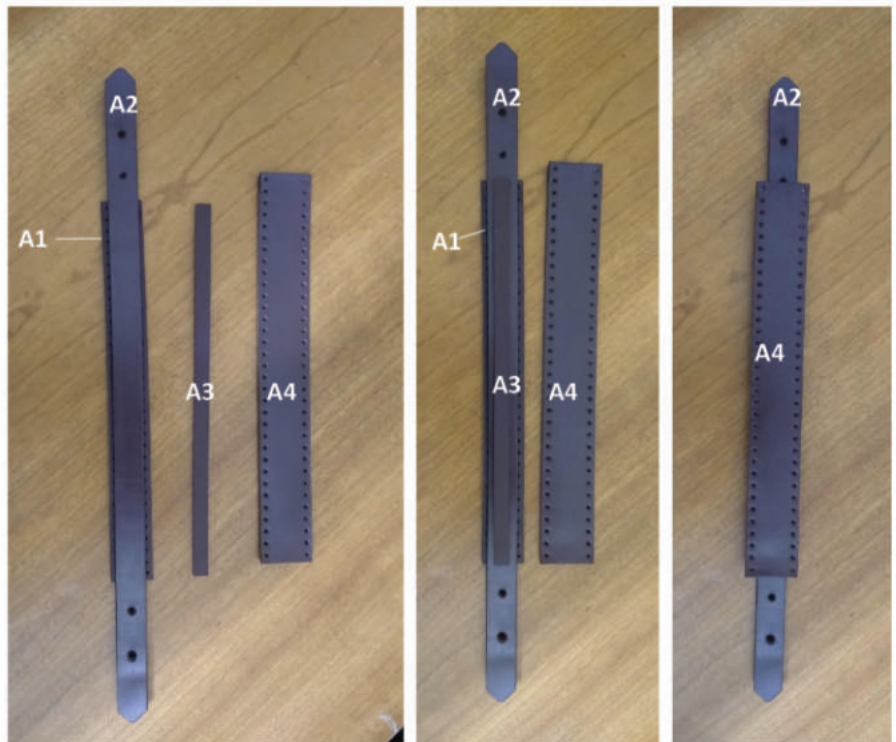
STEP 22. Attach the screw rivets to the bottom of the bag.



STEP 23. Next, stitch the handle.



Put the A2, A3, A4 pieces on top of the A1 piece in the same order as pictured.



Then stitch the handle.



STEP 24. Attach the button studs to the handle.



STEP 25. Attach the handle to the bag flap.



STEP 26. Burnish all the edges of the leather pieces and dye your leather.

The end result should look like this:

