

# KELLY WAIST BAG & CLUTCH

*with slip pocket and removable belt*



A MINIMALIST BELT BAG WITH RAW EDGES -  
PERFECT FOR CORK, LEATHER, OR VINYL

Digital Sewing Pattern for Intermediate bag-makers  
Finished Dimensions: 8" x 5" x 1" with 1" wide belt

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The Kelly Waist Bag is a clean and simple design for those who want the ease of a “fanny pack,” but in a modern aesthetic. With a belt guide built into place, you can use your own belt, make one, or leave it off entirely for a beautiful timeless clutch.

Since there is no interfacing or a lining, the Kelly is a quick project that will still build your bag-making skills. This waist bag utilizes alternative substrates which tend to be thicker and more resistant than traditional quilting cotton and even canvas fabrics. The Kelly Waist Bag will help you learn how to sew leather, vinyl, and cork with plenty of room left for creativity. I'm excited to see what you do!

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## IMPORTANT NOTES:

Please read all instructions **BEFORE** starting your project. All pictures are using leather, but instructions are the same with other non-fraying substrates.

### 1/4" Seam Allowance unless noted.

Acronyms:                      RS - Right Side of fabric                      RST - Right Sides Together  
                                         WS - Wrong Side of fabric                      WST - Wrong Sides Together

To minimize the holes in leather, do not back-stitch. Leave long thread tails at the beginning and end of each seam to pull through the interior and tie off.

## MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- 3 1/2 sq ft\* (cut as 42" length) of Cork/Leather/Vinyl  
(\*more needed if making a belt longer than 39")
- (2) 8 mm cap Screwback Button Studs
- 2 mm and 4 mm Hole Punch
- Fabric/Leather Glue
- Screwdriver
- Leather and/or heavy duty needle

## ADDITIONAL NOTIONS:

- Cutting Mat
- Matching Polyester Thread
- Scissors and/or Craft knife
- Ruler
- Clips (\*do not use pins since they will leave permanent holes)
- Teflon or Walking Foot

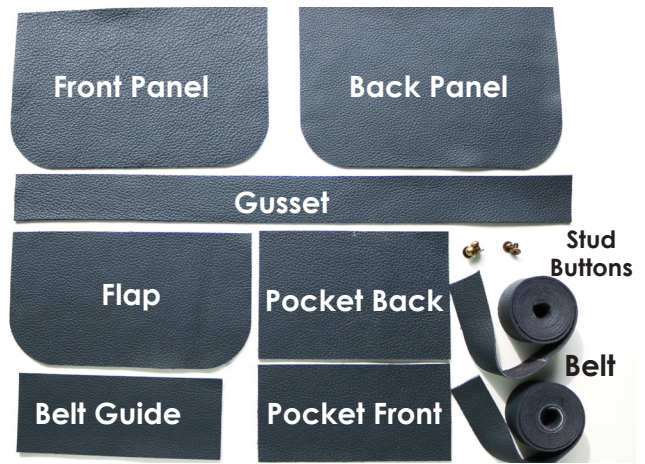
## MEASURE AND MARK INSTRUCTIONS:

| Bag Sections          | Pattern Template Included | Cutting Dimensions (Qty) [Size L x W]             |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Front and Back Panels | Yes                       | (2) [8" 1/2" x 5 1/2"]                            |
| Flap                  | Yes                       | (1) [7" 3/4" x 4 1/4"]                            |
| Pocket Back           | Yes                       | (1) [6" x 4 1/2"]                                 |
| Pocket Front          | Yes                       | (1) [6" x 3 1/2"]                                 |
| Belt                  | <b>No</b>                 | (2) [Measure desired waist size, add 2 1/2" x 1"] |
| Belt Guide            | Yes                       | (1) [6 1/2" x 2 1/2"]                             |
| Gusset                | Yes                       | (1) [17 7/8 x 1 1/2"]                             |

## BAG SECTIONS:

1. Cut all bag sections using the templates provided and/or using the rotary cutting instructions.

For the belt, measure your waist, then add 2 1/2" for the cutting length.



## MAKE BELT:

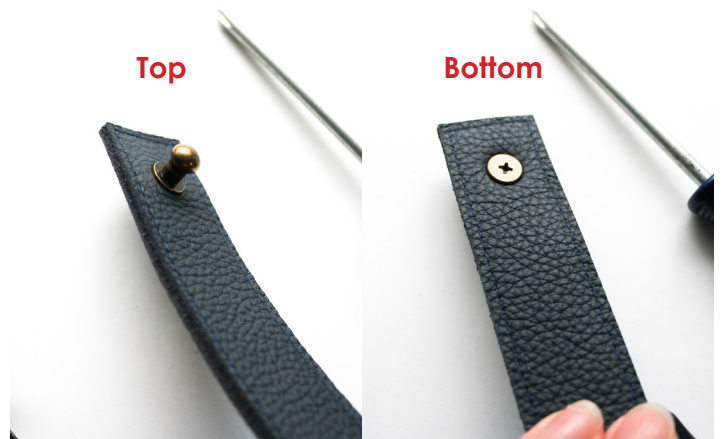
2. Place the Belts WST, carefully aligning all corners and edges. Glue or clip together. Sew 1/8" around all four sides.



3. Measure 1/2" in from a short edge and mark the center of that line. Punch a 2 mm hole for a Button Stud.



4. Place a small dab of glue inside of the Button Stud and place on top of the 2mm hole. Screw in the back of the Button Stud through the other side of the belt with a screwdriver. Wipe away any excess glue.



5. On the opposite end of the Belt, mark lines at 1", 2" and then at 3" from the short side. (The 2" line matched up to the Button Stud should equal to your waist measurement.) Punch 4mm holes at the center of each line. With scissors or a craft knife, make a 1/4" cut next to each hole running lengthwise toward the Button Stud. Set aside.



### MAKE SLIP POCKET:

6. Place Pocket Back with RS facing up. Lay the Pocket Front on top with RS facing up, matching bottom corners. Sew around the bottom three edges. Set aside.



### ASSEMBLE BACK PANEL:

7. With the Back Panel RS up, mark a line 1/4" and 1 1/4" from the top edge per pattern template. Mark the center point of each line.



8. Place Belt Guide RS up along the 1 1/4" line matching the center points. Use clips to secure into place or a very thin line of glue along the long sides of the Belt guide. Wipe away any excess glue.



9. Top-stitch 1/8" across each long side of the Belt Guide. Repeat with 1/16" top-stitching creating parallel rows of stitches.



10. Flip the Back Panel so WS is facing up. Center the Slip Pocket to the Back Panel while aligning edges with WST. Sew across entire top edge.



11. Optional: Top-stitch 1/8" along the Flap's curved edge for an added detail.

With Back Panel RS facing up, align the Flap with the 1/4" marked line matching center points. (Slip Pocket stitches should be covered.) Top-stitch 1/16" across the Flap.



12. With WS of the Back Panel facing up, top-stitch 1/16" across the top edge, catching the Flap, Slip Pocket and the Back Panel. Set aside.



## FINISH THE BAG:

13. With RST, match center of one Gusset point to the bottom center of the Front Panel, aligning edges. Clip into place. Match short edges of Gusset to top edges of Front Panel. Clip into place.



14. Ease the rest of the Gusset around the Front Panel aligning the edges. (If the substrate is stiff, cut 1/8" notches into the gusset around the curves.) Use clips to secure into place. Sew Gusset to Front Panel as shown.

*TIP: Use an awl or stiletto tool to help navigate the gusset smoothly under sewing needle.*



15. Repeat steps 13-14 with the Back Panel and opposite side of Gusset.



16. Trim seam allowance to 1/8" around curves. Turn the bag right side out. Push out corners and finger press seams.



17. Following the pattern markings, punch a 4 mm hole in the Flap. With scissors or a craft knife, make a 1/4" cut below the hole toward the Slip Pocket.

*Check and make sure this hole matches with the Button Stud placement. Raw edge substrates have varying thicknesses and can effect how far the flap will bend down.*



18. Following the pattern markings, punch a 2 mm hole in the Front Panel. Insert the remaining Button Stud following step #4.

Slip the Belt through the Belt Guide and you are ready to rock the waist bag!



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Featured Soft Grain Navy Leather is from [www.measurefabric.com](http://www.measurefabric.com)

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1" Test  
Block

Flap Placement (Back Panel)

Belt Guide Placement (Back Panel)



Stud Placement  
(Front Panel)

Fabric Direction



## KELLY WAIST BAG AND CLUTCH

FRONT + BACK PANELS

Cut 2



## KELLY WAIST BAG AND CLUTCH

GUSSET

Cut 1



# KELLY WAIST BAG AND CLUTCH

FLAP  
Cut 1

Fabric Direction



Stud Hole



# KELLY WAIST BAG AND CLUTCH

BELT GUIDE  
Cut 1

Fabric Direction

1" Test  
Block


  
 KELLY WAIST BAG  
 and CLUTCH  
POCKET BACK  
 Cut 1

Fabric Direction




  
 KELLY WAIST BAG  
 and CLUTCH  
POCKET FRONT  
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