

# Messenger Bag

## Pattern Pieces

*Exterior* (Leather thickness: 2 ounces maximum – thickness of a dime)

- Front (1): 12 3/8" x 10 3/4"
- Back (1): 12 3/8" x 10 3/4"
- Gusset (1): 3 1/2" x 34"
- Flap (1): 10" x 14"
- Strap (1): 1 1/4" x 36"
- Flap Keeper (1): 1 1/2" x 11"
- Rectangle Ring Keeper (2): 1 1/4" x 4"

*Interior* (Leather thickness: 1 1/2 ounces maximum)

- Front (1): 12" x 10 5/8"
- Back (1): 12" x 10 5/8"
- Gusset (1): 3 7/16" x 33 1/4"
- Flap (1): 10 1/4" x 14 1/4"
- Strap (1): 1 1/2" x 36 1/4"
- Pocket (1): 8" x 8"

## Supplies

- 4 Rectangle Rings, internal width 1 1/4"
- Madeira Polyester Thread
- Klasse Leather Sewing Machine Needles, Size 100
- Collins Wonder Tape
- Micron Pen
- Rotary Cutter, Ruler, Mat
- Gingher 5" Craft Scissors
- Smooth Glide Foot
- Harness Hammer
- Brayer
- Sleeve Board
- Stiletto
- Wonder Clips

# Other Notables

- Increase Stitch Length: 3 to 3 1/2
- Seam Allowances: 3/8"

## Order of Operations

1. Cut Pattern Pieces.
2. Make 8" slice in Exterior Back, centered 2 1/2" from upper edge.
3. Cut two 3" long x 1" wide triangles from opposing edges of back of Exterior Flap.
4. Tape Exterior Flap to Interior Flap. Topstitch 1/8" from all edges. Trim Interior Flap to match Exterior Flap.
5. Tape insertion edge of Exterior Flap. Insert into 8" slice in Exterior Back 1/2". Topstitch 1/8" above and below insertion.
6. Make two 1 1/2" slices in Exterior Gusset, centered 2 1/2" from each end.
7. Place two 1 1/4" rectangle rings on each rectangle ring keeper. Fold ring keeper ends together, one extended 1/2" beyond the other. Stitch together.
8. Insert into 1 1/2" slices in Gusset 1/2" deep. Topstitch 1/8" below insertions.
9. Place Flap Keeper 4" from upper edge of Exterior Front. Stitch to both sides 1/8".
10. Mark Exterior Gusset 12" from each end. Make 3/8" clips at these points.
11. Place interior pocket centered to back lining and 1" from bottom edge.
12. Tape Front Exterior to Exterior Gusset. Sew 3/8".
13. Tape Back Exterior to Exterior Gusset. Sew 3/8".
14. Tape edges. With brayer, press edges open. Turn face out. Hammer edges.
15. Mark Interior Gusset 11 5/8" from each end. Make 3/8" clips at these points.
16. Tape Front Interior to Interior Gusset. Sew 3/8".
17. Tape Back Interior to Interior Gusset. Sew 3/8".
18. Tape edges. With brayer, press edges open.
19. Tape upper edge of lining.
20. Place lining inside bag, aligning upper edge with exterior. Topstitch 1/8" from edge.
21. Tape Exterior Strap. Align with Interior Strap. Topstitch 1/8" from all edges. Trim Interior Strap to match Exterior Strap.
22. Thread Strap.

