



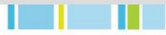
# Show Me How

## STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

### Leather Shopping Tote Bag

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#### Requirements

- Leather
- Hard paper board
- High domes or bottom studs (4)
- 100m polyester thread or nylon
- Leather glue
- Leather cutting knife or paper cutter
- Small carpenter's hammer
- Pliers & Scissors
- Walking arm sewing machine or a pair of sewing needles for leather

#### Instructions

##### **Step 1**

Use the pattern supplied by us or make your own either from a picture or from an existing tote bag. It's very important to have the correct dimensions for the bag. Then choose the leather in colours and thickness of your preference. Also select trims and fittings that you like.

##### **Step 2**

Next you will cut the leather according to the pattern pieces.

##### **Step 3**

You will now assemble your pieces. Take the different colour panels to create the main leather panel for the front & back and join together at the edges using leather glue. Use a sewing machine to stitch the edges which were glued.

##### **Step 4**

Mark the position of the handles, then glue them onto the bag to keep them in place. Use the sewing machine to attach them.

##### **Step 5**

Glue the side gussets (pieces of leather at the side that give breadth to bag) to the main panel of the bag and then sew them. **TIP:** it's easier to complete 1 side panel before starting on the other.

##### **Step 6**

Use the hardboard as the base of your bag to keep it firm, glue it down. Attach the 'foot studs' to the bottom and any other embellishments that you have selected.

##### **Step 7**

Neaten up your bag by wiping away any excess glue and cutting thread. Your beautiful bag is now complete.



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