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# ALYSSA CROSSBODY KIT

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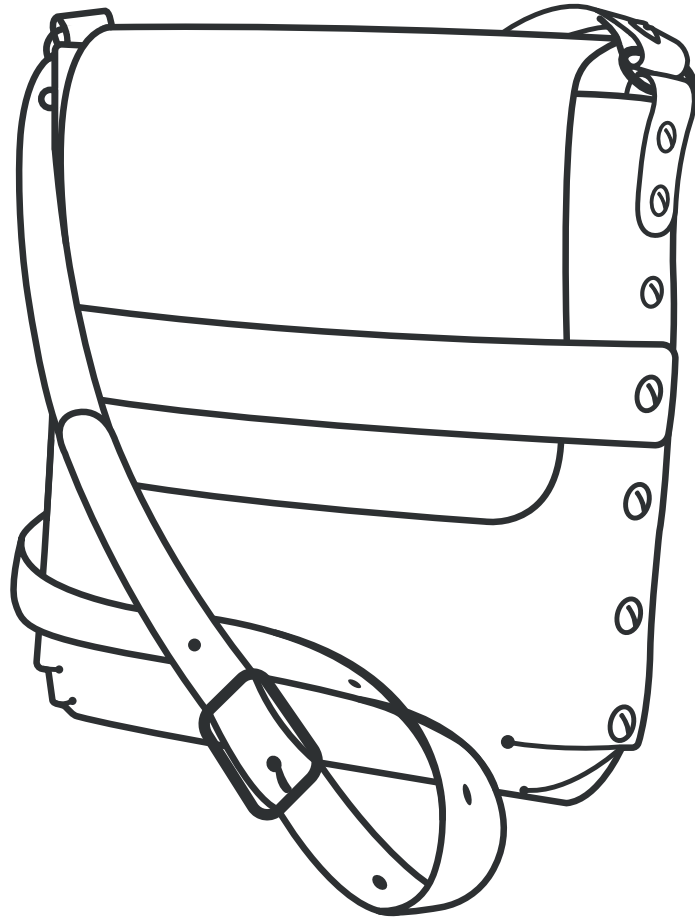
## KIT CONTAINS:

- Pre-Cut, Pre-Punched Leather
- Chicago Screws (6)
- Open Back Screw Posts (11)
- Center Bar Buckle
- D-Rings (2)



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## YOU WILL NEED:

- Medium Flathead Screwdriver

## LEVEL UP YOUR SKILLS WITH TANDY

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Includes basic project assembly skills with no hand-sewing or hardware setting required. Plus, learn additional skills like lacing, braiding, and knot tying.	Introduces skills like hand-sewing with pre-punched stitching holes, hardware setting, and edge burnishing.	Build your skills with more added components, project layers, and detail work like edge beveling and edge dyeing.	Can be machine or hand sewn and do not have pre-punched stitching holes. Learn new skills like skiving, wet molding, heat creasing, and more.



**WARNING:**  
CHOKING HAZARD - Small parts. not for children under 3 years.

# PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING PROJECT.

**NOTE:** ALL STAINING, DYEING, AND TOOLING SHOULD BE DONE PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Bag Body (A)
- 3/8" Chicago Screws (B)
- 1/8" Open Back Screw Posts (C)
- Keeper (D)
- Anchors (E)
- 1/4" Chicago Screws (F)
- D-Rings (G)
- Left Strap (H)
- Center Bar Buckle (I)
- Right Strap (J)
- Floating Strap Keeper (K)

### Not Shown:

Instructions & Pattern

## SKILLS USED:

Hardware Installation

## RECOMMENDED TOOLS:

- Sanding Sticks to smooth edges.
- Edge Beveler (Size #1) for edge finishing.
- Multi-size Wood Slicker to burnish edges.
- Gum Tragacanth for burnishing edges.

## GLOSSARY:

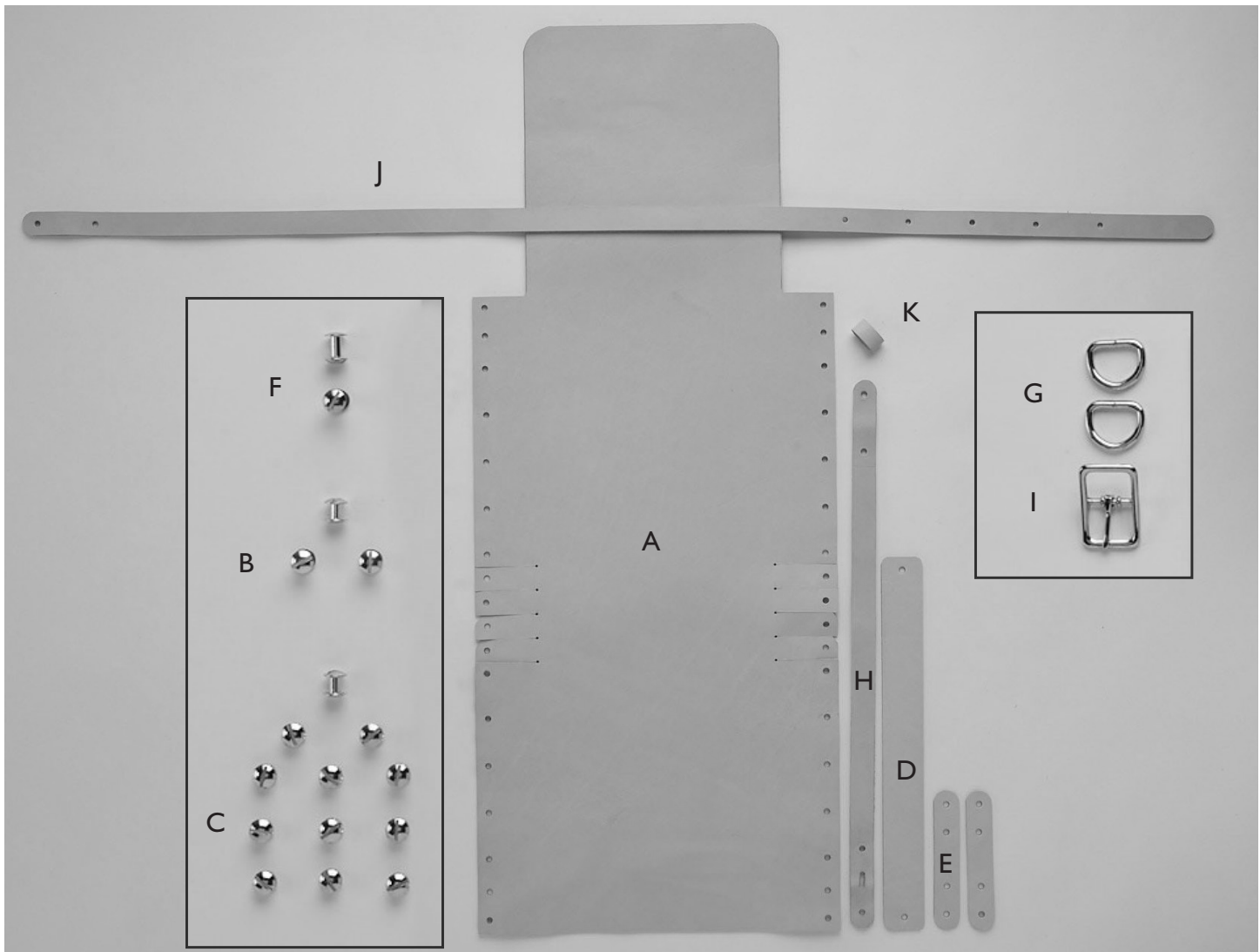
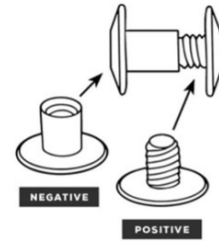
**FLESH SIDE:** The underside of an animal's hide. On veg-tanned tooling leather, this is the rough side.

**GRAIN SIDE:** The hide's surface that had the hair of the animal. Typically used for carving and stamping.



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## CHICAGO SCREWS AND OPEN BACK SCREW POST INSTALLATION



## PREPARING BAG BODY FOR ASSEMBLY

1. Place Bag Body (A) flesh side facing down. Clip 1/8" off the corners as shown in Figure 1 to remove the two sharp angles. (Figures 1-4)

Figure 1

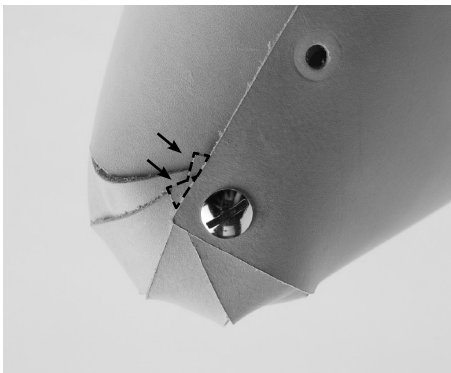


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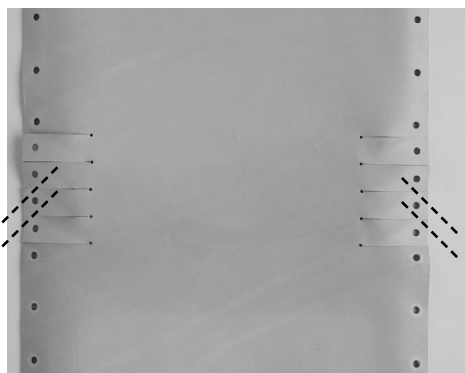


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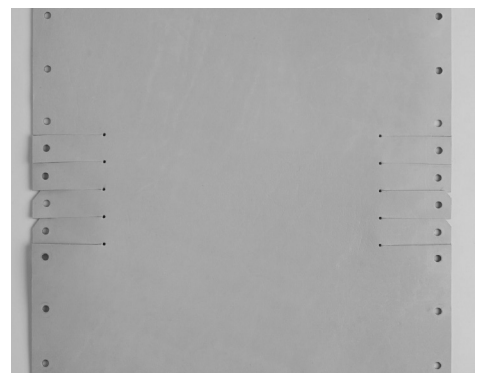
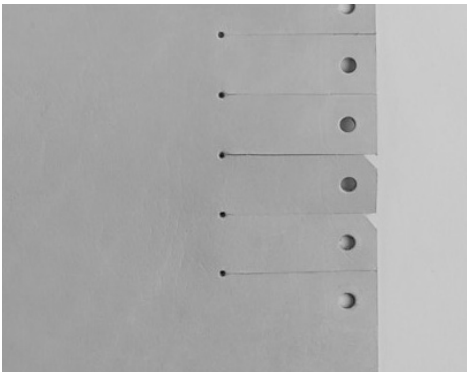


Figure 4



## ASSEMBLING BOTTOM GUSSET OF BAG BODY

2. On Bag Body (A), locate hole 1. (Figure 5)

3. Insert a 3/8" Negative Chicago Screw (B) through the flesh side of hole 1. (Figure 6) **Pro Tip: If the holes are tight, push a sharpened pencil or pen through the hole to widen it.**

4. Overlap each strip below hole 1 onto the Negative Chicago Screw until you reach hole 2. After placing hole 2 onto the Negative Chicago Screw (B), take the Positive Chicago Screw (B) and insert it into the negative side. Tighten the Chicago Screw (B) with a flathead screwdriver: (Figures 7-12)

**Pro Tip: If you don't have a screwdriver handy, the end of a small steel ruler works well too.**

Figure 5



Figure 6

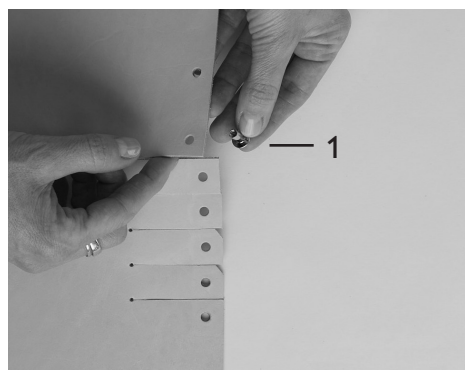


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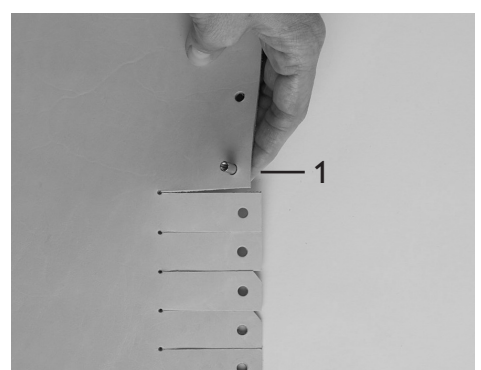


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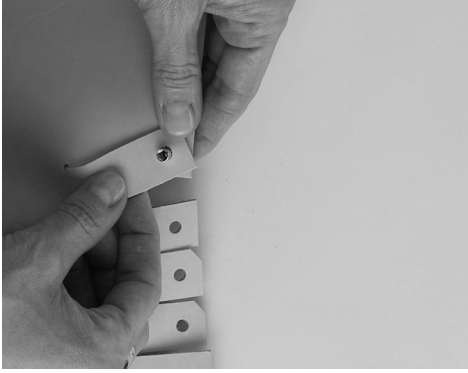


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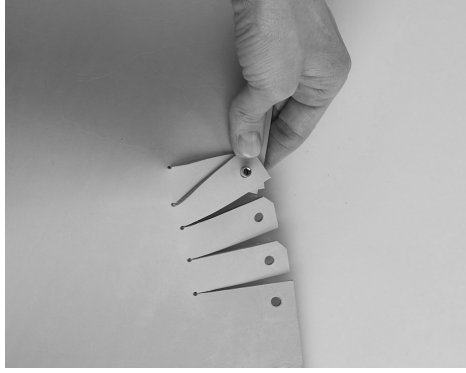


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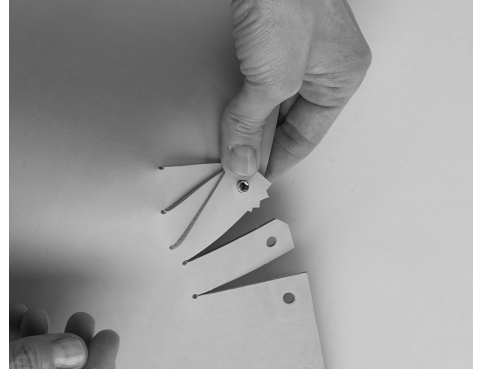


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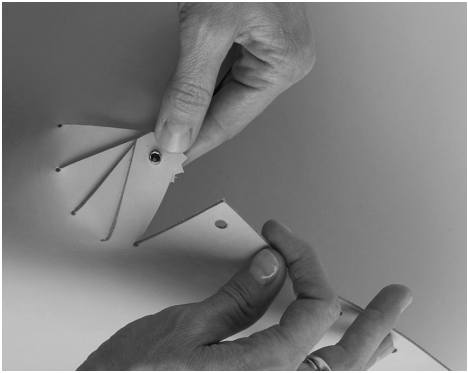
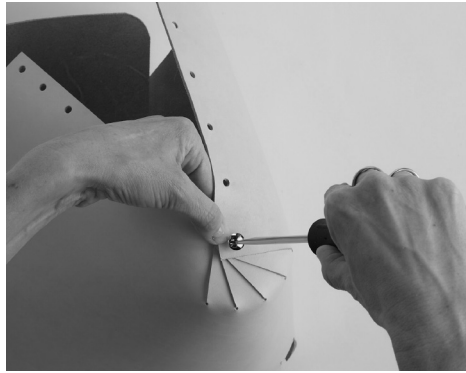


Figure 12



5. Repeat steps 2-4 on the other side, starting at hole 1.

## ASSEMBLING GUSSETS & ATTACHING KEEPER

6. The next four holes going up on both sides of the Bag Body (A) will be closed with the 1/8" Open Back Screw Posts (C). Take a Negative Open Back Screw (C) and insert it from the flesh side of the hole 3. (Figures 13-14)

7. Place hole 4 over hole 3. Take the Positive Open Back Screw and insert into the Negative. Tighten with a flathead screwdriver. (Figures 15-16)

8. Repeat for the next set of holes. (Figures 17-18)

Figure 13

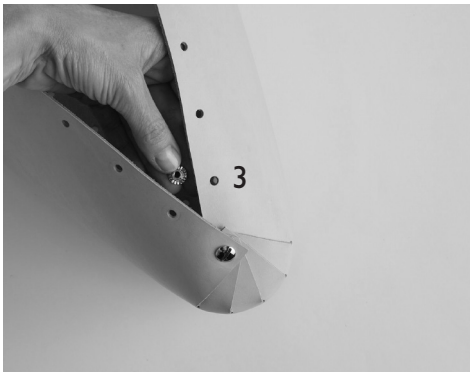


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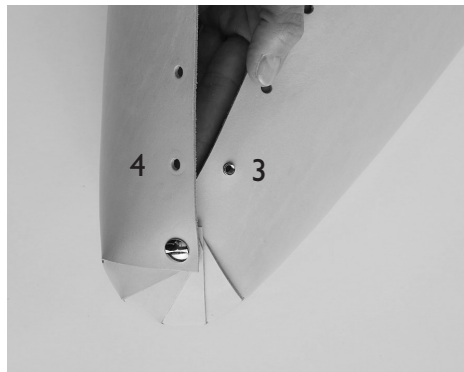


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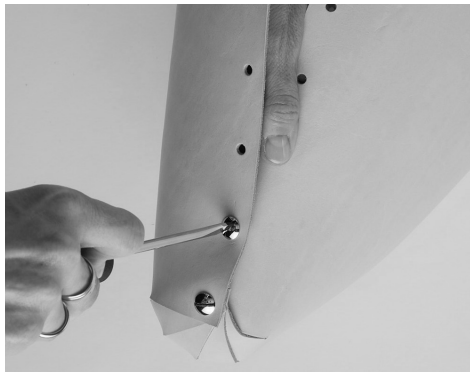


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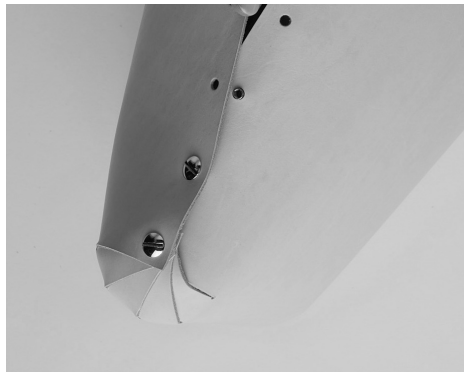


Figure 18



9. For the fourth set of holes (from the bottom), we will attach the Keeper (D). Align Keeper (D) over the fourth set of holes so that the flesh side meets the grain side of the Bag Body (A). Insert a 1/8" Negative Open Back Screw (C) from the inside of the Bag Body (A). It should be going through three pieces of leather. Close with a Positive Open Back Screw (C) to securely attach the Keeper (D). (Figures 19-20)

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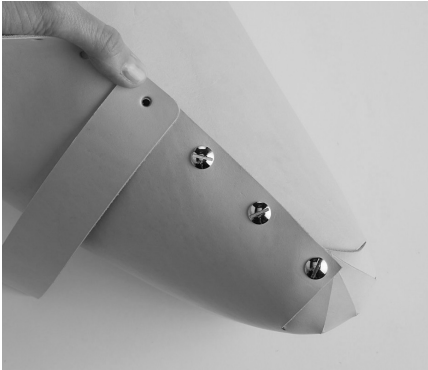
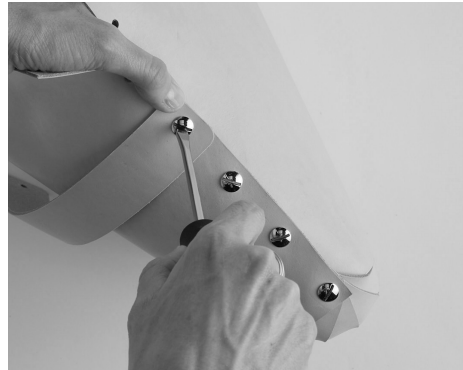


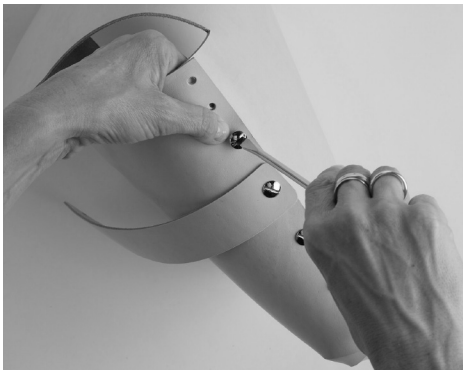
Figure 20



10. Repeat step 6-7 for the next set of holes. After this step, there should be two holes remaining at the top of the bag. (Figures 21)

11. Repeat steps 6-10 on the other side of the bag body.

Figure 21





## ATTACHING THE ANCHORS & D-RING TO BODY

12. Take the two 1/4" Negative Chicago Screws (F) and insert them (from the grain side) into the two holes of the Anchor Piece (E). (Figures 22-23)

13. Place the Anchor Piece (E) inside the Bag Body (A) to fill the two remaining holes on the top section of the bag. (Figures 24-25)

14. Place a D-Ring (G) through the Anchor (E) and fold in half. The remaining two holes of Anchor (E) should be placed upon the Negative Chicago Screws (F). Close the screws and secure Anchor (E). (Figures 26-28)

15. Repeat on the other side of the bag.

Figure 22



Figure 23



Figure 24



Figure 25

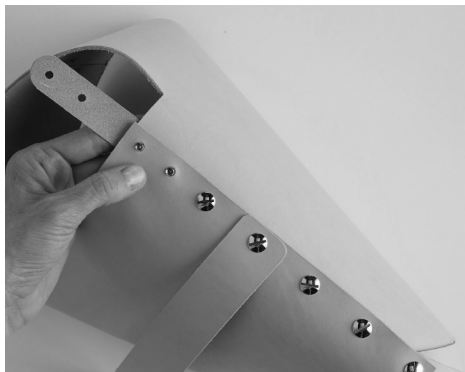


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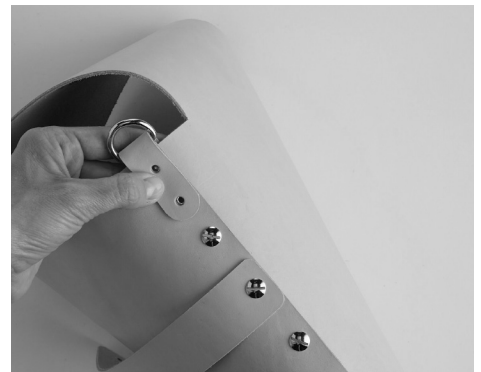
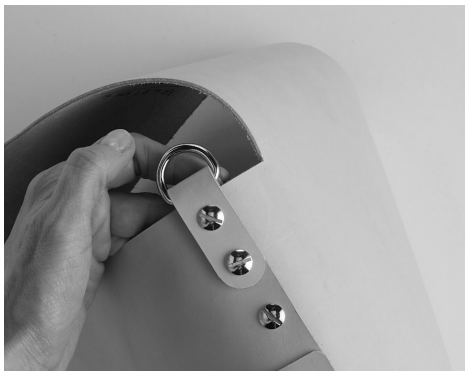


Figure 28





## ATTACHING CENTER BAR BUCKLE ONTO THE STRAP

16. Take the side with the three holes on Left Strap (H) and thread it through the Center Bar Buckle (I) as shown. The buckle prong should be facing towards the short end of the strap. Place the prong of the buckle through the oblong hole. Fold the end of the strap so that the two round holes match and the flesh sides meet. (Figures 29-32)

17. Take the Negative 1/8" Open Back Screw (C) and insert it from the shorter end of the strap. Close the screw with the Positive Open Back Screw (C) and screwdriver. (Figures 33-34)

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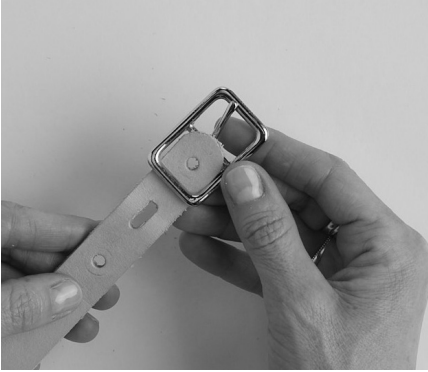


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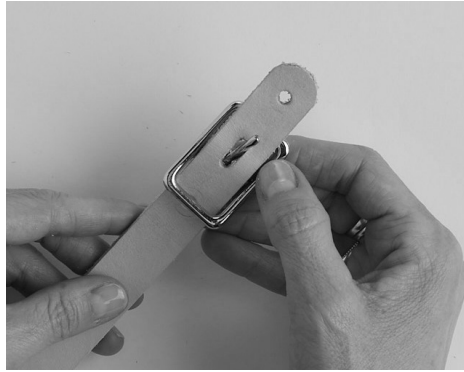


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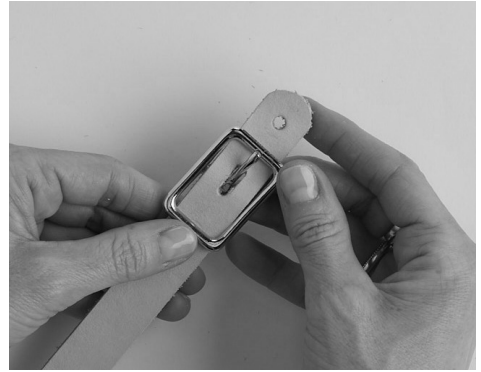


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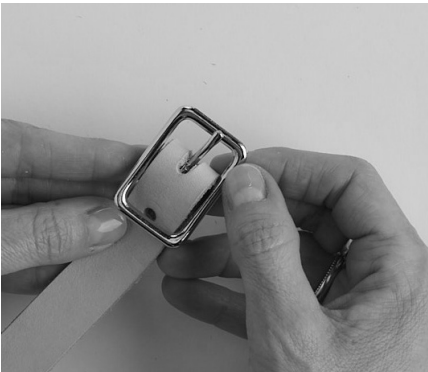
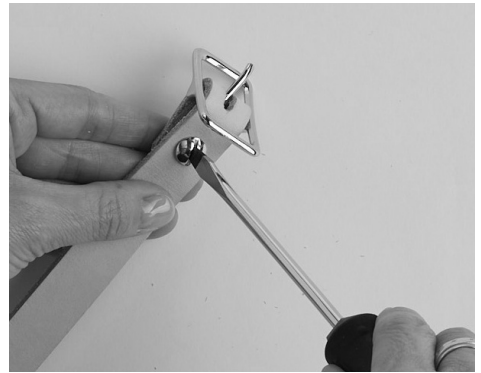


Figure 33



Figure 34



## ATTACHING THE STRAPS ONTO THE D-RINGS

18. Place the Bag Body (A) right side up, the Left Strap (H) will be placed on the left D-Ring (G) and Right Strap (J) will be placed on the right D-Ring (G). (Figure 35)

19. Slide the Floating Strap Keeper (K) onto Left Strap (H). Be sure the staples are facing the flesh side. (Figure 36)

Figure 35



Figure 36



19. Take the end of Left Strap (H) and thread it through the left D-Ring (G). Fold the end and match the two holes so that flesh sides meet. Take the Negative 1/8" Open Back Screw (C) and place it through the holes. Insert from the short side of the strap. Close with the 1/8" Positive Screw (C) and your screwdriver. (Figures 37-39)

20. Repeat the same step with Right Strap (J) on the right side of the bag body.

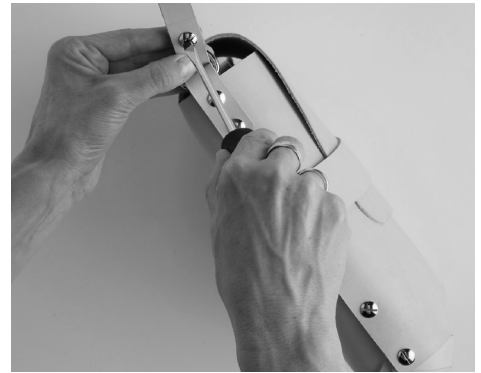
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Figure 39



21. Close the buckle to your desired length. (Figures 40- 43)

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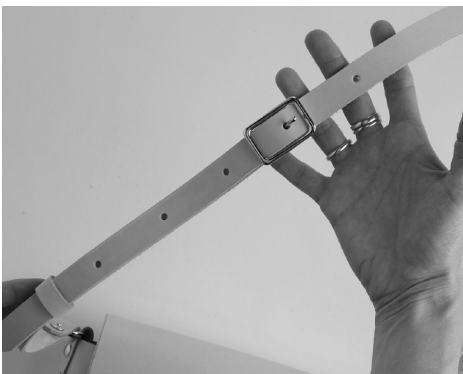
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Figure 42



Figure 43



**CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'VE MADE AN ALYSSA CROSSBODY!**





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