

SEWING LEATHER STRAPPED TOTE BAG

This DIY tote bag is a two-part project. I'd love for you to check out how you can customize this tote bag and make it your own. Click the link below for the second part to this post.

<http://blog.scanncut.com/monogram-tote-bag/>



Supplies

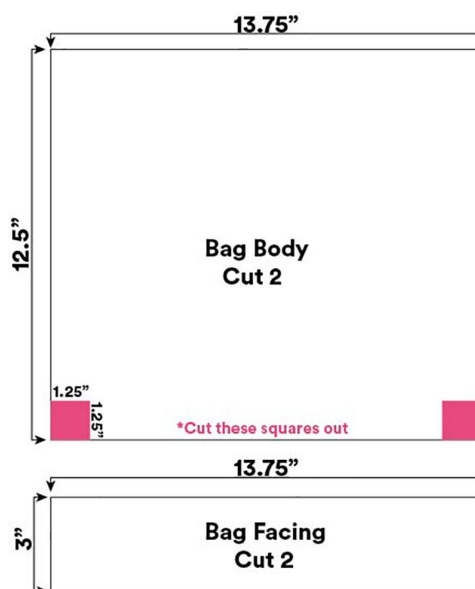
ADVANCED: Sewing



- Canvas
- Leather strap
- Rivets
- Measuring tape and/or ruler
- Pen or pencil to create your pattern (dimensions included in this post)
- Heavy duty snap pliers
- Brother Sewing Machine

Sew Eyeglass Case

- 1 Create your pattern according to the measurements given (or draw right on your fabric with a removable pen or chalk).



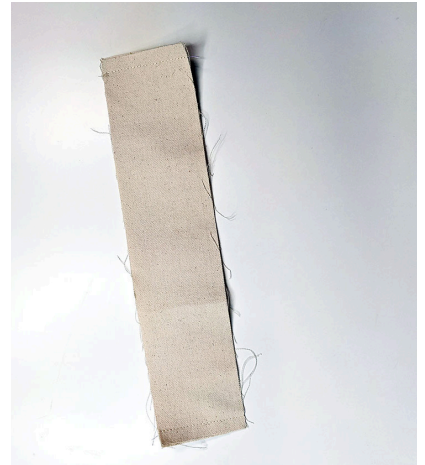
- 2 Cut out your bag pieces (2 main body, 2 facing).



- 3 Starting the with the main body of the tote bag, with right sides facing, sew the side seams and the bottom of the bag.
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- 4 Take the facing and sew down the sides.

Next, make sure the right sides of the fabric are facing each other.



- 5 With the wrong side of the bag facing out, attach the facing to the top of the bag. The right side of the facing should be facing the wrong side of the bag. (See image.) Sew in place.



- 6 Turn your bag right side out and pull the facing to the outside. Press the seam down.



- 7 Fold the facing under about 1/2-inch and press. Pin and stitch in place.

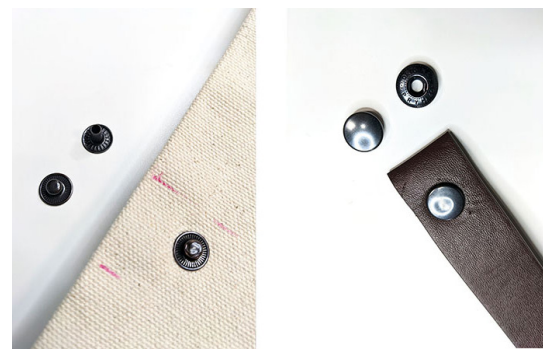
- 8 It's time to attach the handles! Before we do that, mark the placement of your handles with a fabric marking tool. Markings remain the exact same on the opposite side.



- 9 Let's move on to the rivets. With the rivets, you want to make sure you gather the correct pieces for the handles on your DIY bag. You'll need a front and back for the canvas and a front and back for the leather.



- 10 You'll connect the rivets to the bag and strap according to the instructions on the back of the rivet packaging. When connecting, you'll need the snap pliers.



- 11 That's it!

