
LEATHER BRIEFCASE



Assembly instructions

Difficulty level:	Advanced
Completion Time	12-16 hours

NECESSARY TOOLS

B&W Printer



Scissors or a cutter



Hole Puncher



10-12 square feet of leather



Thread and needles

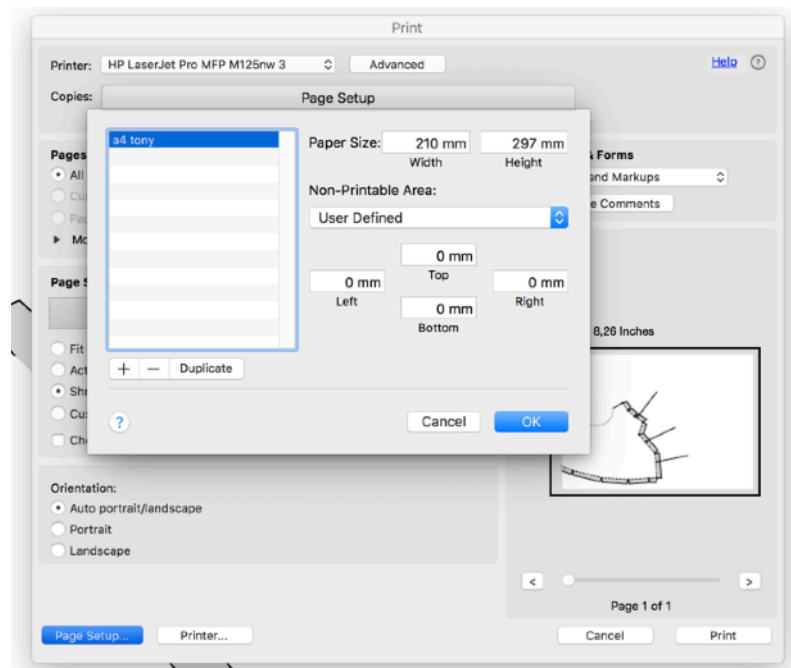


A few rivets and a metal latch

PRINTING THE PATTERN

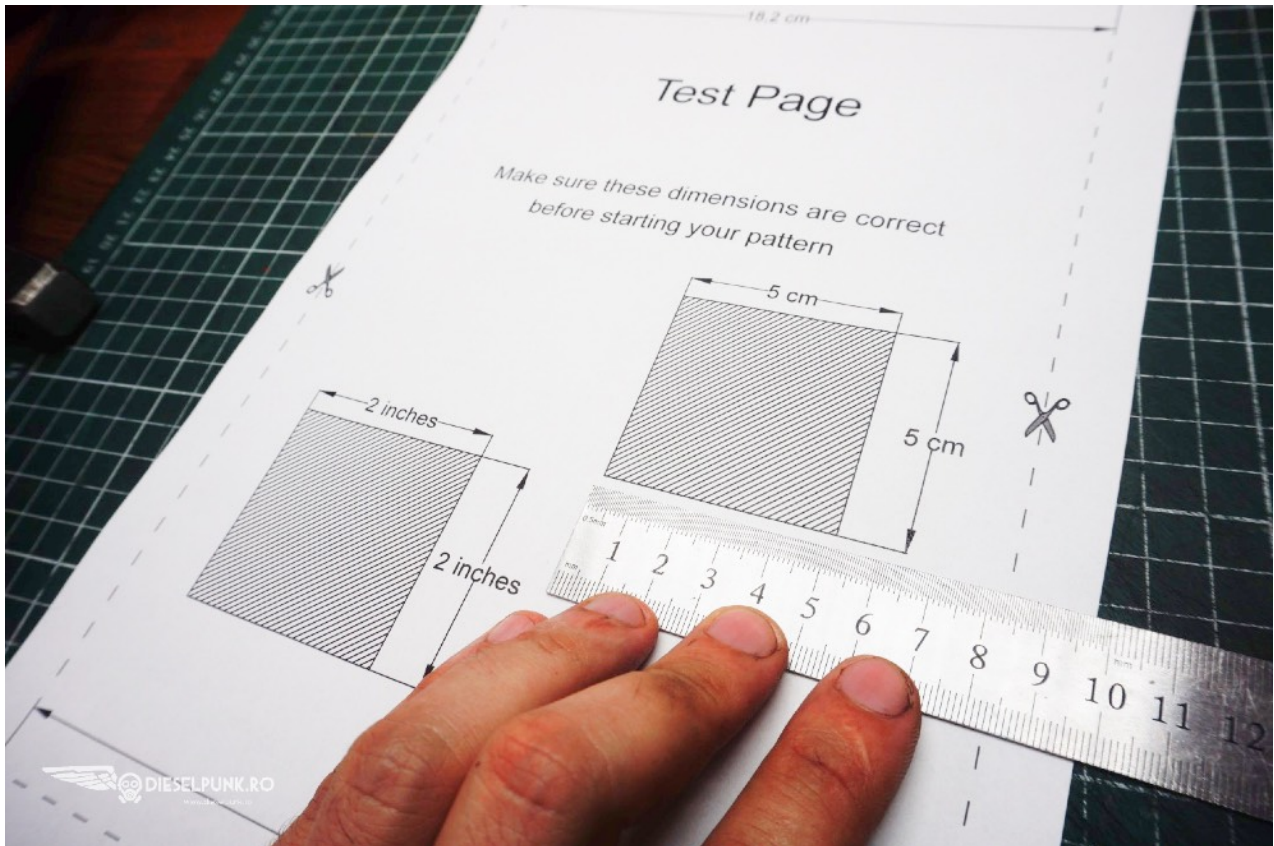
Set up your printer to A4 paper with no margins on landscape mode.

Alternatively you can use “letter” format which is approximately the same size and will not impact the size of the product

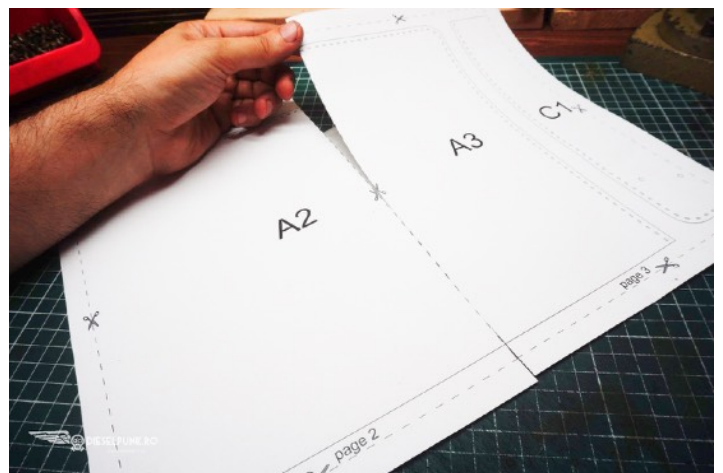
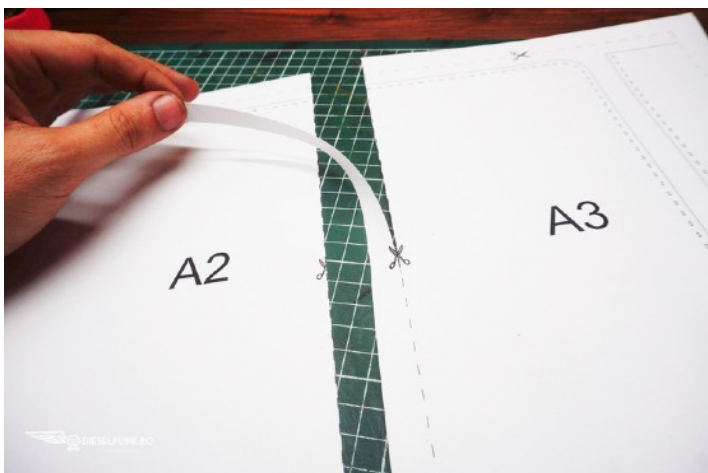


Print your patterns.

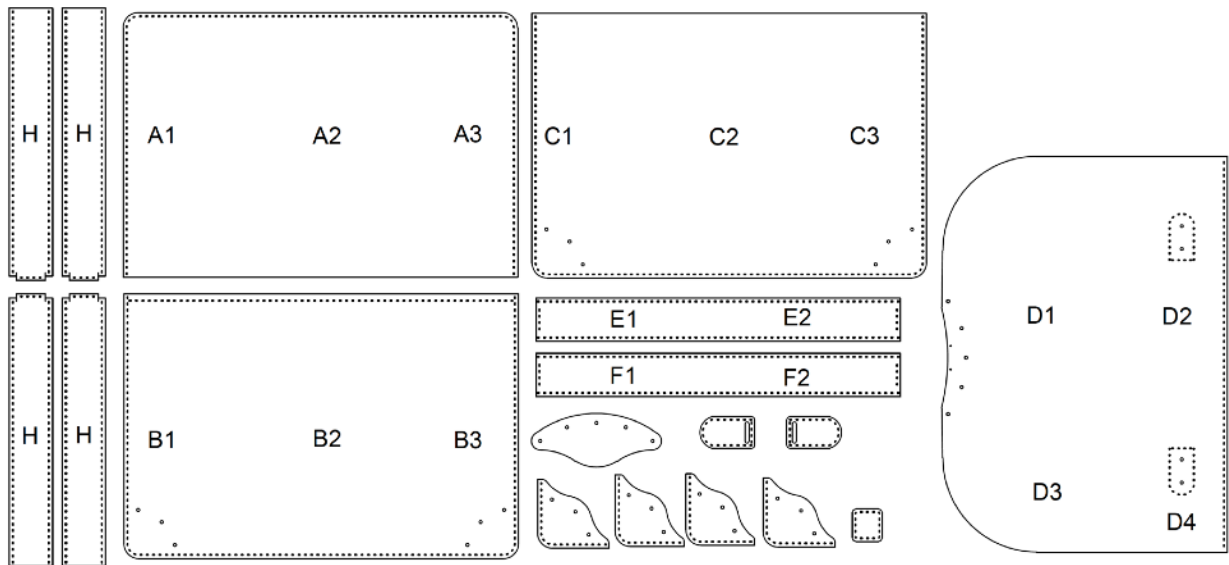
The first page is a measuring reference and you can use a ruler to make sure it matches the square. That means the rest of the pattern will print on the right size



Cut out the edges and use only the inside of the page



Some of the pieces spread over 3 or even 4 pages. Use the letter codes to paste them together.
After you are done you should have all the pieces shown below



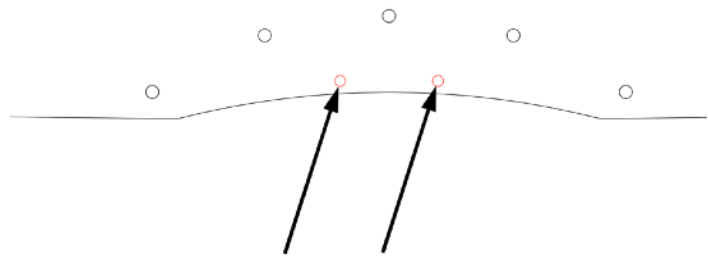
Use these templates to cut the leather and make the stitching holes. As always with any of my patterns EVERY STITCHING HOLE is precisely placed and necessary. The more accurate you mark them and make them the better the stitching will be

After you have all the required leather pieces cut and the holes made we can start assembling the briefcase.

Firstly lets attach the corners using rivets. Do this for all 4 corners of the bag. Make sure the small pieces match the corners correctly without forcing them into place



Lets attach the front closing latch. Please punch these holes according to the latch you will be using you



Attach the latch and rivet the leather cover in place like shown below



Next, lets make and attach the handle.
This is made out of separate 4 parts as
shown to the right



First stitch the wide part to the long thin one as
shown to the left. Use the saddle stitch technique
with two needles like you will for all the stitching
necessary to make this briefcase

After you are done we can attach it to the main
body of the case using both rivets and stitching



Dont forget to first insert the two twin pieces on the thinner part before you attach the rivets



Once you set the rivets start stitching the covers on top of the rivets.



At the end you should get this:

Next we will assemble the sides of the briefcase. Start by stitching the long strips together as shown here: the slightly longer piece will come on top of the shorter one at both ends.



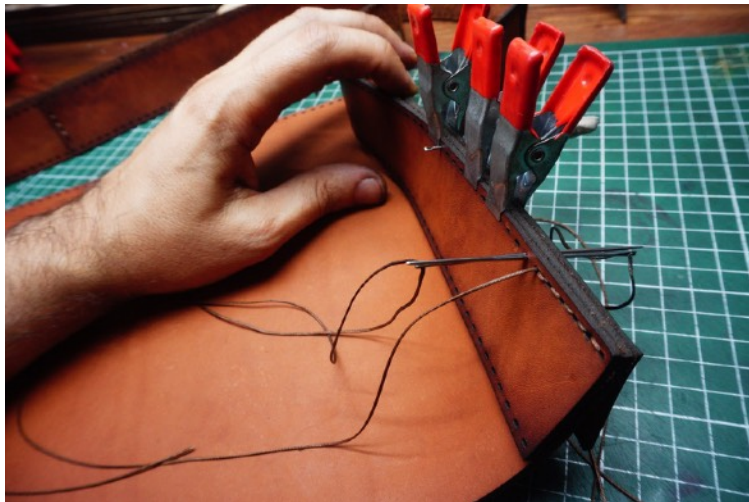
You need to end up with two long strips like shown below



You now have to attach both strips to the middle inside divider, at the same time. So you will be stitching 3 pieces of leather together at the same time.



I advise you to find a way of keeping the leather perfectly aligned when stitching these parts together



It should look like this when you are done



You now must attach the small holders that will keep two D rings in place so you can attach a shoulder belt later on



First rivet as shown here:

Then stitch them to the side of the bag



With the side pieces attached to the middle divider we can now attach the back of the bag. The only difference between the front and the back pieces is the stitching row at the top that will connect the front flap



And in a similar fashion stitch the front piece into place.



The very last stitching will connect the front flap to the back piece



One last thing. Before you finish you need to mark the holes that connect the second part of the latch to the front of the bag. These holes will not be on the pattern because they depend on the type of latch you will use and the thickness of your leather. So do this only after the whole bag is finished to make sure it attaches in the right spot





**CONGRATULATIONS. Your briefcase
is done!!!**



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Best Regards
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