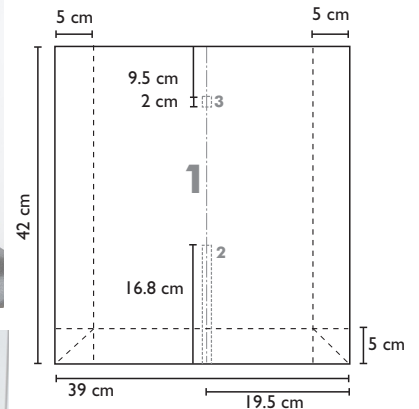
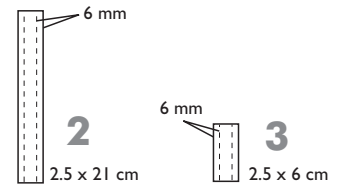


# PAPERBAG

vegan-leather clutch bag 29 cm x 37 cm (width x height)



## MATERIALS

- 45 cm vegan leather (composite material made of cellulose and latex), width 100 cm, thickness 0.50 mm, SnapPap®
- 2 antique-brass snap hooks, width 12 mm, height 35 mm

## PATTERN PIECES

- 1 bag panel 2
- 2 snap hook strip for bag front 1
- 3 snap hook strip for bag back 1

## CUTTING

Draw pattern for bag panel as indicated by small-scale pattern. Cut bag panels from SnapPap® as indicated on list of pattern pieces, adding 7 mm seam allowances to all edges except top edges of panels.

Cut also 2.5 cm x 21 cm and 2.5 cm x 6 cm strips for attaching snap hooks.

## SEWING

**Construction techniques:** Stitch seams with straight stitch. No seam finish is necessary as the material does not fray.

**Preparation:** SnapPap® looks and feels like cardboard to begin with. Moisten the bag panels with water using a spray bottle and leave them to stand for a short while. Work the moistened panels by squeezing and crumpling until the material becomes soft. Allow the panels to dry for a while, then straighten them by steaming before constructing the bag.

**Attaching snap hooks:** Fold and press long edges of each snap-hook attachment strip to meet in the middle of strips. Steam strips if necessary to make the folds stay pressed down. Fold one end of longer strip 2 cm to wrong side, thread this end through a snap hook and place the hook within fold. Lay longer strip with snap hook on right side of bag front panel observing pattern markings and stitch it to bag panel close to edge, catching its turned-under end in stitching, thus forming a loop for snap hook, and aligning its other end with outer edge of seam allowance at bottom edge of bag panel.

Fold one end of shorter strip 2 cm to wrong side, thread this end through the other snap hook and place the hook within fold. Turn the other end of strip 1 cm to wrong side.

Lay shorter strip with snap hook on right side of bag back panel observing pattern markings and stitch it to bag panel close to edge, catching its turned-under end in stitching, thus forming a loop for snap hook. Note that on both bag panels, the snap hook is placed at the top end of the attachment strip.

**Joining:** Stitch bottom seam of bag. Press seam allowances toward back panel. Fold bottom of bag on each side of bottom seam as marked on pattern and press folds (do not use steam to avoid producing too sharp folds). Fold and press folds along side edges of bag panels as marked on pattern.

Stitch side seams of bag and press them open. Leave bag inside out. Stitch bottom corners of bag as follows: Place one side seamline and bottom seamline right sides together and stitch across corner between points where previously pressed folds intersect. Stitch other bottom corner in the same way. Fold tips of corners onto bottom of bag and secure them to seam allowances with short rows of back-and-forth stitching.

**Finishing:** Turn bag right side out. Fold and shape the bag to look like a paper bag. Fold the top edge of the bag twice, so that the snap hooks meet. Press the folds if necessary to make them stay in place.

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