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Here is the tutorial of how to make Hermes Birkin bag, there are maybe some tiny difference between the pattern in picture and pattern in pdf, because we had optimized the pattern after test making.

I use laser cut pattern for test making, pdf pattern you download is more detailed.

The finished measurement is about:

Birkin 25: 9.8" x 7.9" x 5.1" (25cm x 20cm x 13cm).

Birkin 30: 11.8" x 8.7" x 6.3" (30cm x 22cm x 16cm).

Birkin 35: 13.8" x 9.8" x 7.1" (35cm x 25cm x 18cm).

Birkin 40: 15.7" x 4.6" x 7.9" (40cm x 30cm x 20cm).

You can have the hardware kit here:

<https://www.leathercraftpattern.com/LCP-High-end-hardware/Hermes-Birkin-bag-whole-kit-hardwares>

Material (Take Birkin 40 as example):

Leather:

1.0mm leather about 10 sq.ft

0.5mm leather about 10 sq.ft

1.8mm leather about 3 sq.ft.

2.0mm vegetable tanned leather about 1 sq.ft

0.4mm TYLIN about 3 sq.ft

Please understand: there are so many kinds of leather in the market for choose. If the leather you use is thinner than advised data, you can add stiffener's thickness.

Skill tips:

There are some skill tips that I was asked frequently, let's introduce them to you at first.

Tip 1: Why use spunlace?

For vegetable tanned leather, we use tragacanth gum to deal with the flesh side, but for chrome tanned leather, full glue spunlace on flesh side is a better way, that will strength the leather effectively, and normally the spunlace is smaller than leather edge about 1cm, when you thin the 1cm and sew the bag, there will be very nice looking bump effect.

Tip 2: Where is the regenerated leather to be used?

Regenerated leather is used between surface and lining leather, if you use soft and thin leather to make a bag, a piece of strong regenerated leather will support it a nice look. It is also used on bottom frequently, to make the bottom strong enough. Of course, regenerated leather is smaller than edge too, normally 1cm.

Tip 3: Can I use leather to replace spunlace and regenerated leather?

Yes, if you want the stiffener more than 2mm thick, leather is the best choice. If you want a 0.3mm stiffener, anyhow, spunlace or regenerate leather is the best choice, because it is so hard to thin leather into 0.3mm

Tip 4: What's bending glue skill? Must I use bending glue tool to do this work?

Please read this instruction:

<https://www.leathercraftpattern.com/leather-bag-sewing-how-to-sew-leather-bag-bag-pattern-leathercraft-leather-tool/how-to-sew-leather-leather-sewing-skill-instruction/how-to-do-bending-glue-tutorial>

Bending glue tool will make you complete the work efficiently, but for a skilled leather worker, bending glue by hand is OK.

Tip 5: Is an electronic creaser machine is needed?

If you want your leather work looks better, you need it, I like FN2 tip very much, I use it to draw decoration lines almost everywhere.

Tutorial
(I) Prepare work

1) Front surface.



2) Back surface.



3) Gusset surface.



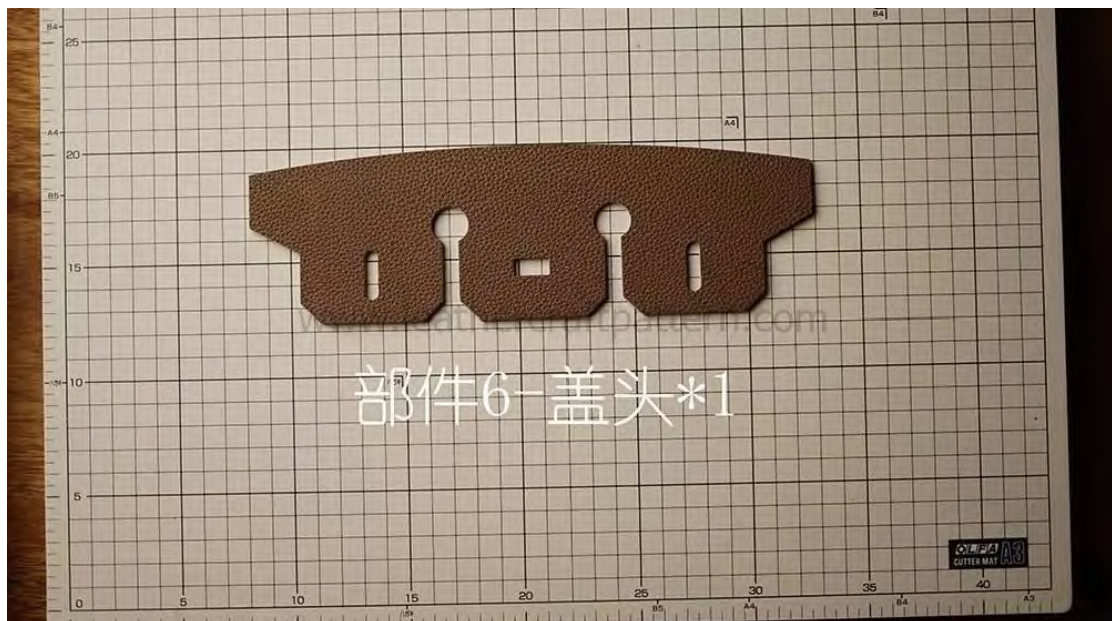
4) Bottom surface.



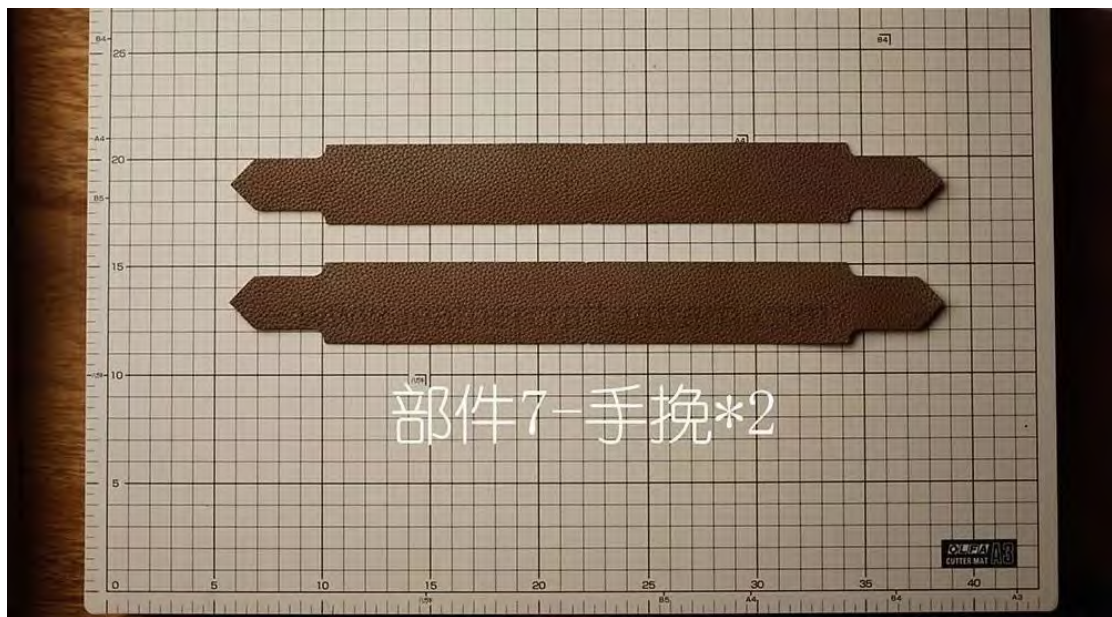
5) Bottom lining.



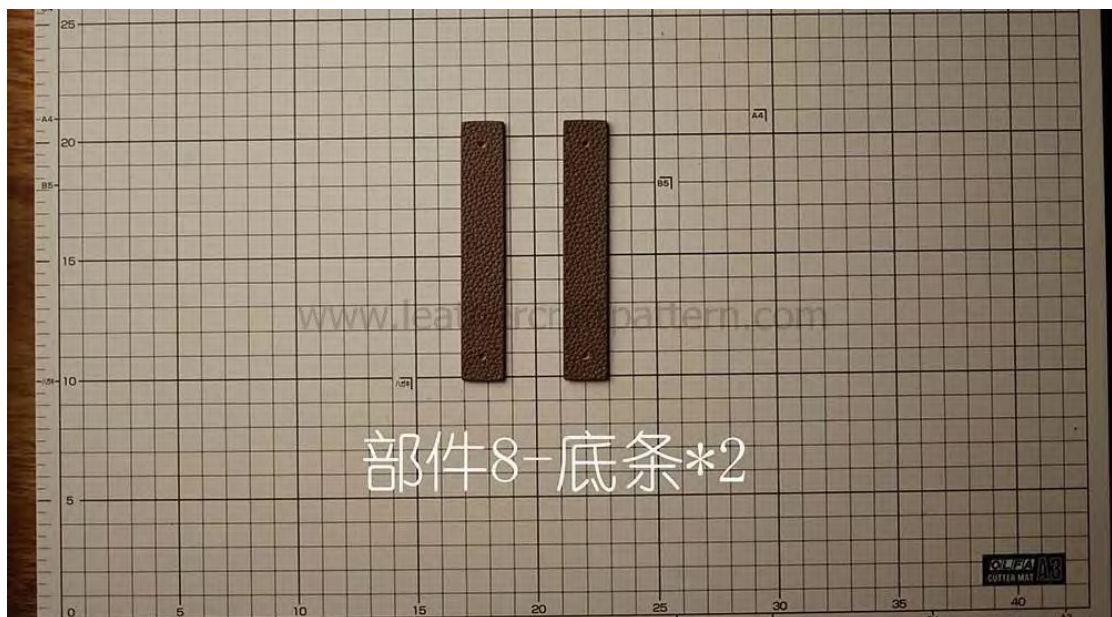
6) Flap surface.



7) Handle.



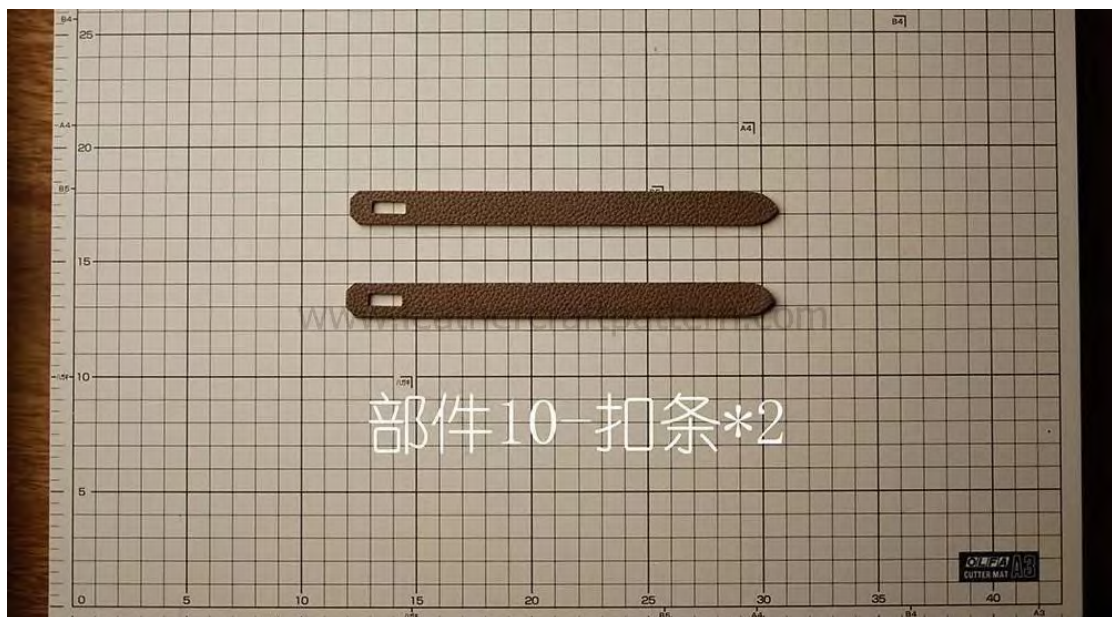
8) Foot nail tab.



9) Bottom stiffener.



10) Strap.



11) Key holder kit.



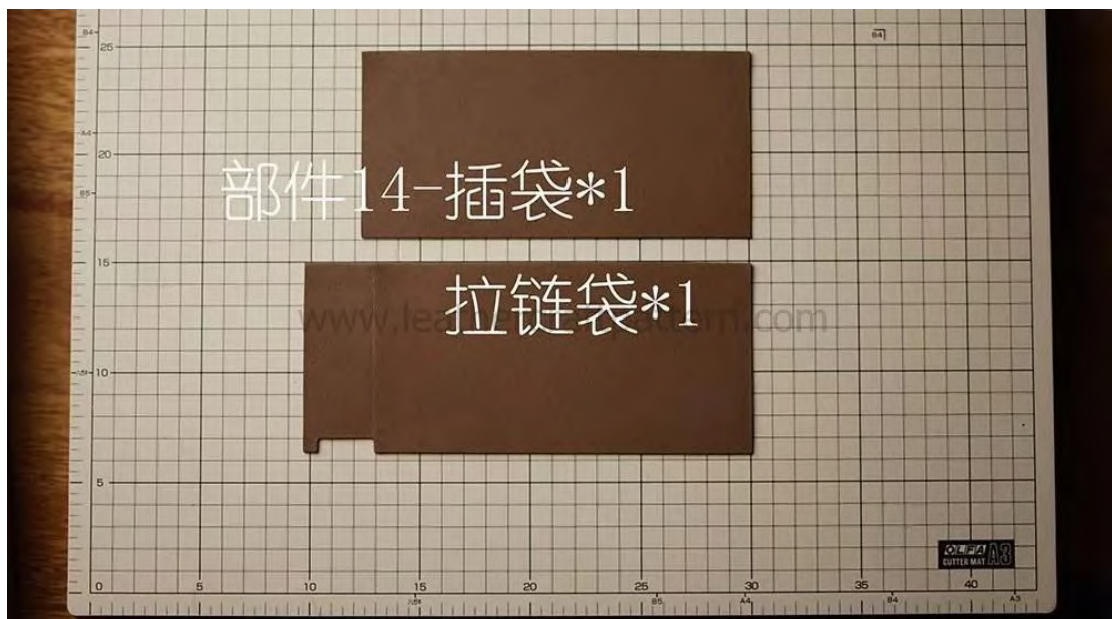
12) Zipper puller.



13) Flap supporter (wrap by a piece of 0.5mm leather)



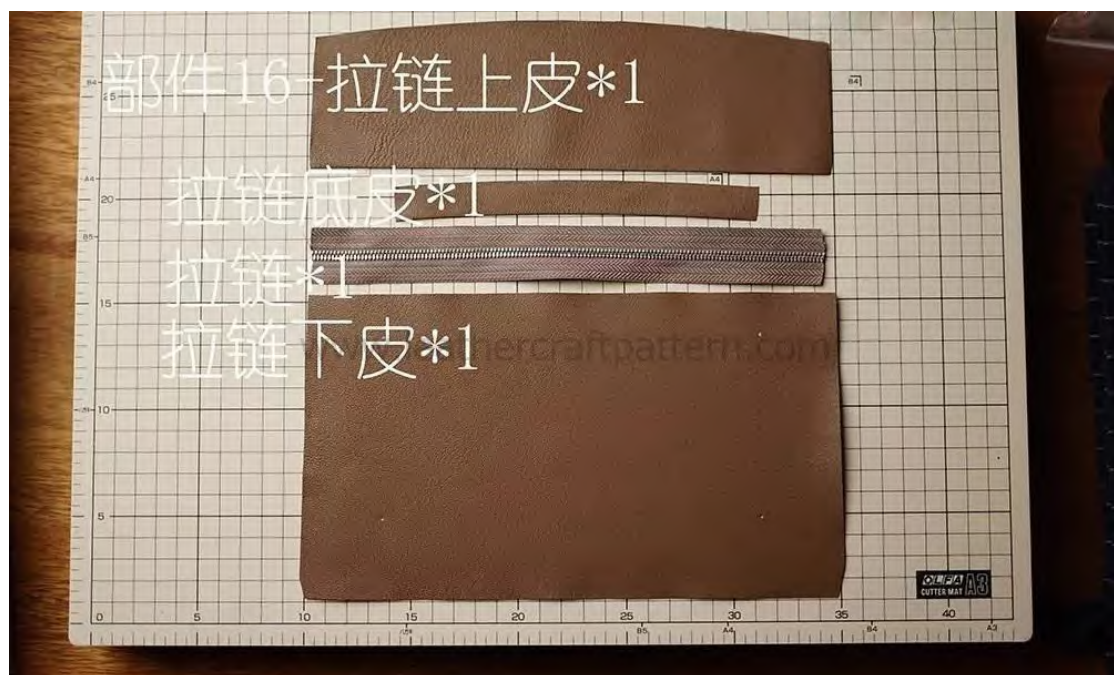
14) Front and back pocket.



15) Binder leather and cord.



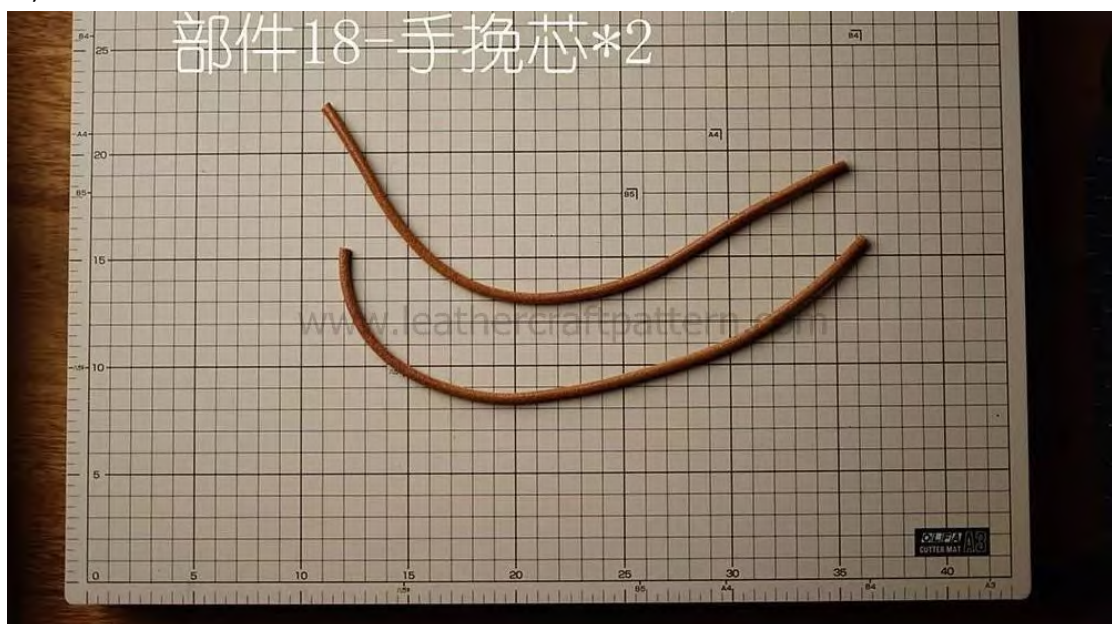
16) Back lining kit.



17) Front lining.



18) Handle stiffner.



(II) Punch chisel holes and pre sewing

Glue double-sided tape on pattern, you can put some baby powder to reduce the stickiness.



Glue pattern on leather, make sure they align with each other well.





Punch holes. Please know that, for Birkin bag, it needs 2.7mm, 3.0mm, 3.85mm and 1 tooth chisel, you can use French style awl to replace 1 tooth chisel, we had marked the chisel you should use on different place. Make sure the chisel should be vertical with leather.



Do the same on straps.







On corner, you can use 1 tooth chisel or awl.



Do the same for gusset.





Use 1 tooth chisel or awl for strap holes.

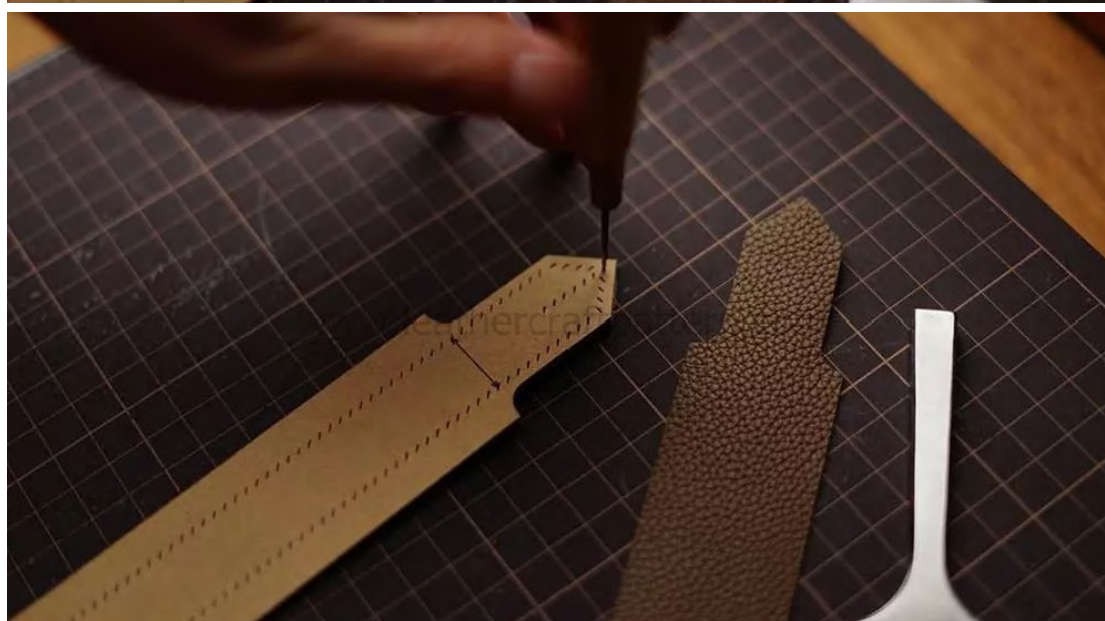


Do same for handles.





Here left 2 tips out of 2 arrows blank, don't sew.



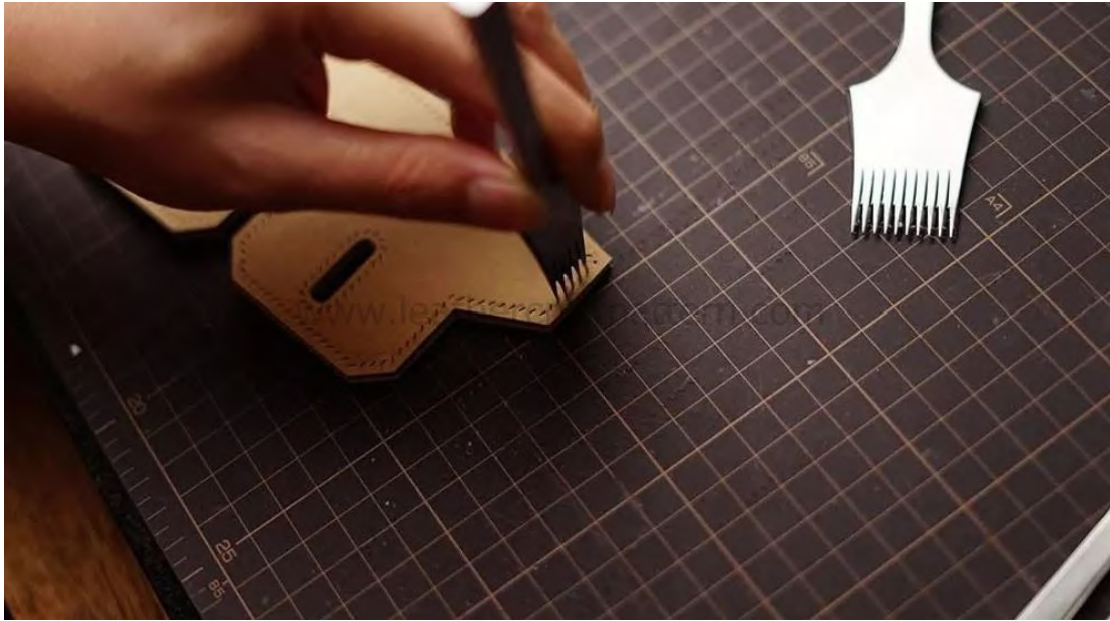


Do the same step on flap.





Here use 2.7mm chisel.



Use awl on hole.



Sew A14 surface and lining together, but only sew top stitching line and 4 holes.



Glue 3 pieces of A11 together, 2 for surface and lining, the other 1 for stiffener, sew as picture, left top stitching line blank.



Glue each 2 pieces of strap leather together, sew as picture. Left 2 tip blank.



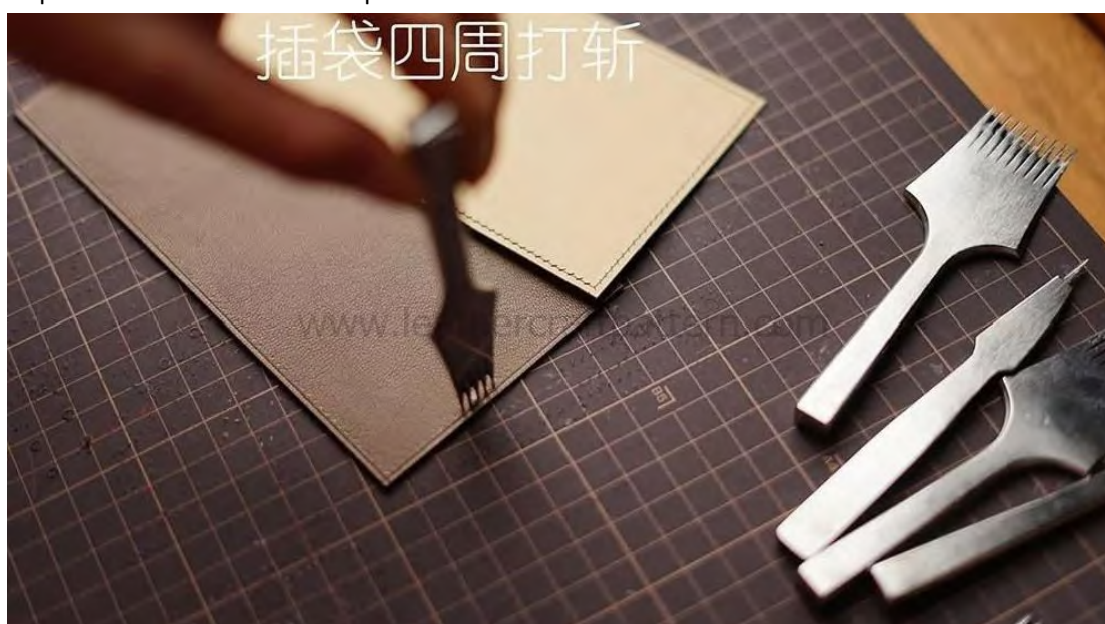
Punch holes on front surface piece.





(III) Make front and back pocket

Step 1: Punch chisel holes from pattern on leather.



Step 2: Glue A04 on A03 by align with orienting line, fold edge of A04, sew top stitching line and iron decoration lines by FN2 tip.



Step 3: Paint oil edge.



Step 4: Glue A03 on A02 by align with orienting line.





Step 5: Paste strengthen tape on back of A02 along stitching line, then when you sew, the stitching will be stronger.





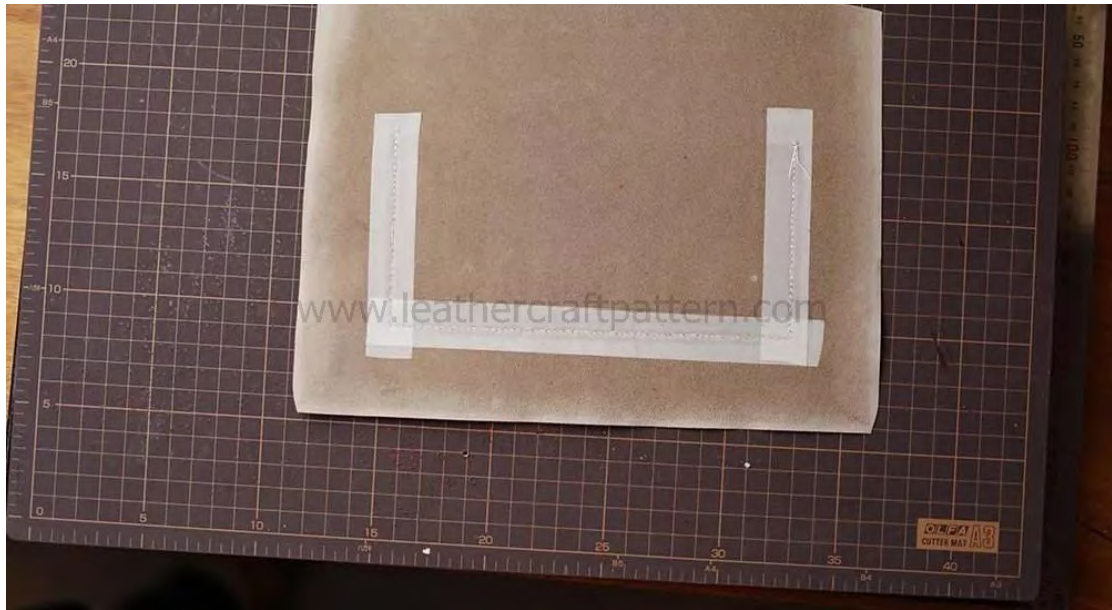
Step 6: Punch holes and sew.



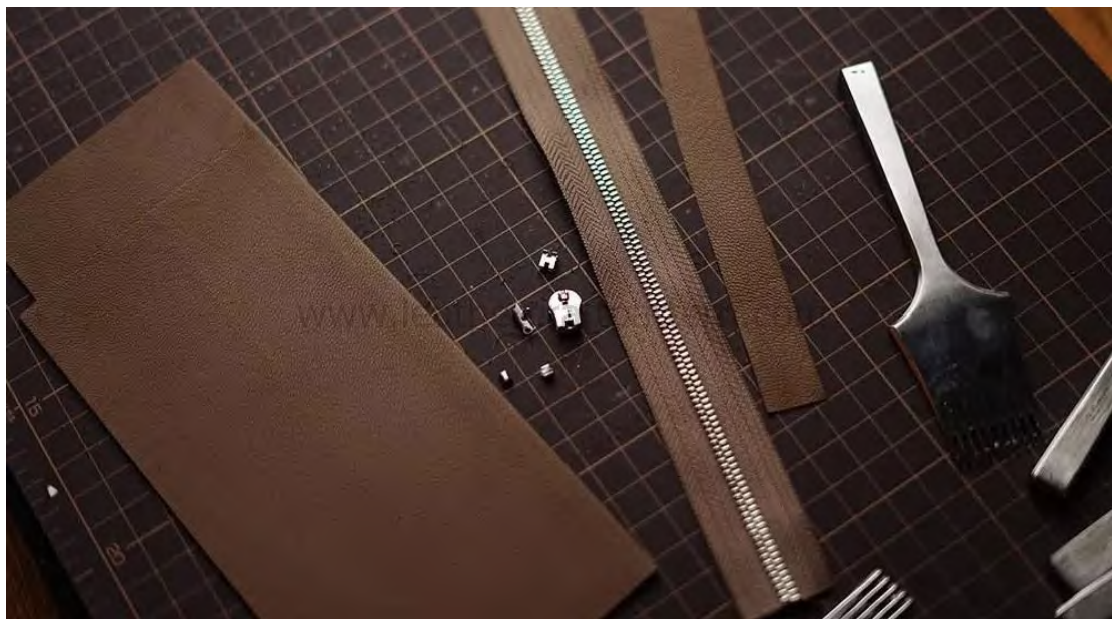


Here there are 3 return stitches.

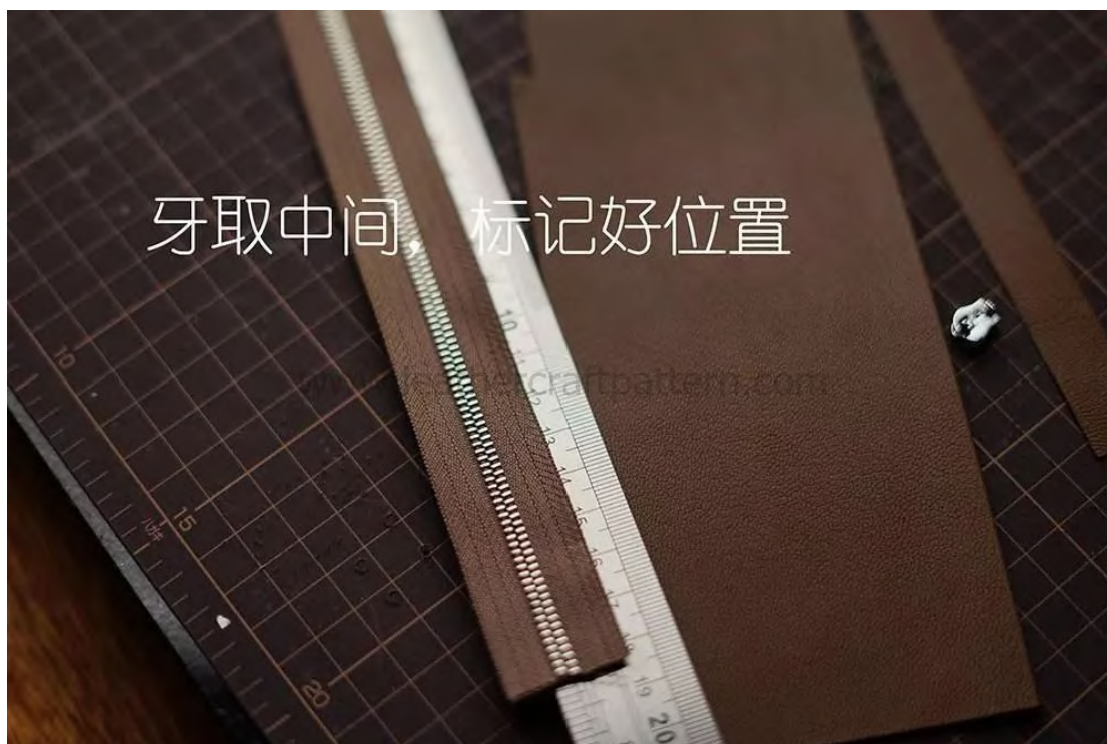




Step 7: Prepare A08, here please notice that I had glue A09 with A08, and fold edge of A08.



Step 8: The teeth length is about 157mm.



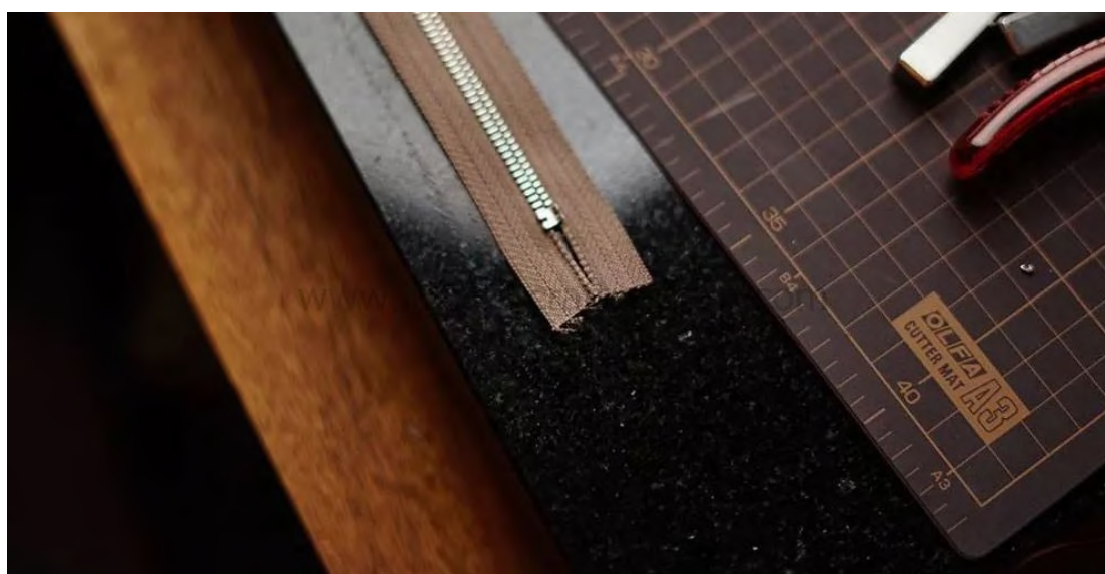
Step 9: Remove redundant teeth.

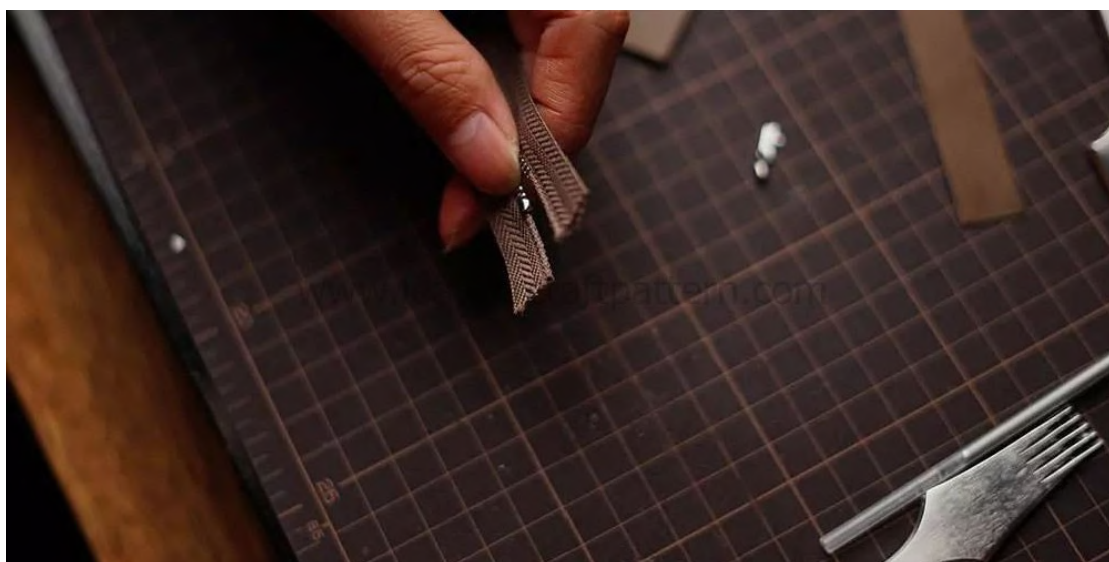
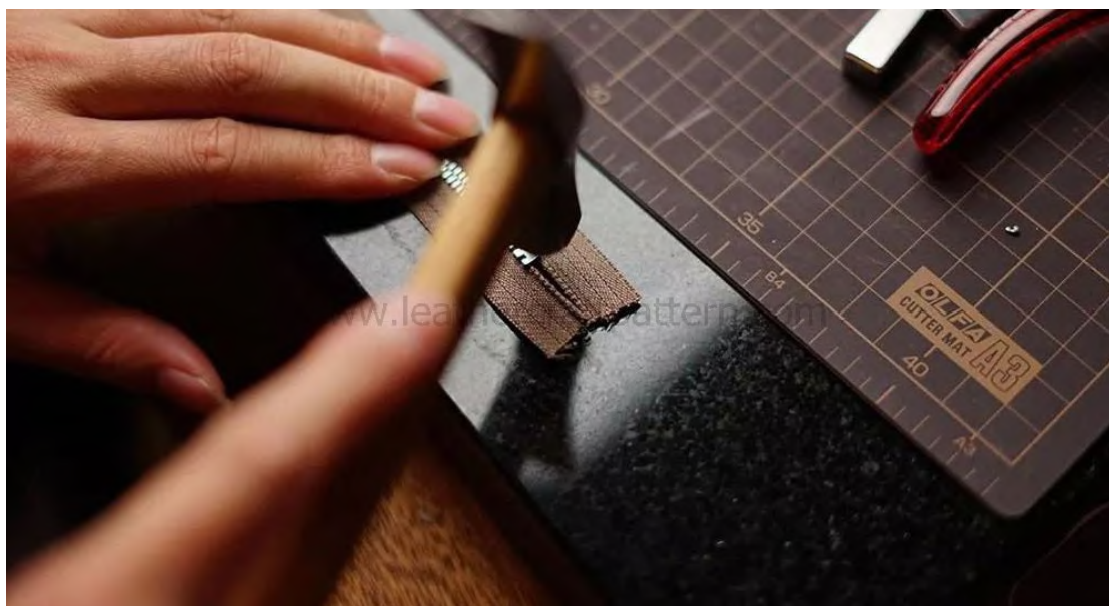


Step 10: Install slider.



Step 11: Install upside and downside stops.







Step 12: Fold the cloth as picture instruction.





For understanding well, let me do it by paper.





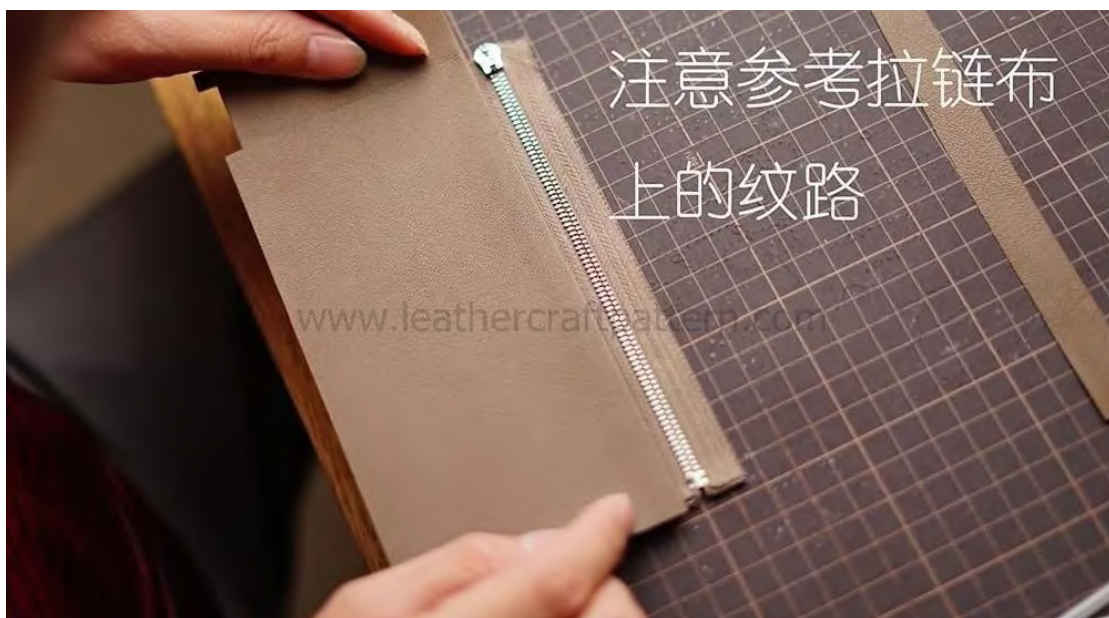
折拉链示意图



剪掉多余的



Step 13: Thin leather as picture show, glue zipper on.





Step 14: Glue A10 on by align with its orienting line.







擦上胶水粘紧



Step 15: Punch chisel holes and sew top stitching line.



Step 16: Paint edge oil.



Step 18: Iron decoration lines.





Step 19: Paint glue.



Step 20: Fold and sew.



Look at the picture to know how finish stitching, remember 3 return stitches.



Step 21: Paint oil on edge of A06.



Step 22: Iron decoration line by FN2 tip.



Step 23: Paste double-sided tape on bottom of A06.



Step 24: Glue back pocket on A07.









Step 25: Glue A06 on A07 by align with orienting line.





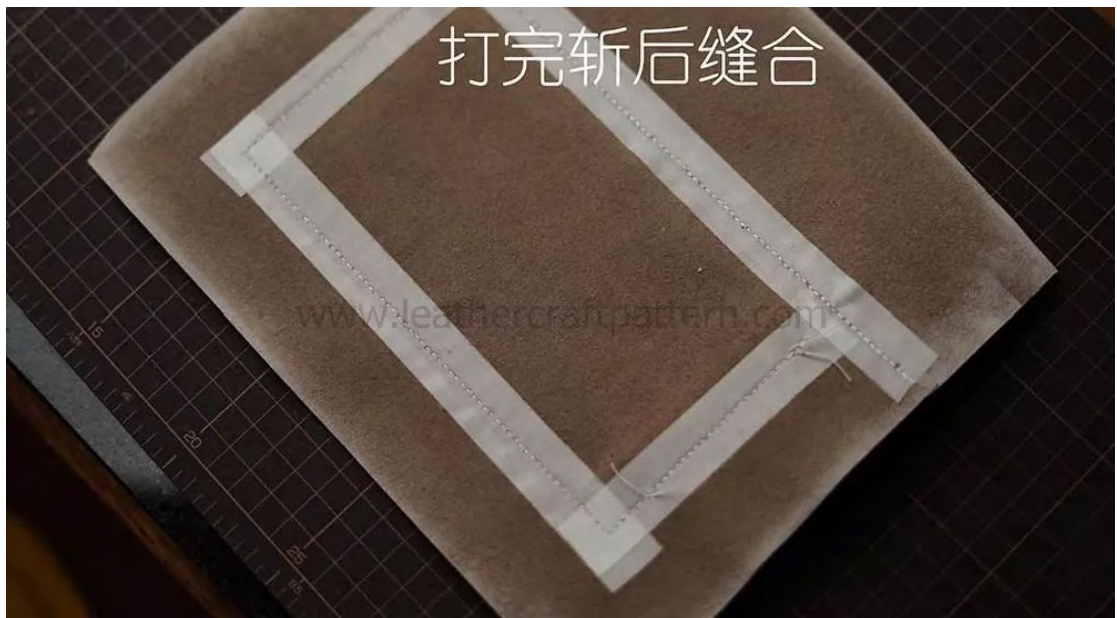
Step 26: Glue strength tape along stitching line.





Step 27: Punch chisel holes and sew.





Return 3 stitches is Birkin's character.



Step 28: Install slider, there is nothing to say. Don't forget paint edge oil.





四周压线油边



用盖片把拉牌和拉链头链接起来



这里盖片要用力压下





可以使用美工刀前段来协助

(IV) Make handle

Step 1: Glue each 2 pieces of A19 together, and thin edge, you can add some vulcanized fibre in middle because I only have 5mm cord in hand, if you have 7mm or 8mm cord, no need vulcanized fibre. So this is DIY, adjust everything what you need.



手挽的制作

Step 2: Cut sloop at 40mm place.







Step 3: Paste double-sided tape in middle, and then paint glue on edge.





制作时也可以使用其他胶水
只要均匀即可



撕开双面胶



Step 4: Glue cord on and fold.







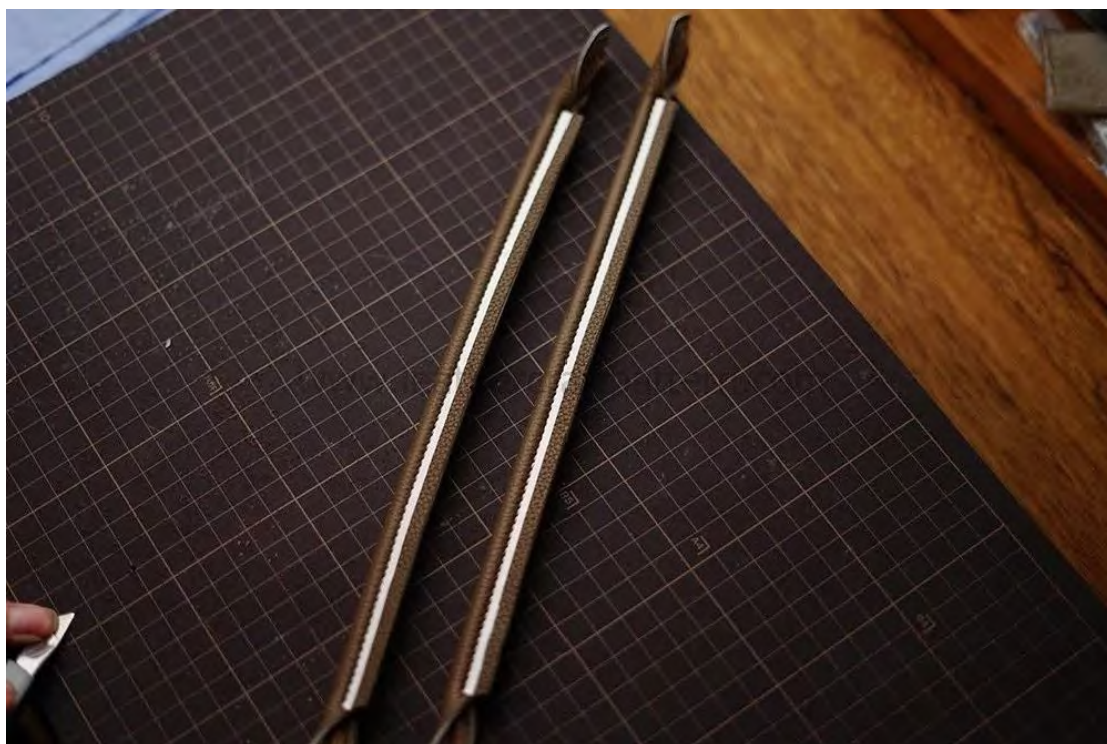
Step 5: Clamp by pliers.



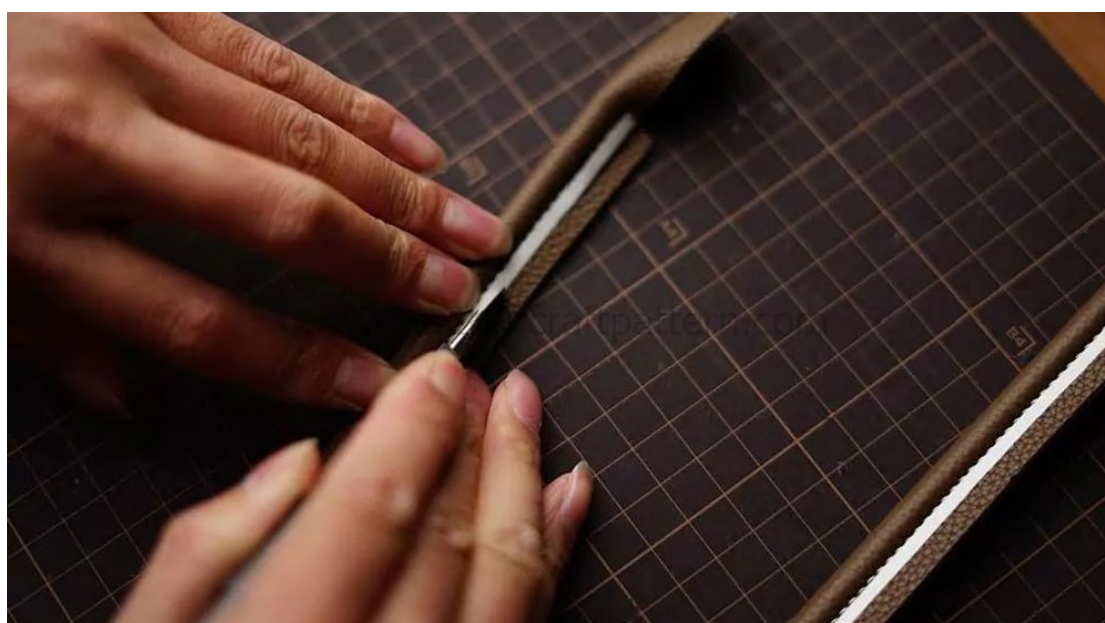
Step 6: Sew stop here.

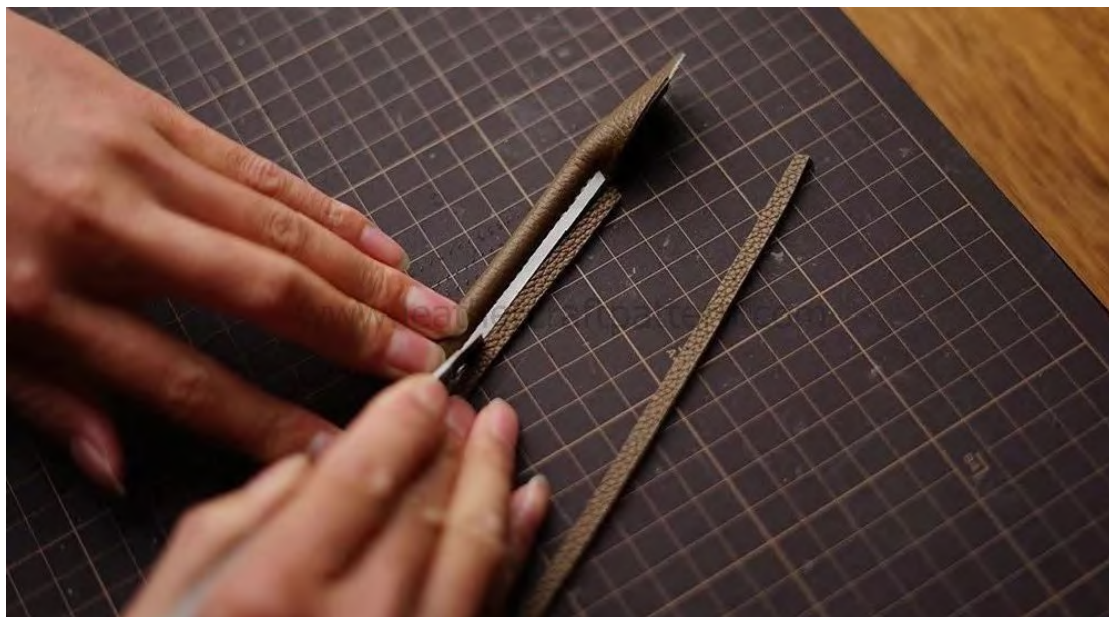


Step 7: Glue 2.5mm tape on as cutting reference.



Step 8: Cut redundant part that out of the tape.





Step 9: Polish edge and paint oil.



(V) Make binder

Step 1: there are 4 binders for gusset, and 1 binder for bottom. The diameter of cord is 2.5 or 3mm.



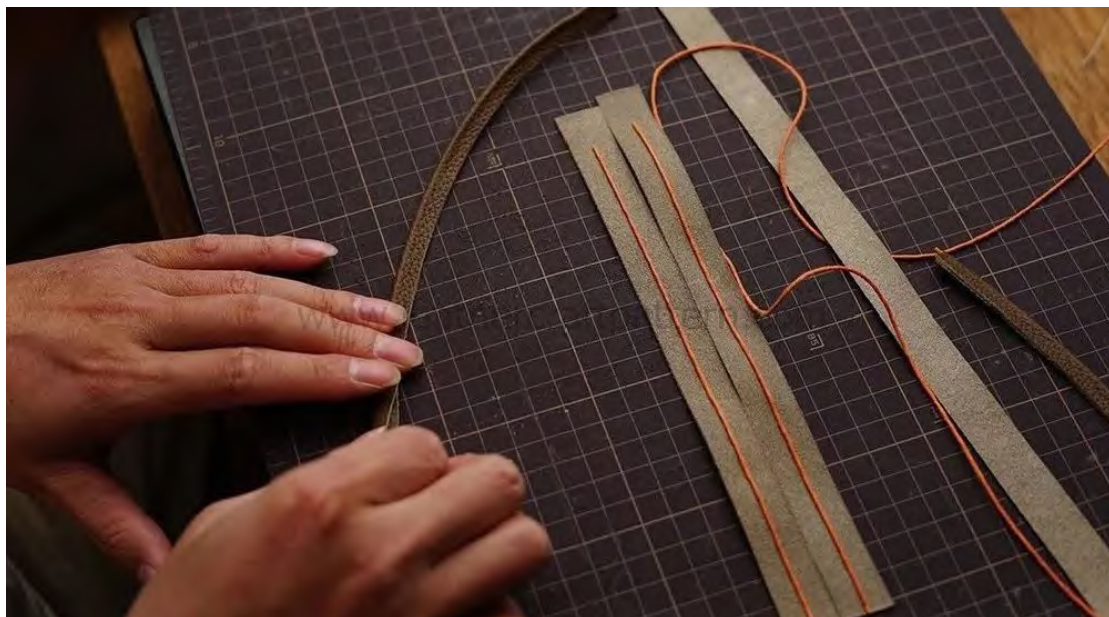
Step 2: Fold and glue.



Step 3: Shape after glue.







Step 4: For the binder, let me show you how to deal with tip, cut a 90° opening.





Step 5: Paint glue here.

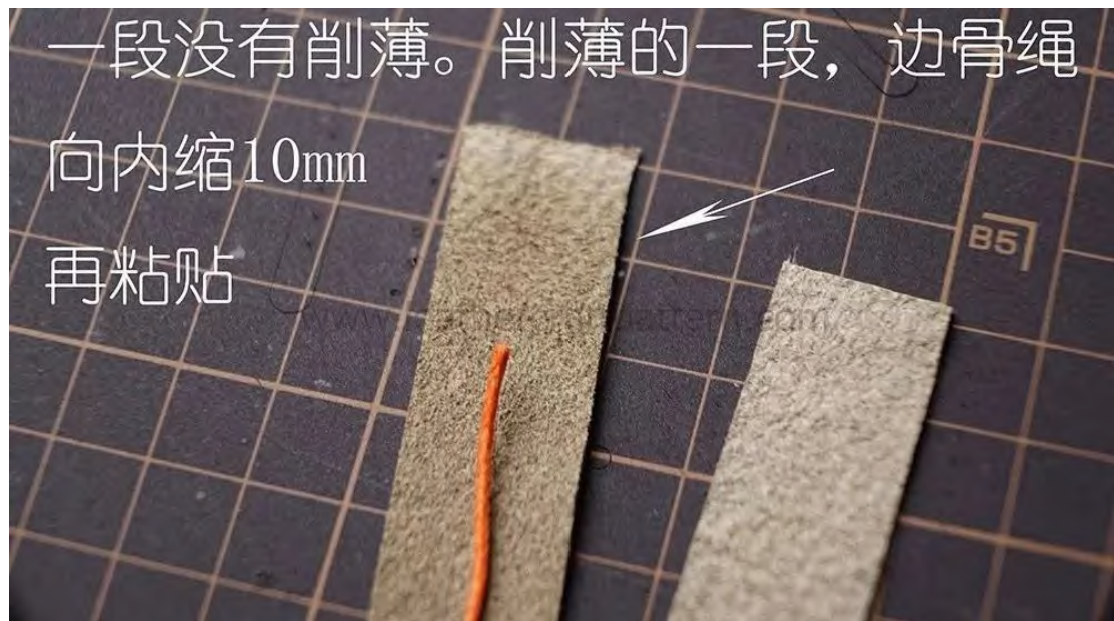




Step 6: Cut redundant part.



Please notice that, the cord should be 10mm less than leather.



(VI) Make bottom

Step 1: Iron decoration line on A13.



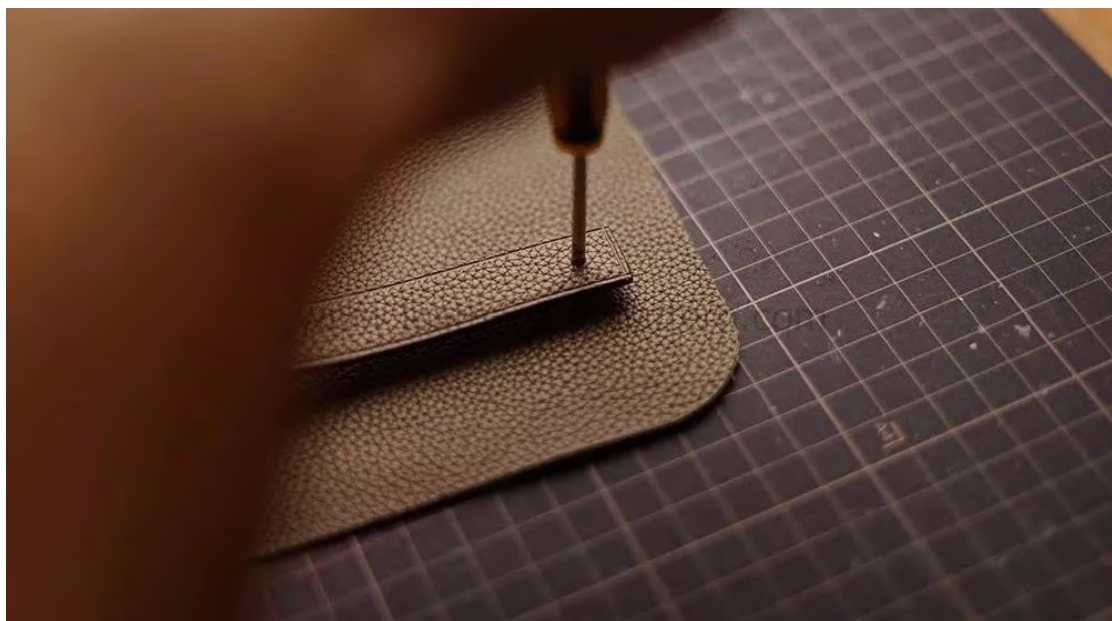
Step 2: Paint edge oil.



Step 3: Glue it on A12 surface leather by align with orienting line.



按照孔位粘贴到底皮上



Step 4: Punch chisel holes.



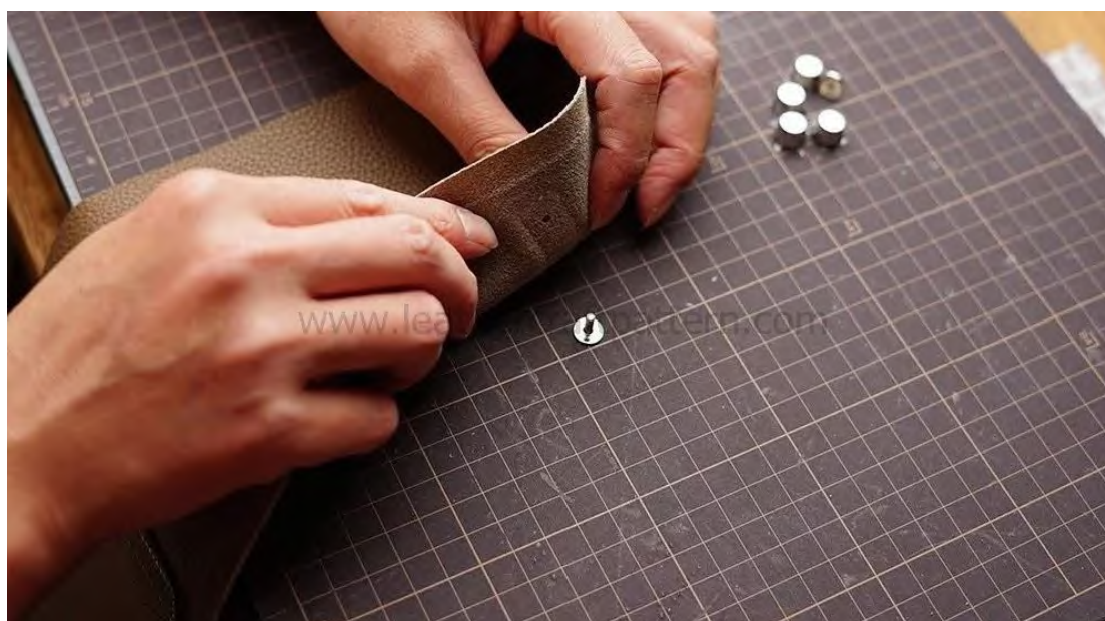
Step 5: Sew, here please notice, there is no return stitches here, only tie a knot.

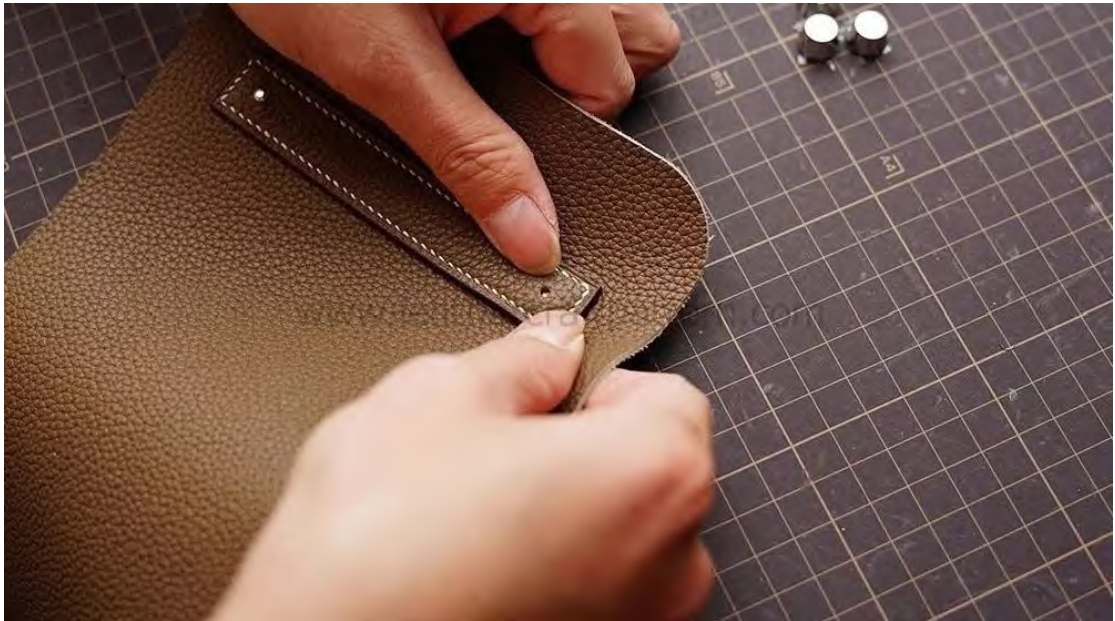


然后缝合，这里不用回针，
在背面打结即可



Step 6: Install foot nails.

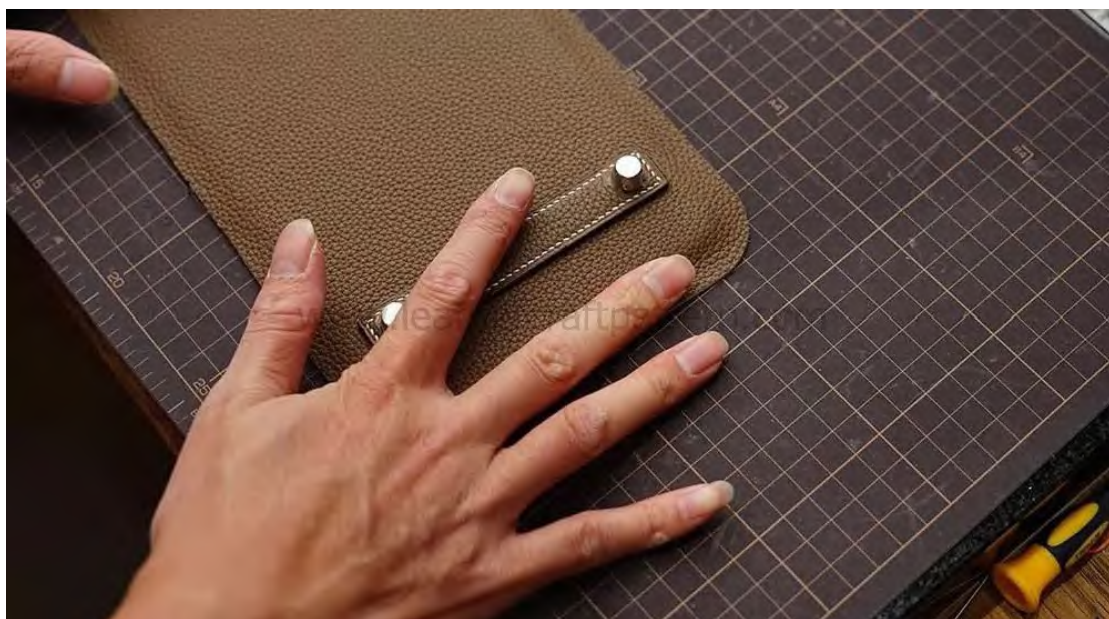






Step 7: Glue B05 on flesh side of A12 surface.





Step 8: Paint glue on edge.



Step 9: Paint glue on binder A21.



Step 10: Glue A21 around bottom.





Step 11: Cut redundant part.



Step 12: Overlap one tip.

将削薄位置打开
包裹住边骨，做收尾





Step 13: Punch holes by round chisel and sew.



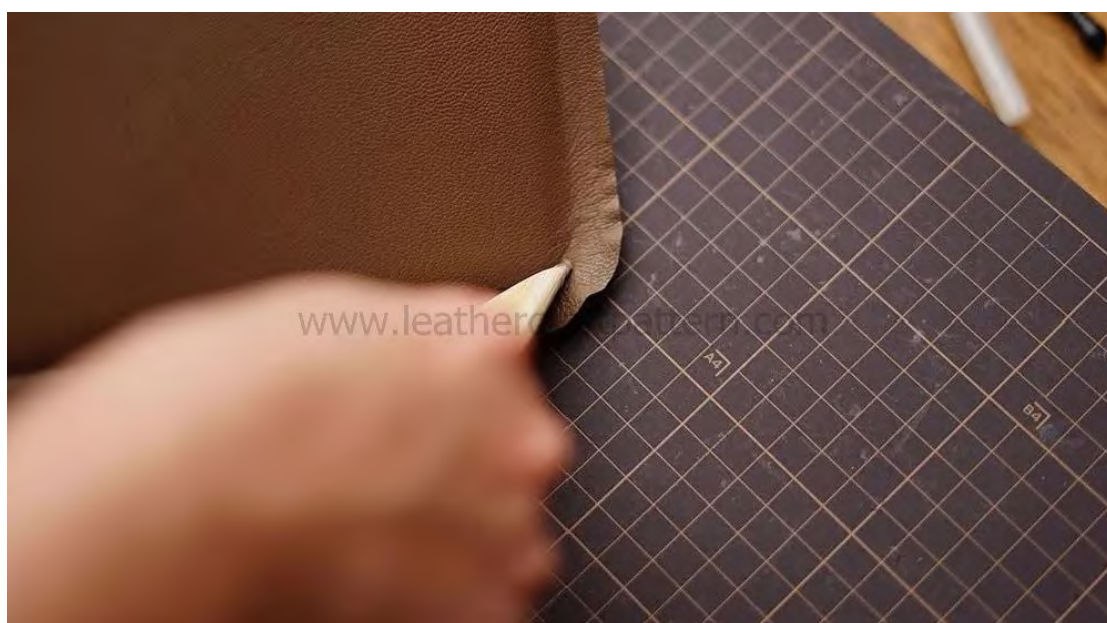


Step 14: Glue the other piece of A12 (lining) on.





Step 15: Shape by creaser.



Step 16: Cut redundant part.



(VII) Make front



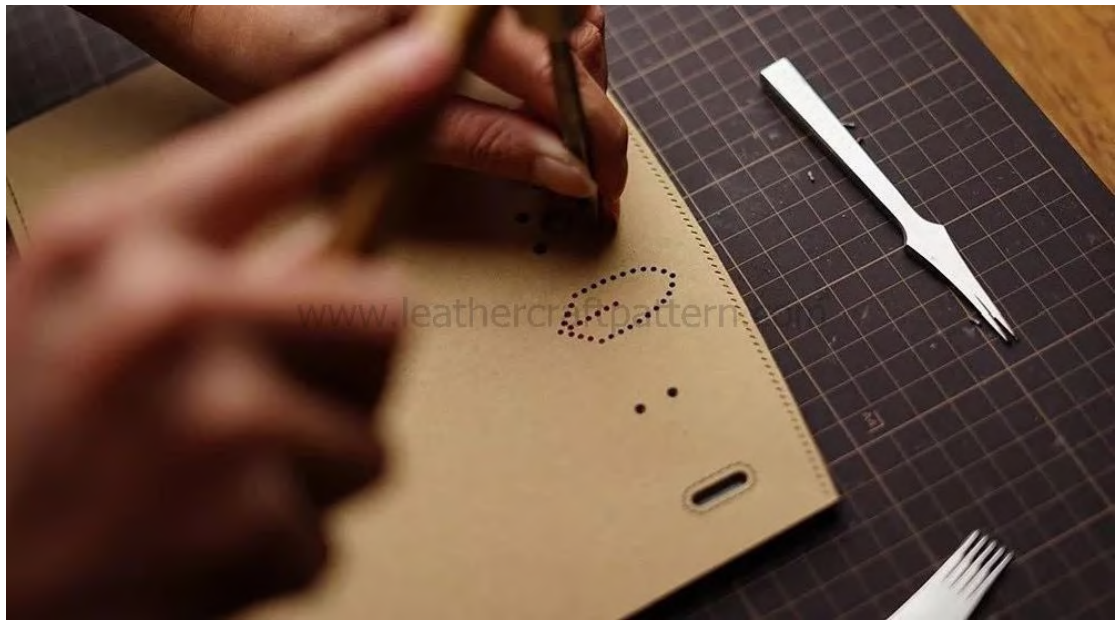
Step 1: Glue B02 and B01 on A01.





Step 2: Punch holes and chisel holes. For handle I use 1mm round punch, so the handle will not be torn easily.





Step 3: Paint glue on top edge.



Step 4: Paint glue on premade A02 top edge.



Step 5: Glue them together.





Step 6: May cut redundant part.



Step 7: Punch holes from surface on lining.



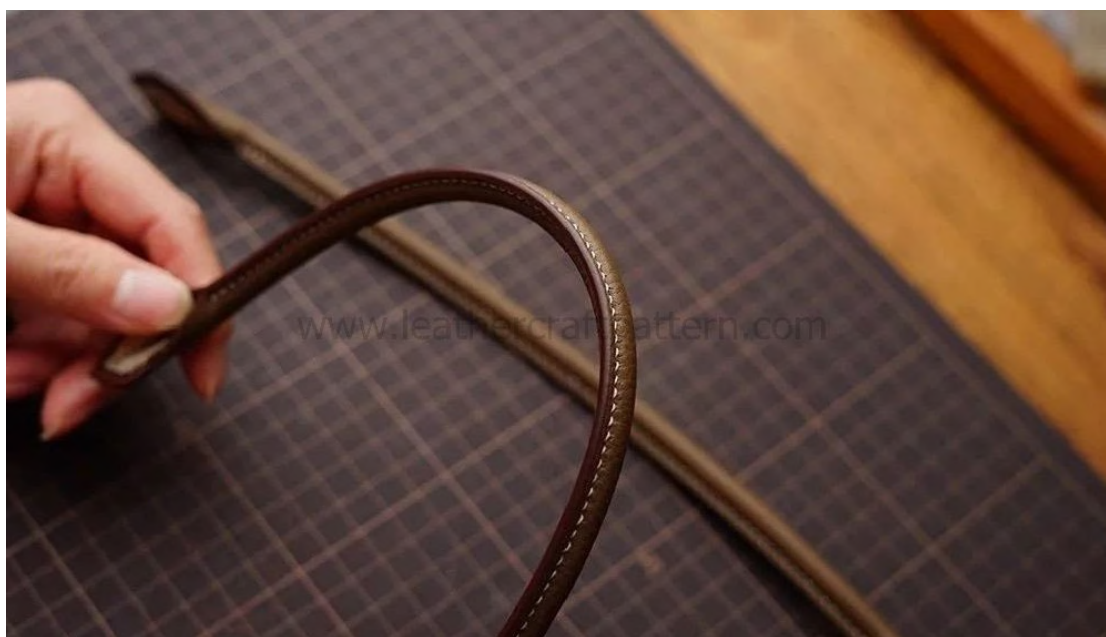
Step 8: Sew top stitching line.



Step 9: Paint oil on top edge.



Step 10: Sew handle on.



将手挽缝合到前幅上



背后







DO remember 3 return stitches.



Step 11: Tie a knot on back.



Step 12: Install hardware.











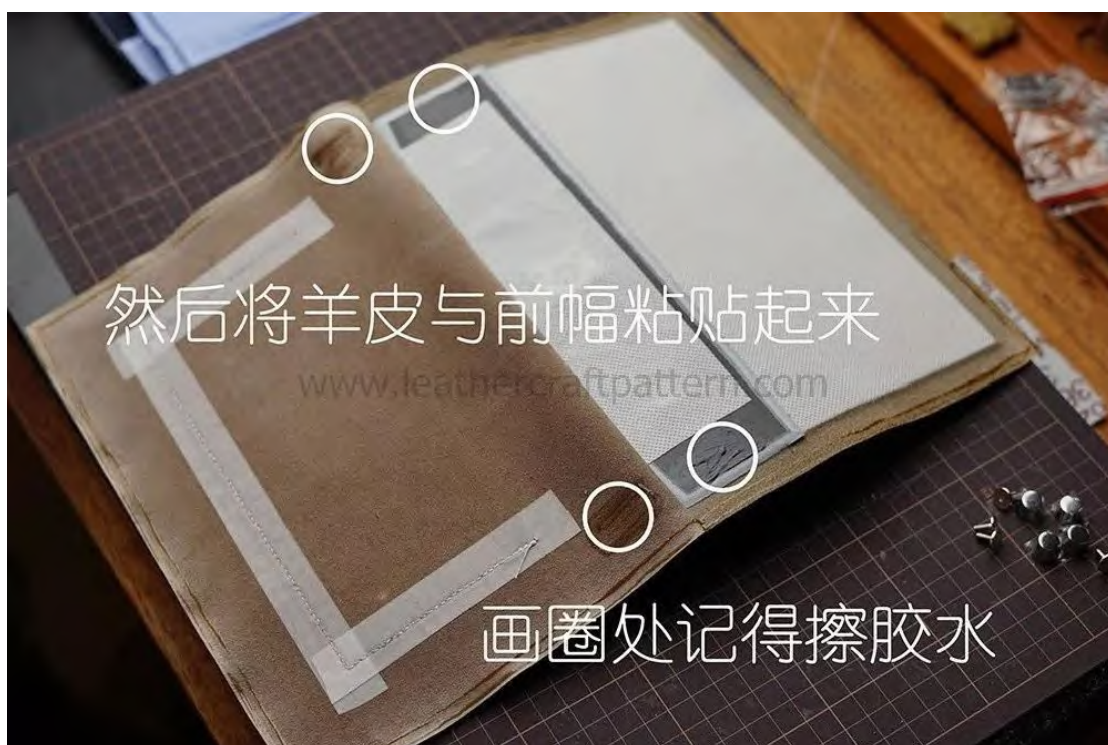
Step 13: Glue a piece of spunlace to over hardware.





Step 14: Paint glue around strap holes





Step 15: Paint glue on edge.



Step 16: Here bending glue.



让粘贴完的前幅形成一个弧面





If you can't finish this work, just glue them flat.



如果打弯位失败

可以直接平贴



Step 17: Cut off redundant part.



Step 18: Punch through the strap holes





Step 19: Punch chisel holes.



3 return stitches.





(VIII) Make back



Step 1: Glue B03 and B04 on flesh side of A05.



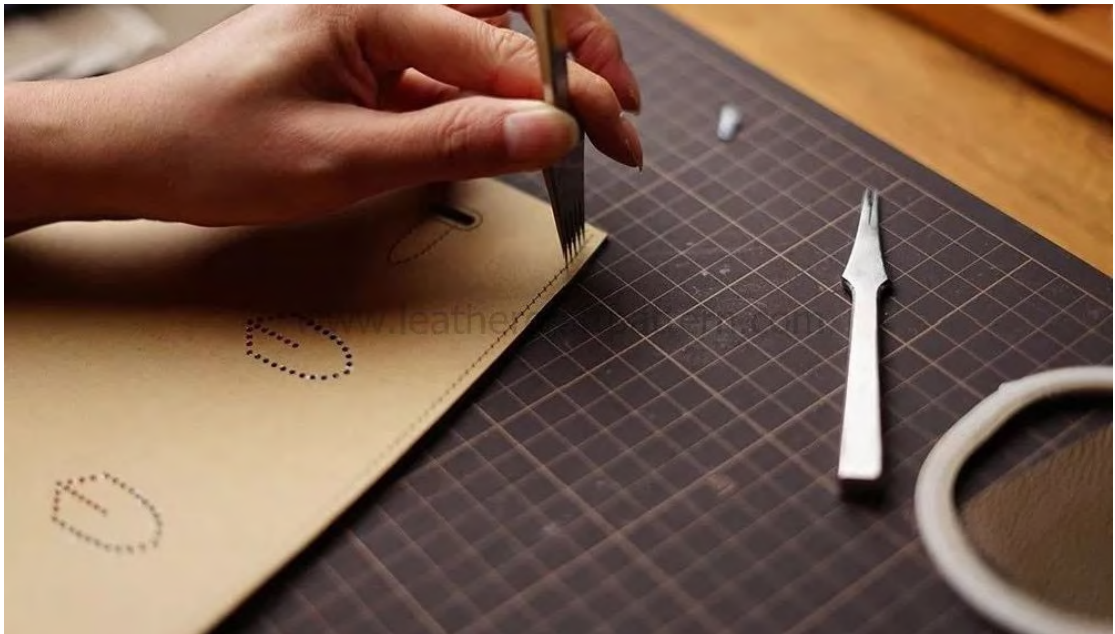


Step 2: Punch holes and chisel holes. Please notice that, there are only 4 chisel holes on 2 sides.









Of course, handle is 1mm round holes.



Step 3: Paint glue on top edge of A05 and A06&A07 combination.





Step 4: May cut off redundant part.



Step 5: Punch chisel holes from surface to lining.



Step 6: Punch chisel holes on A20.



Step 7: Then enlarge all chisel holes by 1mm round punch.





Step 8: Paint oil on edge of A11.

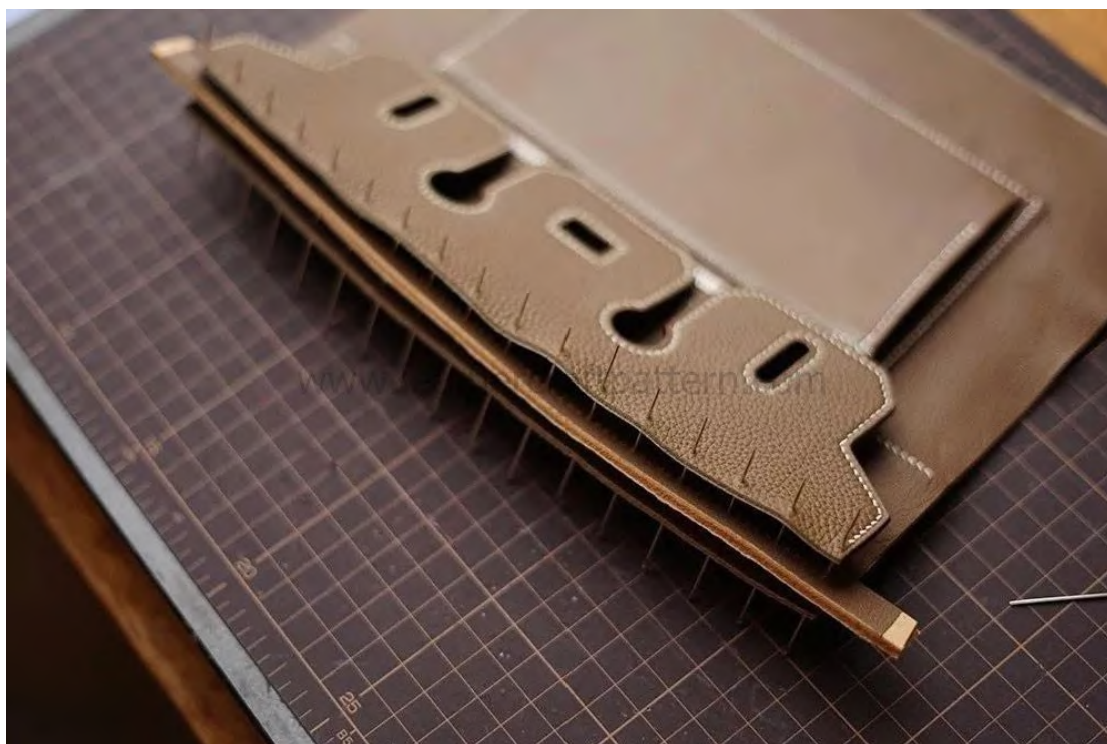




Step 9: Use needle as anchor tool.







Step 10: Glue and sew.





将三者粘合到一起







用锤子敲紧











Here sew 4 stitches, and return 2 stitches.





Step 11: In PDF pattern no need cut redundant part.



Step 12: Polish edge.



Step 13: Paint oil.





Step 14: Sew handle on.





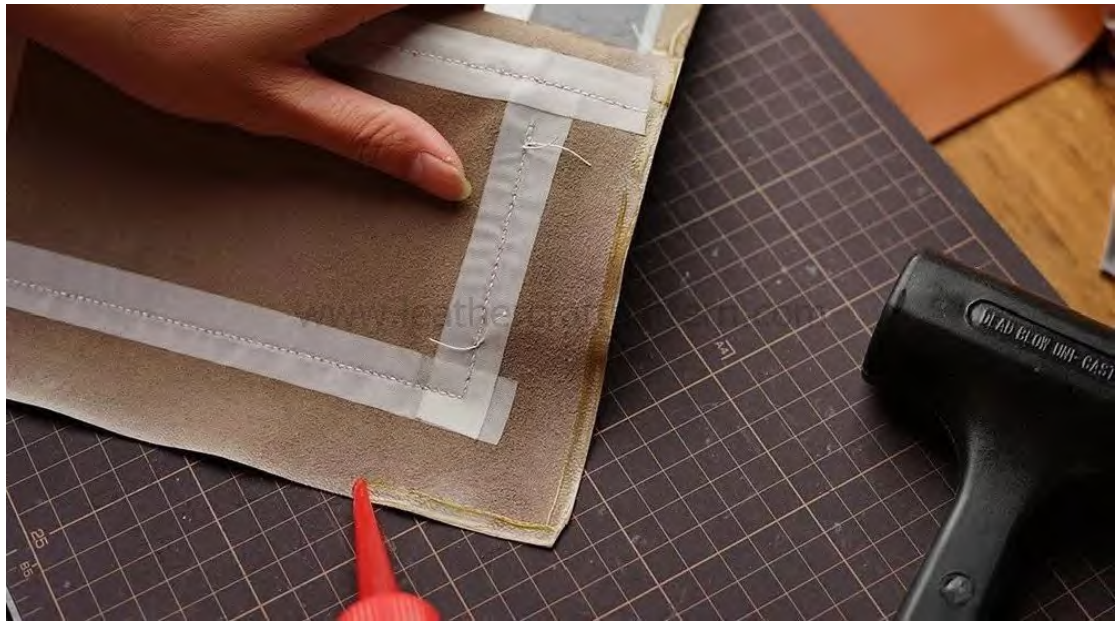
Step 15: Paste a piece of spunlace on.





Step 16: Same as making front, paint glue on edge and round strap holes.





Step 17: Bending glue, if you can't do it well, just glue flat.







Step 18: Cut off redundant lining.





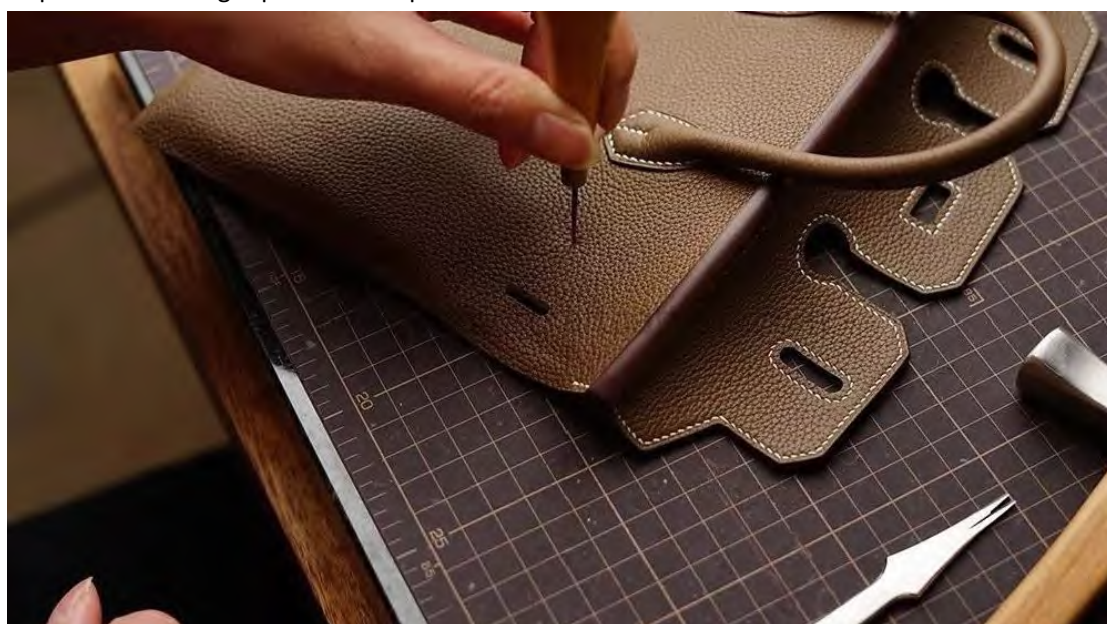
Step 19: Punch through strap holes.



Step 20: Punch chisel holes from surface to lining.



Step 21: Find the right place for strap.



Step 22: Punch holes.





Step 23: Iron decoration lines on A15 and paint oil.





Step 24: Thin edge and glue unsewn part on A05 by align with orienting line.





用锥子定位，以防跑偏





Step 25: Sew and 3 return stitches.





(IX) Make gusset

Step 1: Paint glue on edge of gusset surface and lining.



Step 2: Of course, you know I will do bending glue work. If you can't do it well, just glue flat.









Step 3: Cut off redundant lining.



Don't forget 3 return stitches around the strap holes when you sew in early step.



Step 4: Paint oil on top edge.



Step 5: Paint glue on edge.



Step 6: Paint glue on binder A20.





Step 7: Glue them together.



将边骨条落到侧幅上



Notice the tip we premade.





Step 8: Cut off redundant part.



(X) Combination work

Step 1: Paint glue on side edge of Front.



Step 2: Paint glue on edge of binders.





Step 3: Glue them together.





粘贴平整



Step 4: Use compass to find 4mm gap on ruler.

划线水银笔，取4mm宽



Step 5: Draw line on lining of gusset.



Step 6: Here I use 3.85mm round chisel to punch holes. Round chisel holes will prevent torn.





按照划线位打孔



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Step 7: Do the same step on the other side.



Step 8: Sew. Look at the picture to know where is the place for return stitches.





取出后幅，将边缘擦上胶水

Step 9: Paint glue on side edge of Back.



Step 10: Paint glue on binder of gusset.



Step 11: Glue them together.









Step 12: Same as steps before.









Step 13: Polished edge and paint oil.



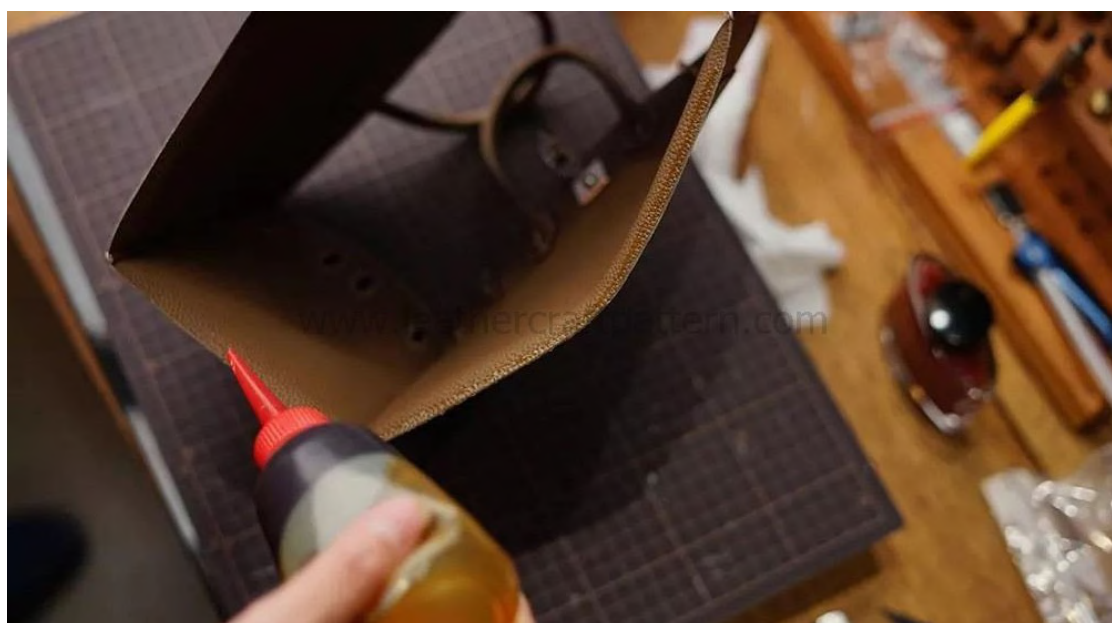
侧幅和前幅、后幅缝合完毕





Step 14: Now we combine bottom on. Paint glue on downside edge.







Step 15: Paint glue on bottom binder.





Step 16: Glue bottom with main body by align with anchor points.













Step 17: Clamp by pliers to adjust the shape.





Step 18: Now draw 4mm line along bottom.



Step 19: Punch chisel holes by round chisel.





Step 20: Sew after punch.





Step 21: Polish edge.





Step 22: Paint oil.



Step 23: Converse grain side outside.







Step 24: Adjust shape by pliers.





Step 25: Install hardware, there is nothing more to say, look at pictures.









然后再将扣条片放置



用锥子重新修正定位

将小颗的铆钉敲进去就完成了

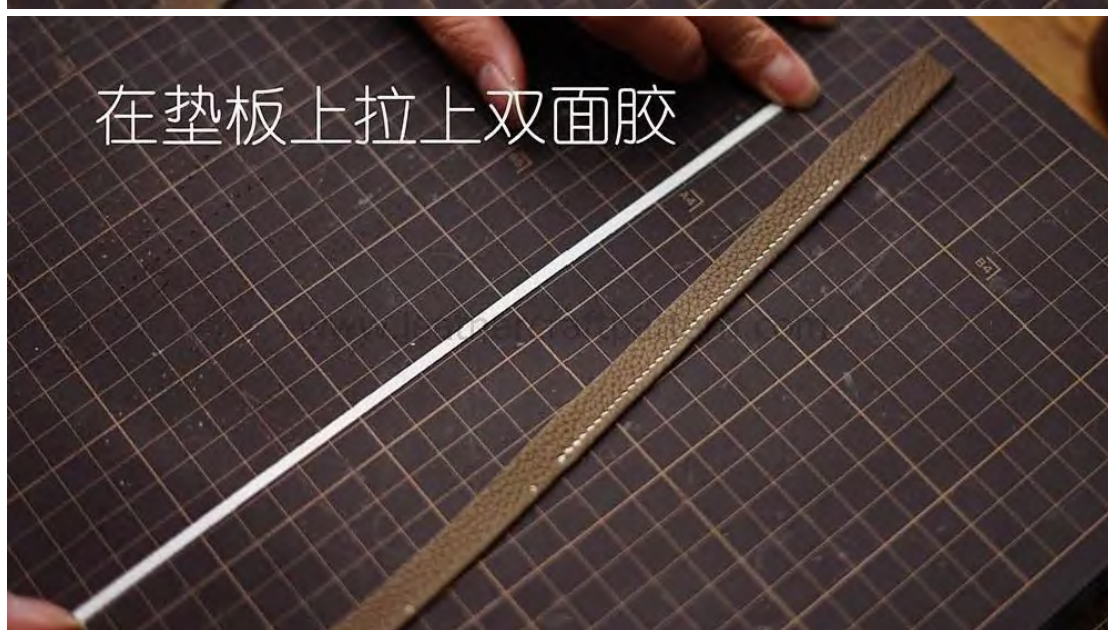




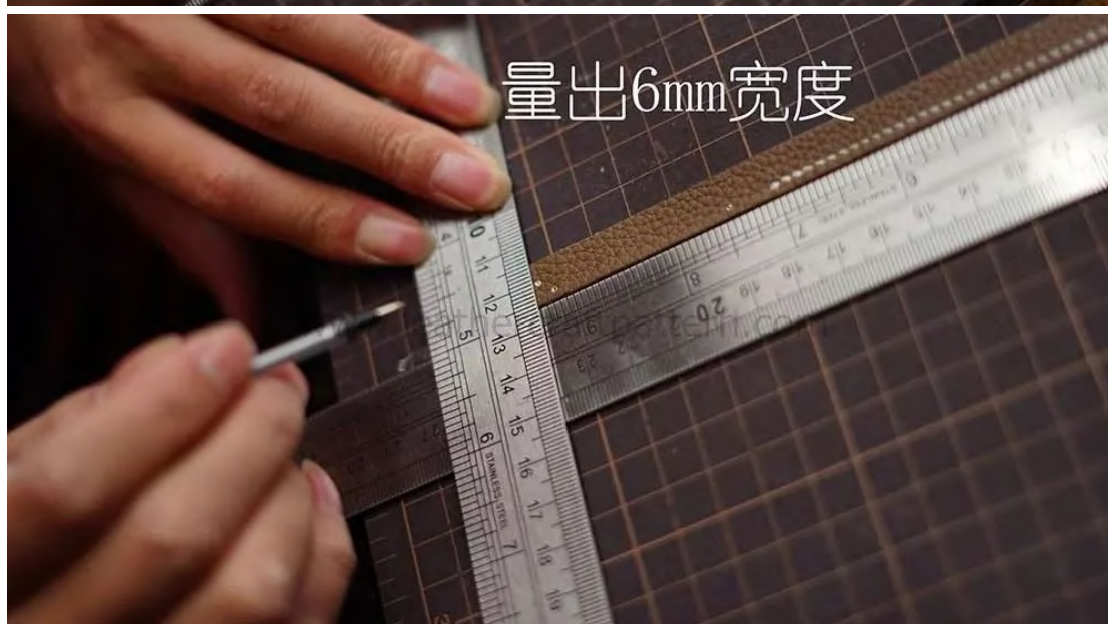
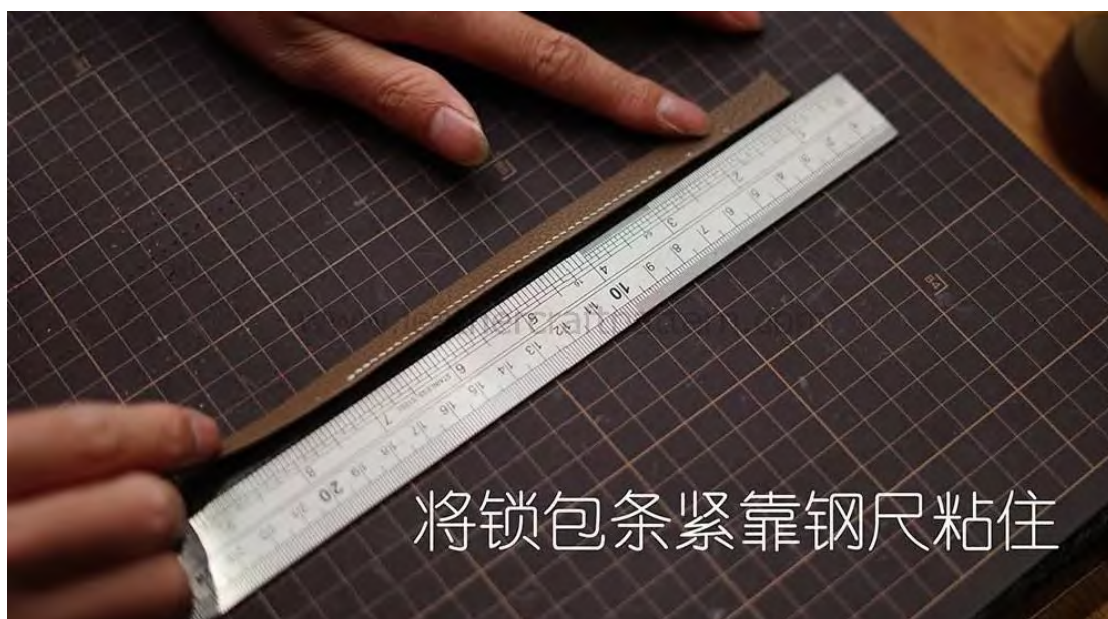


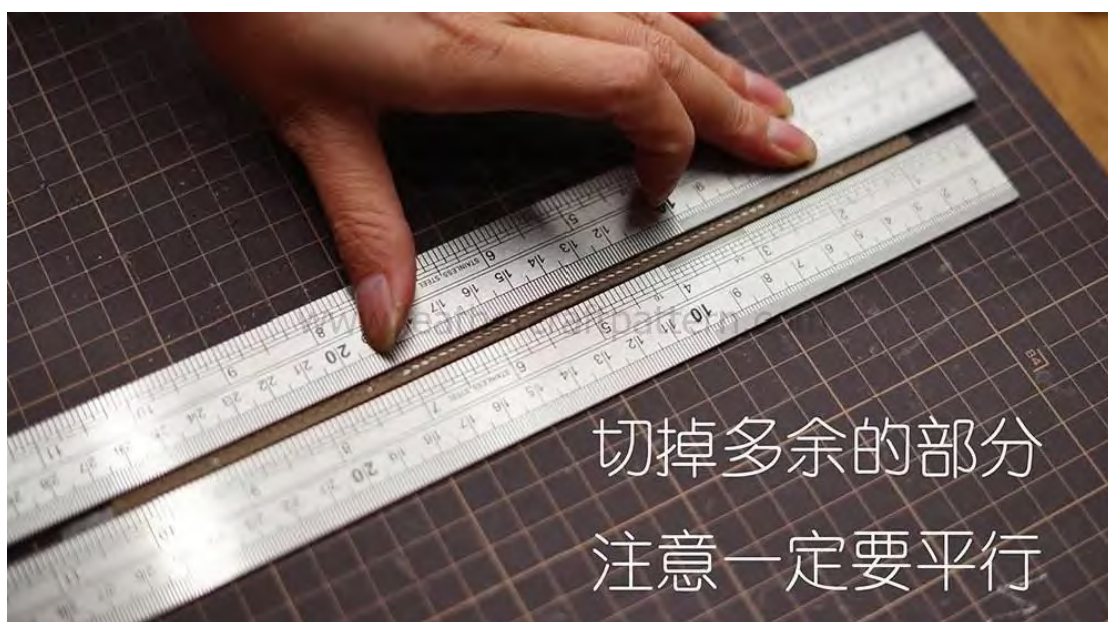
Step 26: There is no more to say for how to make the key holder. Just look at pictures.



















另外一侧同理



完成后将露肉面
处油边



九针十孔
上回2针，下回3针



Now the bag is done, let's look at the final effect. Not bad right? 1:1 as original.

