

HMDH Academy Handbag Pattern Z1 Instruction

This pattern will work in leather or fabric we use 3/8 seam allowance which is indicated by the solid line.

If leather you should skive the 3/8 seam allowance.

Pattern Pieces:

- #1-2- front and back, cut 2
- #3 Handle Applique Stay cut 4
- #3 Handle Applique outside material or turned cut 4
- #4 -5 outside flap seam allowance 3/8" cut 2
- #6 "flap stay" cut from felt or Pellon cut 1
- #7-8 Outside gussets cut 2
- #9-10 outside cut 2 handles
- #11 handle stays cut 4

Step one;

Make your straps.

Cut your stays and your outside material

Step two:

Take your 4 strap stays (#9-10-11) and using a little rubber cement glue them to your outside strap material.

Using your rubber cement glue the edges all the way around.

Turn the seam over the stay

Step 3:

Make your handle loops #3, cut 4, one is the applique stay and the other is the outside material.

Using rubber cement glue the stay in the middle of the outside material and then apply glue to the edges and turn.

This applique is for a loop or ring.

Attach your appliques to the front of your bag. You may also attach the straps in a different way if you like.

Step 4:

Take the outside flap# 4-5 put the right sides together.

Take your flap stay, dab the glue on the stay and place on one side of flap. This will

give your flap body.

If you are using hardware, such as a magnetic snap, make sure the placement is at least 1/2 from the tip of flap stay. You need to leave room to sew pass the magnetic snap. Make sure your closure goes through the stay material.

Once the closure is in place, sew the flap outside pieces right sides together using a 3/8 seam allowance follow the stay, keeping the top of the flap open for turning.

Step 5:

Take your flap, turn it inside out, smooth it out and push the seam out a little. You can now top stitch the flap to help define the shape. Turn the back edges of your flap now and prepare to attach it to the back of your bag.

Make marks from the pattern to the material and align the flap, sew the flap on to the back panel of bag. You can use one stitch or two stitches they should be about 1" apart.

Step 6:

Sew #7-8 gusset pieces together at it's widest point., Turn the top 3/8.

Sew #7-8 to #1-2 follow the 3/8 seam allowance.

This is the outside of the bag!

Attach your straps to the appliques.

Step 7:

To make the lining, cut #7-8 and #1-2, sew together. Turn top edges and fit into bag, if too large make the seams larger. Once fitted, topstitch the bag and the lining together.

To view the video for instruction: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4vY24Ojdzo>

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