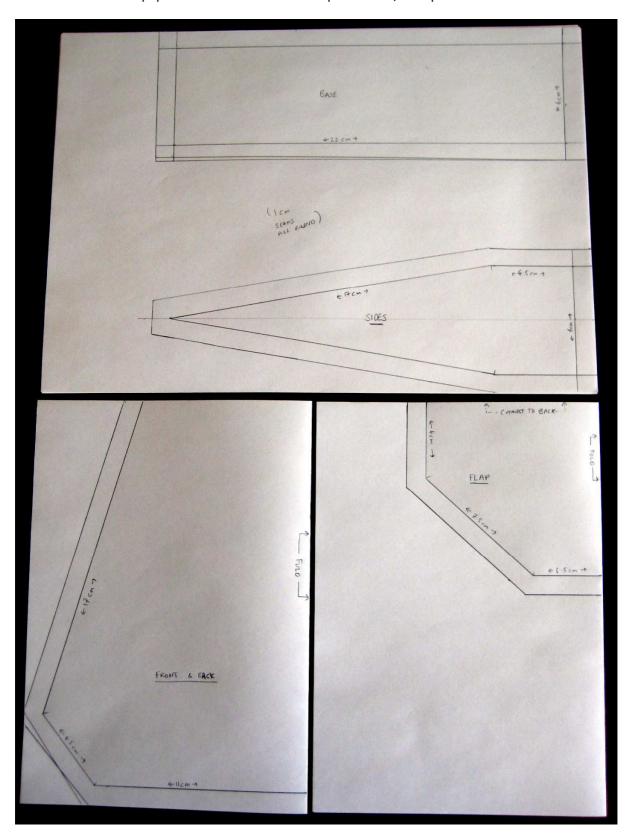# Leather Clutch Bag Pattern Pieces & Method

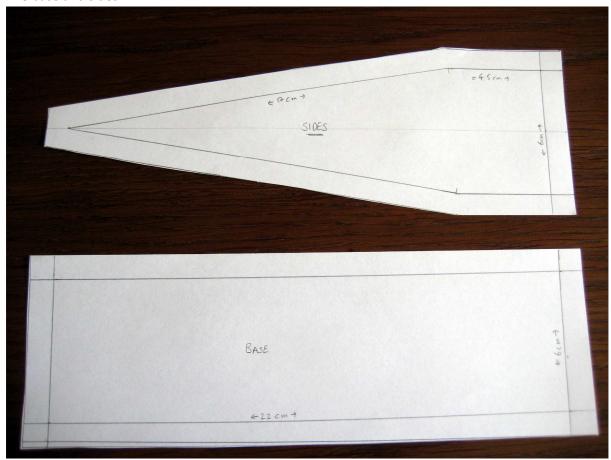I used 3 sheets of A4 paper as shown below – the flap and front/back piece are folded in half.

The base and sides:

We will be cutting 2 side pieces out.

The front and back piece:

The back will be placed next to the flap for cutting out.

The flap:

This is placed next to the back piece for cutting out.

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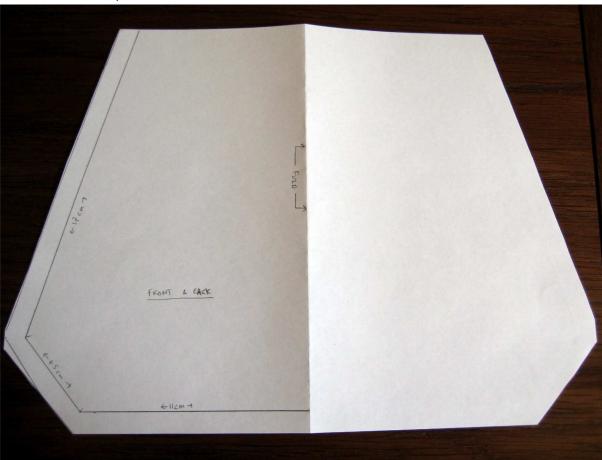You are welcome to make and sell items from this pattern. If you can give me credit for the pattern, please do!

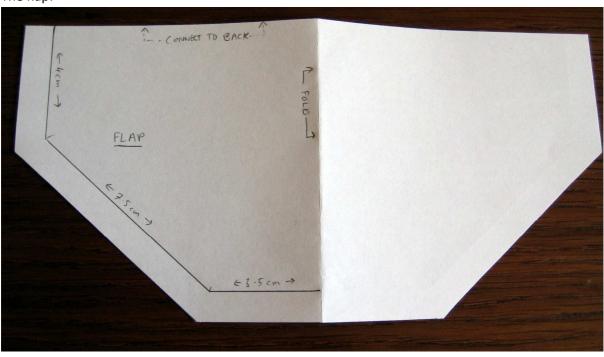The flap and back piece fit together like this for cutting out:

You will need 2 side pieces, 1 base, 1 front, and 1 back & flap piece from both the leather outer and lining as shown:

Materials:

- 1 doily, 17cm in diameter (or adjust the size of the pattern to match your doily)
- Leather or preferred outer fabric (about 0.5m square)
- Lining fabric – I used a pretty fat quarter I had in my stash
- Interfacing (this adds stiffness so I recommend it)
- Fastening (I used a hook and bar but you can use whatever you like)
- Beads and tassel (I made my own using the same yarn from making the doily)
- Pinking shears

Method:

1. Cut out the pattern

   Use the above schematic and make sure they are to scale (or scale them to suit your doily size). Cut them out including the 1 cm seam allowance. You may need more if you are working in a fabric which frays – leather is nice to work with in that it doesn't fray, and I was constricted by the pieces I had salvaged from my jacket so I cut the seams allowance pretty close!

2. Cut the leather (or outer fabric) pieces

   Do not pin to leather as it makes holes! I taped my pattern on using washi tape (it was what I had lying around). Alternatively make sure your pins are in the seam allowance)

3. Iron the interfacing onto the reverse of the lining fabric.
4. Cut out the lining pieces

   Use the same pattern pieces as before and pinking shears. Then trim off 1cm from the top of the front piece, and around the top of the flap. The leather will be folded over here to make nice edges, so this reduces bulk.

5. Lay out the pieces as shown. Snip wedges from the leather around the corner flaps.
6. Fold over the flap edges and sew. Do the same with the front piece.
7. You may want to hand sew a fastening to the flap lining at this point.
8. With right sides facing, pin the sides to the back and sew together.
9. With right sides facing, pin the sides to the front and sew together.

   You should now have an inside out bag with no base!

10. Pin the base to the back, front and sides and sew into place.
11. Trim the corners of the seam allowance if you want nice pointy corners when you turn it the right way out.
12. Turn it the right way out and sew on the other side of the fastening. I sewed my bar onto a piece of lining fabric which was backed with interfacing, then stitched this onto the front piece, making sure it was lined up with the hook on the flap.
13. Sew on your doily! You will need to do this by hand. Make sure the doily is centred nice and symmetrically around the flap. I used black thread so it wouldn't show against the leather.

14. If you like, add a beaded tassel to the flap. I made mine with the same yarn as the doily and some painted wooden beads. I stitched it into the doily using the yarn.

Trim off any loose threads, and you're done!

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