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CROSSBODY PURSE



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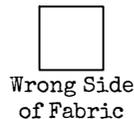
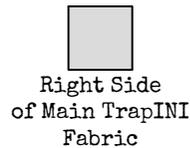
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Follow these steps to make your TrapINI into a crossbody purse by adding crossbody tabs and a removable crossbody strap. Three options for the crossbody strap are described. A) a simple leather strap, B) a self-made fabric strap, or C) an adjustable strap made with webbing. The lengths given are for an adult - reduce by up to 50cm for a child's bag. Measure the wearer to confirm the preferred length.

Before starting, go get your copy of the TrapINI pattern. www.incompletestitches.com/patterns. Print off your pattern. Gather all you need, including the additional supplies listed below and get ready to #hackaTRAP!

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- A) approximately 140cm length of 10mm wide leather strapping (or wider), or
- B) approximately 140cm length of 10mm wide self-made fabric strap (or wider), or
- C) adjustable straps: 150cm cotton webbing (25mm or wider)
 - All Options: 2x 10mm/25mm D-Rings (depending on the width of your tabs/straps)
 - All Options: 2x 10mm/25mm Pivot Hooks (depending on the width of your tabs/straps)
 - Optional: 1x 25mm Adjustable Slider to fit webbing for adjustable crossbody strap.
 - Optional: 2 x rivets



LET'S GET STARTED:

Following the TrapINI tutorial prepare your TrapINI pattern pieces and get started with Steps 1 to 5. Proceed to Step 6b, preparing your Zip Flaps, and then jump back here!

Now it's time to get into hackaTRAP mode and prepare your Crossbody Tabs and Crossbody Strap!

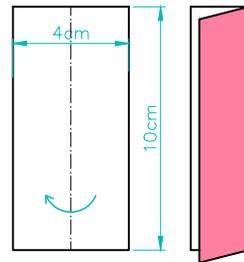
Starting on this page, follow the steps to prepare and attach the Crossbody Tabs. Once they have been attached to the Main Back return to Step 6c of the TrapINI tutorial to finish out your TrapINI bag.

Lastly, go to the following page where the 3 different options for making your Crossbody Strap are described. Prepare your chosen version of strap.

CROSSBODY TABS:

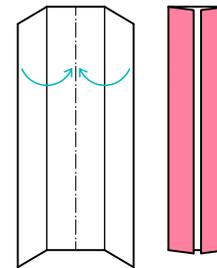
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Cut a 10cm long fabric strip 4cm wide (or 4 times your preferred finished width). With wrong sides together, fold the strip in half lengthways and press.



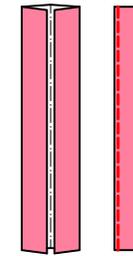
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Open up and then fold in each long side toward the centre, wrong sides together and press.



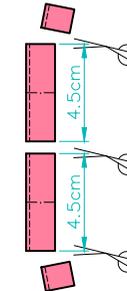
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Fold in half lengthways again and press. Edgestitch to close.



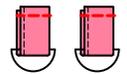
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Cut 2x 4.5cm neat strips out of the 10cm strip.



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Collect the 2x 10mm D-rings. Pass your 4.5cm long strips through the D-rings and fold in half.

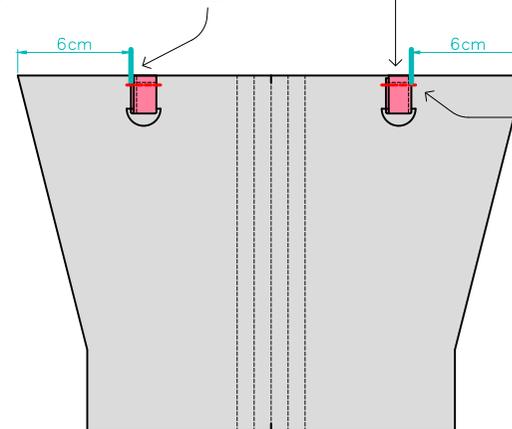


Baste to secure with a 0.5cm seam allowance.

PREPARING THE MAIN BACK:

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Collect your prepared Main Back (B) pattern piece and mark two notches 6cm in from the top corners of the bags.

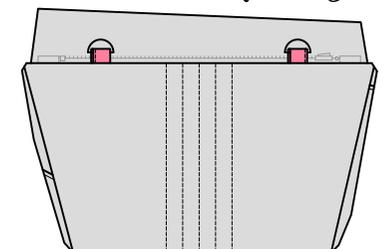


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With the raw edges of the tabs lined up to the raw edge of the top of the Main Back, line up the outside of the Crossbody Tabs with the notches.

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Baste in place with a 5mm seam allowance.



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Go back to Step 6c of the main TrapINI tutorial and finish out your bag!



A) CROSSBODY LEATHER STRAPS:

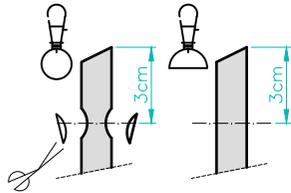
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Collect your leather strap and your pivot hooks.

A length of leather 140cm long should be enough for your crossbody strap however I suggest measuring an existing bag strap or measuring across yourself/the wearer to confirm the length.

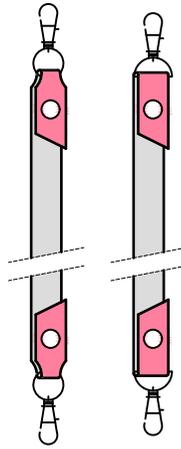
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Depending on width of the leather strap that you are using you may need to trim some width off the straps at the folding points (3cm from each end) so that they sit neatly within the circle/d-ring of the pivot hooks. Don't trim too much off as this could undermine the strength of the straps.



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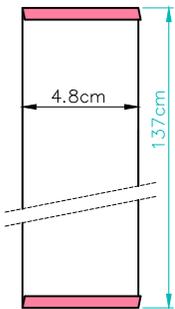
Pass the leather strap through the pivot hooks and fold over at the 3cm line. Secure in place with a single rivet.



B) CROSSBODY FABRIC STRAPS:

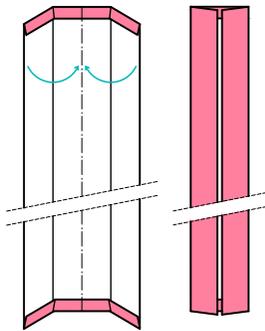
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Cut a 140cm long fabric strip 4.8cm wide (or 4 times your preferred finished width). At each end press a 1cm hem toward the fabric's wrong side.



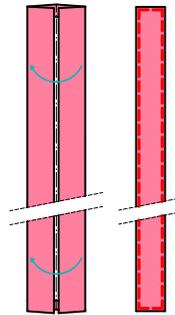
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Fold the strip in half lengthways and press. Open up and then fold in each long side toward the centre and press.



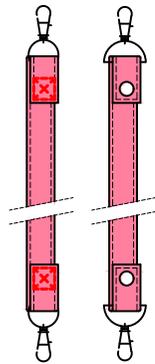
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Fold in half lengthways and press. Edgestitch around the perimeter.



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Collect the 2x 12mm Pivot Hooks. Pass your prepared strap through the D-rings and fold over by about 2cm.



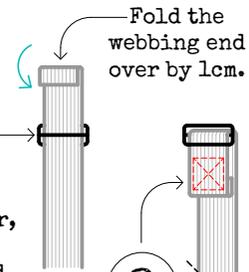
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Secure with a square & diagonals of stitching or with a rivet fixing at each end.

C) CROSSBODY ADJUSTABLE STRAPS:

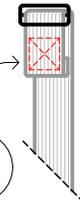
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Collect the adjustable slider, webbing and 2 pivot hooks. Add an adjustable slider to the webbing as shown.



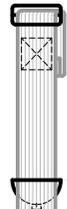
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Fold the webbing end over again by about 4.5cm and stitch in place with square of stitches & diagonal stitching.



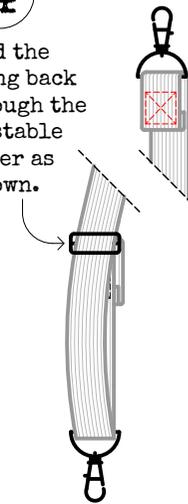
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Next slip a swivel hook onto the other end of the webbing as shown



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Feed the webbing back up through the adjustable slider as shown.



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At the other end of the webbing, slip the second adjustable slider. Fold the end over by 1cm and again by about 4.5cm and stitch in place with a square of stitches with diagonal stitching.

