# EMOJI

# INSTRUCTIONS

Materials:

I used a 3-4 oz waxed firm veg tan (Ponte Wax), the main requirement is that the leather should be firm. It would be ok to use something up to 5-6 oz.  For the face appliqués, 2-3 oz would be just fine. The tears on my bag are made with 5 oz medium temper leather - as long as they hold their shape, it's fine.

Hardware:

1 x 12" zipper (3mm)
2 x 1" D-rings
2 x swivel hooks for the strap

Tools:

Scissors, knife (paper knife or rotary cutter would also work).
Stitching irons: my pattern is made for 5.2mm stitching irons (5 stitches per inch).
Needles - according to your thread size, a pair of harness needles.
Mallet.

Instructions:

Print the pattern at actual size (100%). Use the reference on top of each page to make sure everything is printed correctly. Join the pages together. Cut the pieces.

In order to not get confused, right after you cut the face pieces, arrange them in two separate piles, one for the right side, and another for the left. I refer to the right and left sides of the face itself, not the mirrored (I marked that on the pattern too)

Also you have to mark the face panel on the flesh side where the gusset and zipper panels are sewn together.

Stitch the gusset on one side with the whole zipper assembly, gusset being on top, and the D-ring holders have to be inserted in this seam in the middle. There are 4 holes on each side of the D-ring holders and 4 holes in the middle are used to stitch it in, note that although we don't have holes on the zipper but the zipper corresponds to 2 holes on the D-ring holder and the gusset.

Glue the zipper panels on the zipper. There should be 3/8” between those panels which is usually enough for the smaller (Nr. 3) zippers to work properly.

Stitch the zipper panels to the zipper. You don’t have to leave as much of the zipper hanging as I did, I have zippers by meter so I have a bad habit to leave too much and trim after (that doesn’t make any sense at all in this particular case).

Let's start with the face.
Stitch the teeth to the mouth and then sew the mouth onto the face.

Stitch the eyebrows on and start stitching the eyes.

Skive the upper ends of the tears so they won't be too thick. Look at the pattern and notice which two holes on the eyes you should use to stitch the tears - they are sewn under the eye pieces.

Now starting at the marked hole (on either side) start stitching your zipper + gusset assembly to the face with overlapping stitch, the face layer being on the bottom. You can actually stitch the bag any way you like, I just thought it looks its best this way.

Stitch all the way around and then join the zipper assembly and the gusset, also inserting the D-ring holder between them (did I mention that you'd not forget to insert the D-ring in the holder before stitching it in?)

Stitch the back panel same way as the face panel. This seam will be somewhat of a pain and you will have to open the zipper in the end to finish it up. I don't mark any holes on the back panel because it doesn't matter where you start, it's just a circle.

I also included a few other smilies in separate files if you want to make a different emoji. Also, you can make any strap you want but just in case I included a separate file with a strap pattern if you need one.

Have fun!

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