

Women's Bags for Laptops and Files

No, I don't want to carry a man's bag, I loved my Theresa Kathryn bags but apparently not enough people did, and that store is no more.

Does anyone have a line on NICE (they must smell good) leather briefcases with useful pockets, an over-the-shoulder handle (why do they make any purse or briefcase without an over-the-shoulder handle?) and that look nice?

I have bought 2 and returned 2, as they were super tiny or chintzy looking but the one I've had for years really is starting to lose it's luster!

I'm a huge fan of the Canadian company Danier (very good leather, reasonable prices). Here's one women's satchel-style briefcase:

<http://www.danier.com/leather-accessories-women-briefcases-laptop-bags-137010032-P3783.aspx>

Maria Granovsky, New York

I'm a fan of Saddleback leather. Sometimes for men it is a more rugged look. But the women's selection looks nice but not a lot there.

<http://www.saddlebackleather.com/Shop/Women>

Jon Johnson, Pennsylvania

Love my Tumi backpack

Susan Zinder, New York

Oberon Design just came out with a messenger that may suit your needs. My husband and I have Oberon covers for our Nooks and absolutely love them. I've been looking at the messenger bag myself lately, but haven't yet convinced myself....

<http://oberondesign.com/>

Morag Polaski (not a lawyer)

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Ugh. Leather is just too heavy for me. I've been looking for lighter-weight styles including nifty bags from Cinda B. <http://cindab.com/>

Jeena R. Belil, New York

Here is a version of Cinda B's "Takin' Care of Business". This one is sold out, but I love the colors:

http://www.amazon.com/cinda-Takin-Business-Bella-Fiore/dp/B003RCPAF8/ref=sr_1_8?s=apparel&ie=UTF8&qid=1370632827&sr=1-8

Jeena R. Belil

I wouldn't call mine high-end, but I have a rather nice looking legal-size cordovan attache case (loads only from the top) by Jack Georges with both traditional handles and a shoulder strap. I have no idea where it came from, as it was a gift for graduating law school.

Cynthia V. Hall, Florida

I have a mobile edge bag that I absolutely love. They're very roomy and look great. As a bonus, they come in sizes big enough to fit legal files in should the need arise.

<http://www.mobileedge.com/womens-laptop-bags>

Hai Ling Chu

Originally sold as knitting bags -- I have the Boardwalk in red as a purse -- Namaste makes fake-leather bags that are durable.

I think Monroe would do nicely for docs and an iPad or perhaps light laptop
http://www.namasteinc.com/products/handbags/handbags_all.php

Betsy Brazy, California

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I use a Brahmin purse/briefcase (black leather) -- it fits my netbook - my legal size court file, pens, wallet and makeup -- perfect! I don't have to haul a purse and briefcase through court security.

And if you are paperless -- you don't even need the court file.

Rinky S. Parwani, Florida

My Tumi backpack is actually not much leather at all I'm not home right now and I don't have it with me, but whatever leather there may be on it is accent, and there may not be any leather on it (though I can't promise that from here). It's actually a pretty heavy vinyl weave that is wonderfully waterproof. The size is just right for my aching back, which doesn't often ache when I carry it for long periods of time. It's also reasonably light.

Susan Zinder

If you want quality and intelligent design, Levenson is the way to go. They are expensive but they wear like iron (my eggplant briefcase with crocodile texture with removable padded laptop sleeve is about 7 years old and looks brand new) -- and yes with all that design it IS leather and is obviously designed for women execs. You can usually get some good deals in the outlet and Levenson also has an official ebay store for discontinued or slightly damaged items that is worth checking out. They also frequently have coupons on catalogues so I suggest checking the online coupon sites before buying.

Michelle Rozovics, Illinois

I have a Swiss Army roll about bag and a Kate Spade laptop bag. About 150 to 200 but wait for coupons for the Swiss Army roll about. 150 regular price to 60 with sale and coupon. Kate Spade bag at outlet for \$150.

Sandy Van, Nevada

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I noticed there were threads for mens' canvas and womens' leather. Although I'm no longer vegan (reconsidering going back though), let's just say I've spent most of my life as vegetarian or vegan & would much prefer something that's nice and professional looking but not leather-canvas, microfiber, I don't care as long as it's not plastic & some kind of major environment-destroyer.

Thanks for any suggestions you might have.

Take care all.

Sue-Ellen Kresh, Massachusetts

This would help me too, since leather is not the best thing to have in the tropics (it tends to attract mold), and my ancient Lands' End canvas briefcase is getting a bit tattered, and doesn't have any padding for the laptop (a rather large one, 17" I think, so it doesn't fit in my old 15" sleeve). I'm not even sure whether I can toss the LE in the wash, since it has leather accents. Anybody wash one of these?

I could get a new sleeve for the laptop, but it would be a tight fit in the LE case; the laptop barely fits 'naked'.

I like to carry my laptop, a few files, miscellaneous papers, some computer accessories (mouse, external power supply), pens, the usual junk.

Cynthia Hannah-White, Hawaii

I've owned a Trager bag (made in USA, sold mostly through eBags) since the beginning of law school in 2002. Still looks like new, only had the plastic spring clip give up back in 2010. I emailed them to buy a replacement, they sent me two for free (one for my husband's bag as well). Mine is a convertible shoulder bag/backpack. Worth every dime.

Sarah Gold

Sue-Ellen, I am also vegetarian. Check out this website and click on "Shopping" in the left-hand menu: <http://www.thevegetariansite.com/index.htm>

Regards,

Amy Long, Virginia
