

# CABAS CAGOU



- CRAFT/PROFESSION

Caroline DUPIN-GILET is seamstress. she has created “Cabas Cagou”, a line of leather goods in organic vegan leather, in addition to her work designing apparel for women and children. she make a range of bags and items and also create designs to order.



- BACKGROUND

Caroline has always been mad about fabrics and started designing clothes as a teenager. “I loved the freedom it gave me to unleash my creativity. So when I had to decide on a career, it was a revelation”. She has a DAT diploma in Soft Materials and a degree from a Design & Styling School. She gained her experience working as head of a design/cutting room in high-end ready-to-wear fashion. For 14 years, she has worked as a self-employed seamstress, designer and stylist in New Caledonia. In 2017, she was awarded the title of Master Artisan by CMA-NC in recognition of her skill and expertise.



- INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

Caroline use bark from Portuguese-grown cork oaks to make her range of vegan leather goods. The bark is durable, lightweight, natural and washable. No chemicals or heavy metals are used during the processing and dyeing of the cork bark.

The craftwoman create items of all sizes, from small card cases to large tote bags. All linings are made from GOTS certified cotton. Creating designs that combine elegance and style with practicality and a natural look is a priority. She draw her inspiration from her daily environment, what she see on the street, the latest trends and her personal preferences.

“I’m committed to offering eco-friendly and cruelty-free products, which is why i chose to make my desings using cork bark, a renewable and non-polluting alternative to animal leather” she explain.