

## GoodBuyGuide

### Chapman Bags

### Bestsellers

**What is it?** John Chapman has been producing hand-crafted leather and canvas bags for more than 20 years. The bags are currently available by mail order (01228 514514) or via the company's new website at [www.chapmanbags.com](http://www.chapmanbags.com).

**Why buy?** The company has just launched a range of travel bags, luggage and accessories in an array of gorgeous colours – pink, green, red, mustard and chocolate – as well as classic khakis and olives. Quality is excellent: everything is made in the company's Carlisle workshops using traditional methods and natural materials sourced from UK suppliers. Prices are pretty good, too, with bags ranging from £139-£299 and washbags from £39.

**Additional costs** Deliveries are made by courier and charged at 10 per cent of the value of the order (excluding VAT) up to £50, and a flat rate of £7.50 thereafter. All bags are guaranteed against manufacturing defects and will be repaired or replaced should a defect occur. Chapman also offers a repair service for any subsequent damage caused by wear and tear.

**We love** The retro-style canvas rucksacks, from £129; the classic holdalls with button-down flaps, from £159; and the canvas laptop bag at £129. The website is also extremely simple to use, allowing you to view items in every colour available.

**Could do better** The website offers no practical or customer-care advice; there are links to other websites promised, but these are not yet available.

**Verdict** An excellent solution if you're looking for an alternative to leather (too heavy, too expensive) or synthetic (gets scruffy quickly) luggage.

**1. Medium Classic Holdall**, in seven colours, £169



**2. The Livingstone**, available in three colours, £149



**3. Grip Holdall**, in seven colours, £139



**4. Mini Holdall**, in four colours, £225



**5. Large Traveller Holdall**, in three colours, £299

