

QUICK AND EASY BAG



Today's project is a quick, cleverly folded, handy bag. Perfect for all your shopping or storing your stuff. This has to be one of the easiest bags I have ever made. Go on, give it a go!

Step 1 Cut two pieces of fabric 15.5" x 45.5". One outer fabric and one lining.

Step 2 Place two pieces of fabric right sides together, pin, sew all the way round the edge with a quarter inch seam allowance. Leave a 4" gap. Turn your fabric out through the gap so that the right side is out and your corners are poked out.



Step 3 Top stitch all the way round the fabric, this will neaten the handles of your finished bag and also close up the gap.

Step 4 Now comes the really clever bit. The making of the shape is dependent on getting the folds correct. Lay the fabric on your table with the outer side up. Take the bottom left hand corner and fold it up to the top edge, forming a right angled triangle. Repeat this for the other end but this time take the top right hand corner and fold it down to the bottom edge. Now draw a diagonal line from the bottom left hand corner of the middle square to the top right hand corner. Fold along this diagonal line. The photographs hopefully will help you to follow these instructions.



Step 5 pin the edge of the small triangle to the edge of the large triangle, being careful not to catch the under layers. Flip your bag over and repeat on the other side.



Step 6 Sew along these pinned lines as close to the edge as you can manage.

Step 7 Box the corners. Leave the bag with the lining side out. Lay the bag out flat so that the seam you have just sewn becomes the top edge. Draw a line across the corner about 3" from the corner. Sew along this line and repeat for the other corner.



Step 8 Turn the bag the right way out and push the corners out. Now we just have the handle to do.

Step 9 Cut a piece of fabric 7" x 4". I used my lining fabric for this to give a nice contrast. Iron in quarter of an inch on the two short edges. Sew in place. Fold the rectangle in half longways and sew all the long edge forming a tube. Turn the right side out.



Step 10 Use a safety pin to push the bag handle through the tube. Push the tube well up the handle away from the point.

Step 11 Overlap the two ends of the handle and sew a square as shown in the picture. I also sewed a cross to reinforce the stitching. Now you can pull the tube down over the join.



Congratulations your bag is done!