

Stitches

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Perfect for your shopping this easy to sew bag has narrow sides and a long body with leather look handles. Make it in cotton, home dec weight or linen

Requirements

The featured bag uses a border print from the Echino range of fabrics. There are several different bands printed on the fabric that can be used for the back and sides to give your bag a stylish look.

If using one fabric for the front, back and sides purchase 50cm.

For a bag with the same fabric front and back and different sides purchase 40cm for the front and back and 20cm for the sides.

Lining fabric: 50cm

Cotton Batting: 40cm or two pieces 14" x 17"

Fusible Interfacing: 50cm

Cardboard or template plastic: (1) 13³/₄" x 2"

Cutting Includes seam allowance

Outer Fabrics

Front and Back cut (2) 14" x 17" pieces

Side Panels cut (2) 2¹/₂" x 17" pieces

Bottom Panel cut (1) 2¹/₂" x 14"

Lining

Cut as for the outer fabrics

Inside bag bottom cut: (1) 5" x 14"

Batting

Cut (2) 14" x 17"

Interfacing

Cut (2) 14" x 17" and

Cut (1) 2¹/₂" x 14"

Cut (2) 2¹/₂" x 17"



Sewing Use a 1/4" seam throughout.

1. Sew the front and back to the side panels.
2. Sew the bag bottom. Mark the 1/4" seam allowance point on each corner of the bottom piece. Mark the 1/4" seam allowance point on the side seam sides at the bottom of the bag.
3. Matching the points sew the bottom to the bag.
Sewing Tip. I found it easiest to sew each side separately so I could arrange the fabric without it getting caught as I sewed from point to point.
4. Iron the interfacing to both the front and back pieces of batting.
5. Place the batting onto the wrong side of the lining with the interfacing out.
6. Pin the three layers together and stitch through all layers down the centre. Stitch again 4 1/2" away from both sides of the centre line.
7. Iron the interfacing to the side and bottom lining pieces on the wrong side.
8. Sew lining as in steps 1 thru 3 leaving an opening of approx 6" in the centre of one side seam.
9. Turn the lining right side out. Have the outer bag wrong side out. Place the lining inside the outer bag and sew the two pieces together all the way around the top of the bag.
10. Turn the bag through the opening in the side seam. Press and hand stitch the opening.
11. With right sides together make a tube to fit the cardboard for the bottom of the bag. Insert the cardboard and hand stitch the opening closed. Place the covered board loosely in the bottom of the bag
12. Sew the handles in place on the outside of the bag.