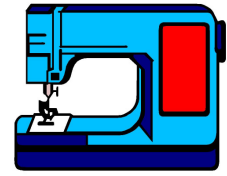




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HANDBAG ORGANISER

SEWING PROJECT



Requirements:

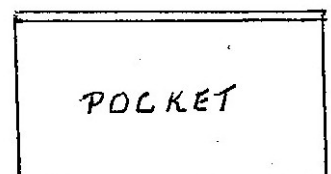
- 45cm of fabric 112cm wide for outer and lining
- 45cm of heavyweight iron-on interfacing or bag stiffener
- 1.25mt bias binding for loops, pocket and organiser
- Matching sewing thread
- Fabric pencil
- Ruler
- NOTE:** Seam allowance 1.3cm

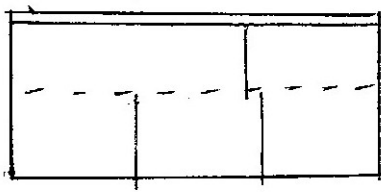
Cut out Fabric:

Cut one piece of outer fabric and lining fabric each measuring 30cm x 40cm. Cut one piece of interfacing measuring 30cm x 40cm. Cut one piece of outer fabric 20cm x 35cm for outer pockets.

Make the Organiser:

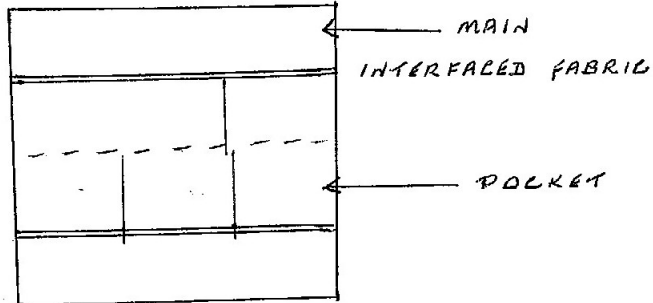
Iron interfacing onto the outer fabric. Sew bias binding to either edge of pocket piece to finish or hem. Mark measurements on pocket for the size you would like. Make small pleats on pocket for ease.





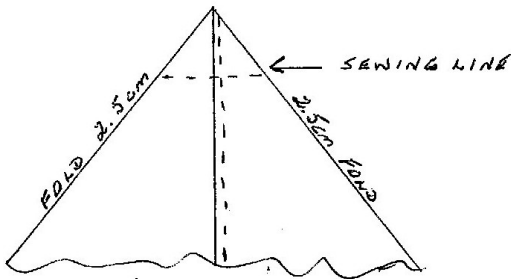
POCKET PIECE

Place pocket piece onto top of outer fabric measuring down from the top about 4cm. Sew along pocket markings to form pockets.



Fold bag in half and sew side seams with a 1.3cm seam. Fold lining in half and sew side seams with a 1.3cm seam.

To make paper bag corners, with the bag still inside out, align the lower edge on top of the side seam. Measure 2.5cm from the point along both of the folds and place a mark. Rule a line between the two marks then stitch across the corner on this line. Trim the excess fabric and overlock or zigzag seam allowance to neaten it.

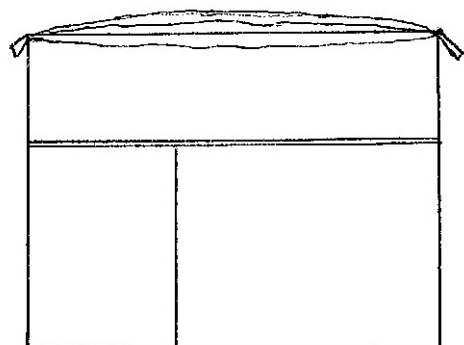
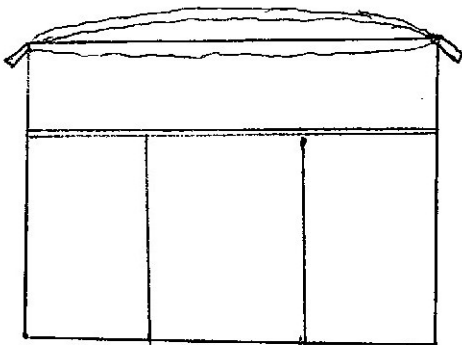


Repeat this process for the other corner. Make the paper bag corners for the lining the same way.

Turn bag and lining right sides out and place lining inside bag matching side seams. Staystitch the layers together within seam allowance.

To make 2 loops, cut a piece 13cm long: Fold binding together and sew down one side. Cut into 2 pieces 6½cm long. Fold in half and pin to outside of bag and staystitch to seam allowance. Using the remaining piece of bias binding and sew around the top of the organiser bag. This bag can be made as small or as large as you like with different size pockets for phone, pens, diary, wallets etc. The list is endless.

Finished size: 20cm x 30cm. Can be made larger.



Project designed by Wendy Brockhurst.