

**LITTLE
FABRIC
SHOP**

Notebook Tote Bag Tutorial

Size: Size: H: 15" x W: 12"



Fabric Used: Assorted Tilda Fabrics



FINISHED SIZE: H: 15" x W: 12"

DIFFICULTY: Beginner

SEAM ALLOWANCE: 1/4" throughout pattern

DIMENSIONS: are written height x width throughout instructions.

MATERIALS:

Eighteen 5.5" x 4.5" Assorted Fabrics in Quilters Weight Cotton

1/2 yard Coordinating Lining Fabric in Quilters Weight Cotton

1/2 yard Woven Fusible Interfacing (such as Pellon SF 101)

One yard belting

SUPPLIES:

Ruler, Scissors, Rotary Cutter, Pins

FABRIC SIDES:



Right Side of Fabric



Wrong Side of Fabric

CUTTING:

Exterior Fabric

Cut out 18 blocks to H: 5.5" x W: 4.5" in size

Interior Lining Fabric & Woven Fusible Interfacing

Cut to H: 15.5" x W: 12.5"

Belting

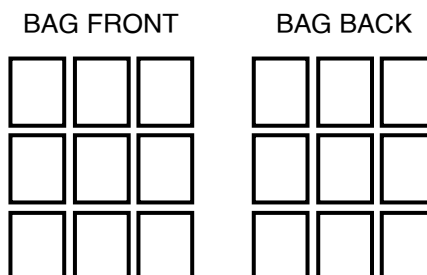
Cut two pieces to 15" in length

STEP 1:

Cut out all parts of this pattern.

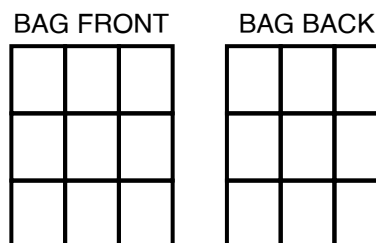
STEP 2:

Arrange Fabric as shown below.

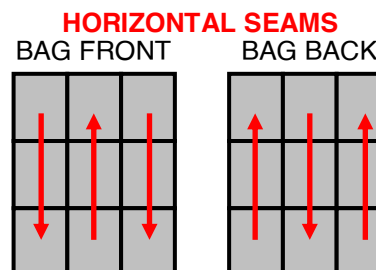
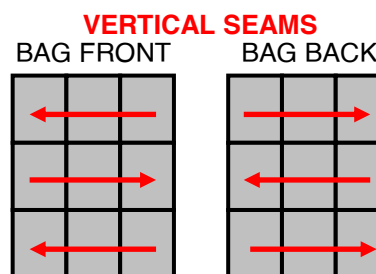


STEP 3:

Sew both the front blocks together and then the back blocks together with a 1/4" seam allowance.



When pressing, nest the seam. See diagrams below. Follow red arrows for seam direction.

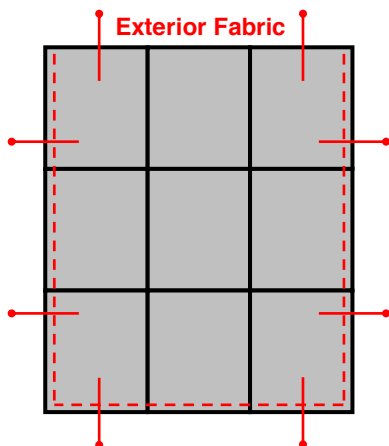


STEP 4:

Iron Fusible Interfacing to both **WRONG** sides of the sewn Exterior Fabric.

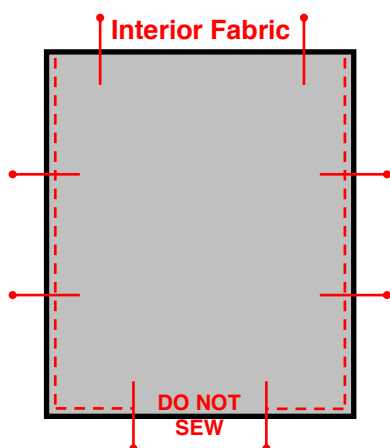
STEP 5:

Face **RIGHT SIDES** of Exterior Fabric together, lining up all the sides evenly. Pin to hold in place. Sew along the two long sides and along the bottom of width. Backstitch at the beginning and end of the seam to hold stitches in place.



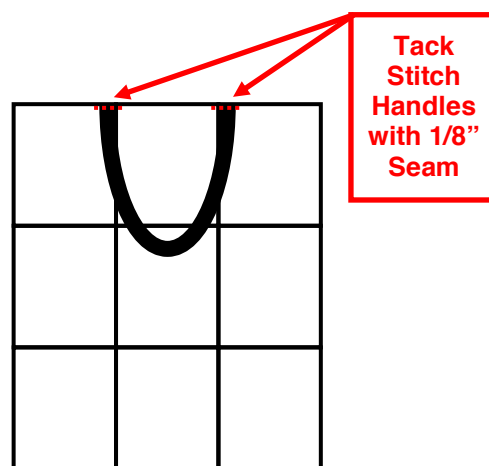
STEP 6:

Face **RIGHT SIDES** of Interior Lining Fabric together, lining up all the sides evenly. Pin to hold in place. Place two pins along the bottom width approximately 4" apart. You will not sew in this space. Sew along the two long sides and along the bottom of width making sure to not sew in the 4" gap. Backstitch at the beginning and end of the seam to hold stitches in place. Press open 4" gap seam.



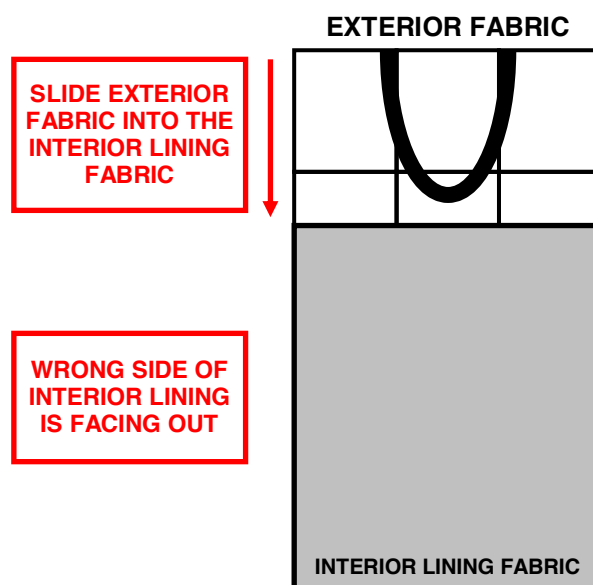
STEP 7:

Turn Exterior Bag **RIGHT-SIDE OUT**. Attached belting handles to bag. Place handles just left & right of center block. Pin to hold in place. With an 1/8" Seam Allowance, tack handles to bag. Repeat on both sides of Exterior Fabric.



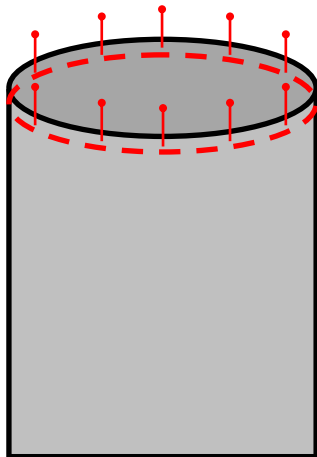
STEP 8:

Place Exterior Fabric - **RIGHT SIDE OUT** - into the Interior Lining Fabric - **WRONG SIDE OUT**. The **RIGHT SIDES** of both fabrics should be touching each other. Make sure the handles are tucked inside the lining.



STEP 9:

Pin along top edge of fabric, lining up Exterior and Interior side seams. Sew with a 1/4" seam allowance along entire top edge of fabric. Backstitch at the beginning and end of seam to secure stitches in place.

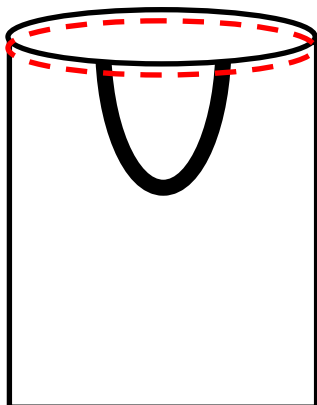


STEP 10:

Pull Exterior Fabric through 4" gap of Interior Lining. Either hand stitch or machine stitch 4" gap closed with an 1/8" seam allowance. Tuck Interior Lining Fabric into Exterior Fabric.

STEP 11:

Press top edge of bag. Sew along top edge with an 1/8" seam allowance around entire circumference.



Congratulations! You're finished!

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