

Supplies

- 2 yards fashion fabric to make it reversable.
- Or... 1 yard fashion fabric and 1 yard lining.
- Light to Medium weight fusible interfacing.
- 3 ½ yards Bias Tape (You can create your own or buy pre-made package ½" wide.)
- Pins or clips to hold fabric in place.
- Thread to match.

Washable Grocery Bag Pattern

(Replicated, unknown creator)



This bag can be reversable if you choose two fashion fabrics for inside and outside.

All pieces include a ½" seam allowance.

1. Cut **handles**: x 2 in **30" by 4"** strips.

2. Cut **front and back**: fashion fabric x 4 in **18" x 14"** rectangle (or fashion fabric x 2 & lining x 2)

3. Cut **sides** fashion fabric: x 4 in **18" x 7"** rectangle (or fashion fabric x 2 & lining x 2)

4. Cut **bottom**: 2 fashion fabric and 2 interfacing: **14" x 7"**.

5. Iron interfacing to **wrong** sides of bottom pieces. Sew wrong side together with running stitch or serger machine.

****If you have chosen fashion fabrics with a pattern, make sure the pattern is facing up on both sides of the panels. This will be especially important when you sew the panels together in the next steps.****

6. Sew **wrong** sides together of **front and back** pieces to give you 2 panels 18" x 14".
7. Sew **wrong** sides together of **side** panels to give you 2 panels 18" x 7".
8. Sew **front** panel to the **bottom** panel **wrong** sides together along the 18" edge. Leave a 2" opening at the top of each panels. (We will fold these under later.)
9. Sew **back** panel to the other side of the **bottom** panel again sewing **wrong** sides together along the opposite 18" edge making sure the pattern faces up when the bag is standing.
10. Sew **side** panels to the **bottom** panel along the 7" edge, again making sure the pattern faces up when the bag is standing.
11. Now sew **front** panel to its **side** panels, then sew **back** panels to its **side** panels.
12. Use your **bias tape** and line the edges that are wrong side out along the **bottom, front and back** panels. The bias tape should have raw edges as you will cover them when sewing the bias tape to the side panels.
13. Fold the fabric inside itself about 1 ½" to 2" at the top of the bag. Sew along the edge 1" below the top of the bag leaving room to insert the bag handles and hiding the raw edges.
14. **Adding bias tape to the sides:** start at the upper right of either panel. Pin or clip bias tape along raw edge **side** stitching, then **bottom** stitching and finally back up the **other side** of the panel.
15. Repeat the process for the opposite side panel.

Making the Handles

16. Making the handles is the same as making your own bias tape. You will fold and iron one of the 30" x 4" pieces lengthwise in half. You now have a strap that is 2" wide. Open the strap. Fold and iron each half inward again. When you put the sides back together you should have a 1" strap.
17. Sew along the open edge with a ¼" seam allowance. Repeat these steps for the second strap.
18. Insert the strap 2" from the side at the top of the bag where the fabric is folded in on itself. This will hide the raw edge of the strap. Repeat for the other side.
19. Using a ¼" seam allowance, sew the top of the bag along the folded in edge all the way around the bag. Make sure the folds match evenly along the top.
20. Sew an "X" on each strap for extra strength to hold heavy items.

You now have a washable, reusable, reversable grocery bag. Congratulations!

You can watch our video on how to make the Washable Grocery Bag on our YouTube channel Culture of Fabric:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCES0x1bPFTw-Gc8V2-GYvsA>