



How to Make a Bloom Tote

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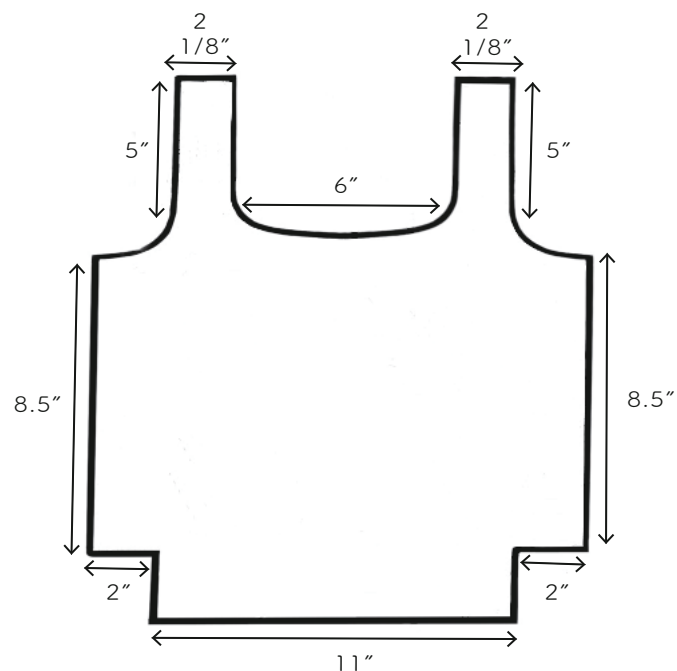
WHAT YOU NEED

A - Bag Body: Exterior x 2 (17.5" H x 15" W)
Lining x 2 (17.5" H x 15" W)

Note: We recommend the lining fabric to be a contrasting print!

Sewing machine and sewing thread

Scissors, snips and a fabric-safe pen

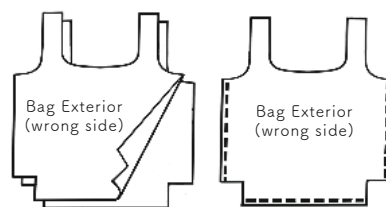


Bag Body

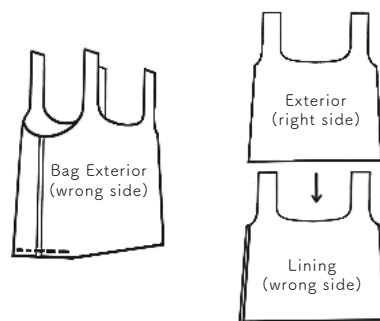
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HOW TO MAKE

1. Sew the exterior and lining bag pieces together and create a gusset. Repeat for the lining.

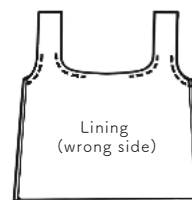


A) Take the two exterior pieces and place them right sides facing each other, then sew around the sides and bottom with a 3/8" seam allowance.



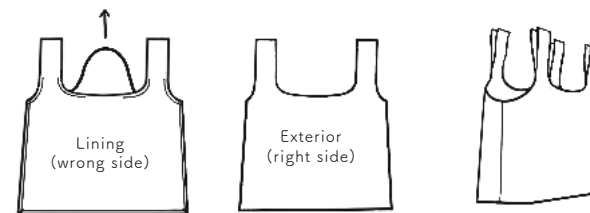
B) Sew a gusset of 4" on both corners. When finished turn the fabric right sides out. Repeat this for the lining bag pieces, but leave the fabric wrong sides out. Next, take the bag's exterior and place it inside the lining so that the seams, top edge and straps are all aligned.

3. Sew the exterior and lining bag pieces together.



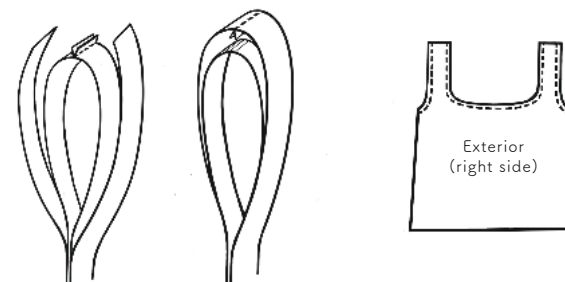
Join each side of the bag together by sewing along the top edges. Start at the seams on one either side and sew along the short curves with a 3/8" seam allowance until you reach about 3" from the top of the handle. Similarly, join the sides along the large center curve leaving about 3" at the top of each strap unsewn, and a 3-4" unsewn gap along the bottom on one side only. Clip darts along the curves so that when it's turned right sides out it will sit nicely.

4. Turn the bag right sides out.



Turn the bag right sides out by pulling the exterior out through the unsewn centre gap along one side. Then push the lining back inside the bag. The bag will appear almost complete but with the handles not yet attached.

5. Sew the handles together and finish.



Sew the two short ends of the straps of the lining fabric together with a 3/8" of an inch seam allowance, then repeat with the short ends of the straps of the exterior fabric. Leave the sides of the straps unsewn for now. Press all the edges of the bag. Along the unsewn parts of the straps fold the edges under with a 3/8" of an inch seam allowance and press. Lastly, sew a top stitch along the entire top of each side - this will create a nice edge and join the unsewn straps together.



Finished!