

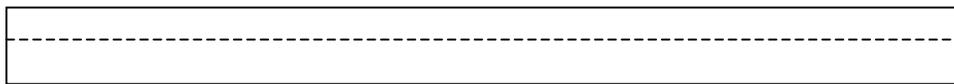
Making a Handled Bag

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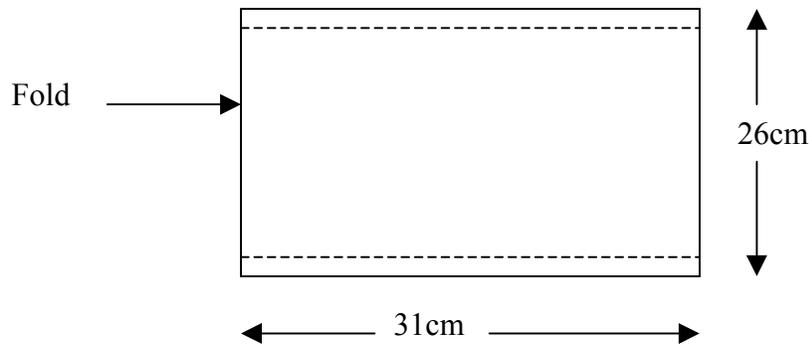
You will need a piece of fabric 62cm by 34cm for the bag and the handles, and another piece 62cm by 26cm for the lining. The lining can be the same as the outside of the bag or it can be different.

From the main fabric, cut one piece 62cm by 26cm. Cut the remaining piece in half to create two pieces each 8cm by 31cm.

First make the handles. Fold the handle pieces in half lengthwise, right sides together, and machine down each side. They will now be 31cm long and 4cm wide. Turn them right sides out. Press each strap so that the stitching line is down the middle, like this:

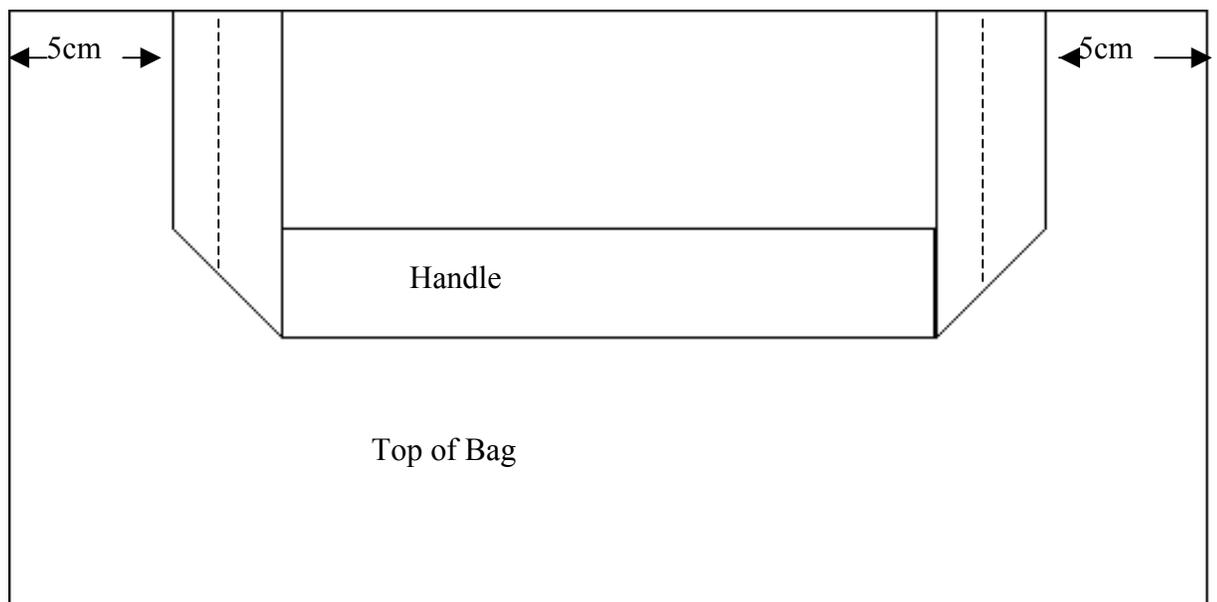


Fold the main fabric in half widthwise, right sides together, and machine down each side.



Turn the main fabric right side out and press.

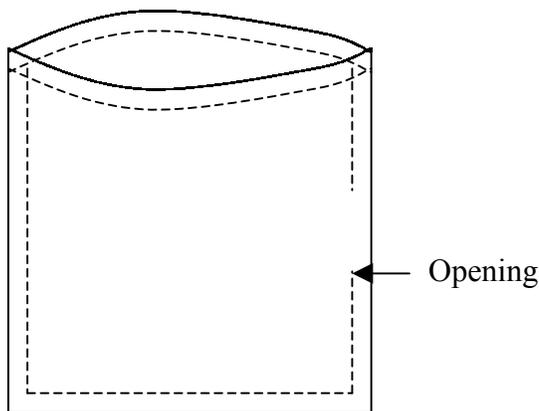
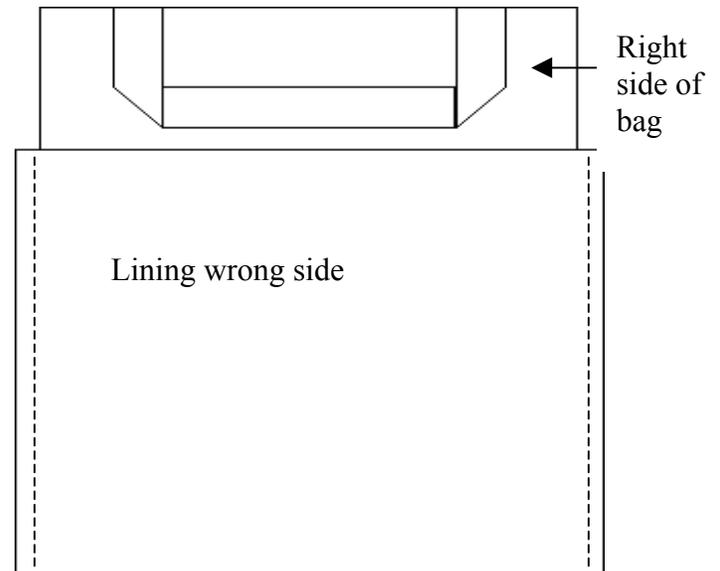
Attach the handles to the bag. Measure 5cm from the side seam on the top edge of the bag. Pin the handle on the bag. It will look something like this:



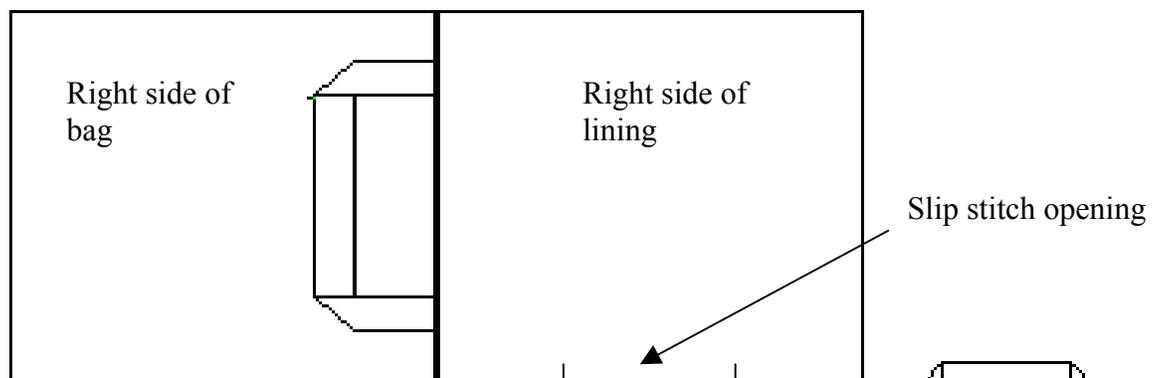
Pin and tack the handles on both sides and then do the same with the other side.

Make the lining by folding it like the bag fabric, but this time leave a small gap of about 10cm in the stitching for turning the bag through. Don't turn the lining right side out yet: leave it with the seams on the outside.

Put the bag inside the lining, making sure that the handles are kept down in place so they don't get caught in the stitching during the next step.



Machine the bag to the lining around the top. Now pull the bag right sides out through the opening in the lining. All the seams will be on the inside.



Press the bag and push the lining into the bag. Press the top edge.

Now you have a fully-lined handled bag.

