

Thinking Day Bags

World Thinking Day is a special day when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world think about each other, and how many guiding friends they have all over the world. Make this fabulous bag to take with you to your Thinking Day celebration.

Materials:

- 2 pieces of fabric 62cm by 26cm. They can be the same or different colours
- 2 pieces of fabric 13cm by 31cm each for the handles
- Thread
- Needles for hand sewing or a sewing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Pins



Step 1 – First make the two handles. Fold the edges of each handle piece into the centre lengthwise. Then fold in half lengthwise. Iron so the creases stay flat and pin.



Step 2 - Sew a straight line down each of the handles. Sew about 1 cm from the open edge so you catch all layers of the fabric.



Step 3 – Fold the fabric for the outside of the bag so the right sides are facing each other and pin. Sew a straight line down each side, 1cm from the edge. Turn the fabric right side out and poke out the corners with your fingers.



Step 4 – Pin the handles to the outside fabric of the bag on each side, about 4 cm from each edge.

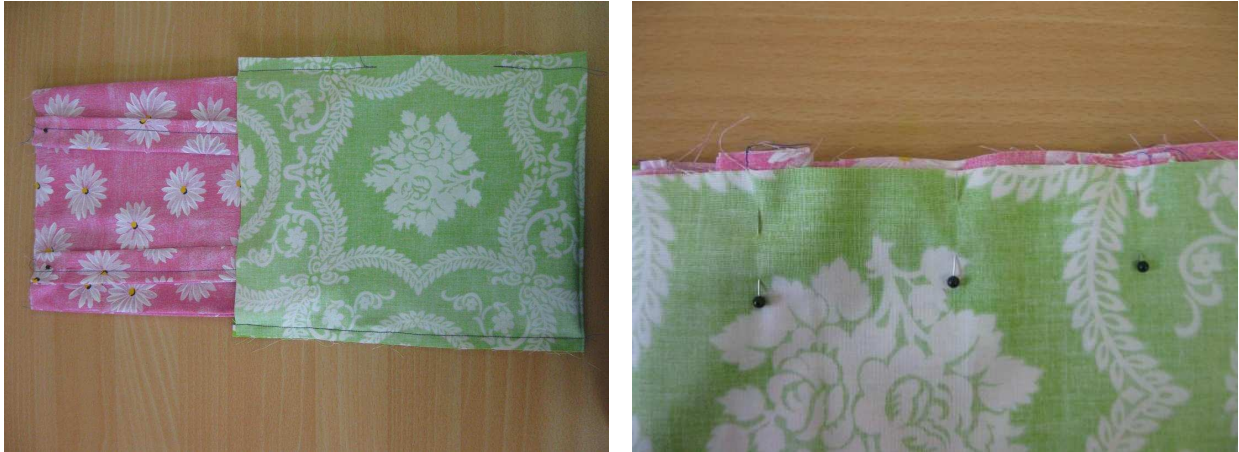


Step 5 – Fold the second piece fabric so the right sides are facing each other and pin. This fabric will be the lining of the bag. Sew a straight line down ONE side only. Sew the second side, but **leave a 10 cm gap**, do not sew one continuous line. Leave the fabric with the wrong sides facing out.



10 cm gap

Step 6 – Place the outside fabric inside the lining fabric. Make sure to keep the handles down. Pin the top edge and move your pins holding the handles to the outside of the bag.



Step 7 – Sew around the top edge, making sure to catch both layers of fabric and the handles. Sew all the way around, removing pins as you come to them.



Step 8 – Use your 10 cm gap to turn the lining fabric right side out and pull all the fabric through. It's a bit like a magic trick! Slip stitch or machine sew the 10cm opening in the lining fabric.



Step 9 – Push the lining fabric into the outside fabric, and you have a fully lined bag with handles!

To embellish your bag, why not make a felt flower to give your bag a personal touch?



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