

Reversible Shopping Bag



Requirements:

½ metre Fabric A

½ metre Fabric B

Machine thread

Tacking thread and pins

Allow: 2 Hours

Skill Level: Beginner

1. Cut the following from each of the fabrics: Cutting suggestion shown below.
 - 12" x 12" (x 2 – sides)
 - 4.5" x 36" (x 1 – gusset)
 - 19" x 3.5" (x 2 – handles)
 - 6" x 9.5" (x2 – pocket)
2. Using 1 each of Fabric A and B, make the pockets by placing contrasting fabrics right side together and sewing all round – remember to leave an opening on the long side for turning. Turn and press. Make 2 of these.
3. Position the pockets on the right sides of Fabric A and B sides, about 2.5" from the bottom, making sure the openings are positioned towards the bottom (when the 3 sides are sewn, the opening used for turning will be closed up). Sew 3 sides and leave the top open. Press.
4. Using Fabric A, pin the gusset to the side panel on three sides, right sides facing. Sew together on a machine. This will be Unit A.
5. Repeat the same process as (4) with second side panel.
6. Repeat steps (4) and (5) with Fabric B. This will be Unit B.
7. With right sides facing, put Unit B into Unit A. Set aside.
8. Using contrasting handle strips and right sides together, sew both long sides of the strips. Turn to the right side through either unsewn short ends. Make 2 of these.
9. Insert the handles in between Unit A and Unit B with the raw edges all lined up (the handles will be sandwiched between the 2 bag units).
10. Match the edges of Unit A and Unit B. Pin if necessary. Sew round the top edge of the units leaving an opening to turn the bag right side out.
11. Turn the bag and make sure the handles are positioned properly and are facing the right way.
12. Top stitch around the top edge. This will strengthen the handle stitches and also close the opening used to turn right side out.
13. Decorate the front of the bag with appliqué if plain fabric was used.
14. Your bag is ready for to go shopping with.

Placement suggestion.

