

Borrow A Bag Instructions

Materials:

3/4 metre fabric, minimum 112 cm wide – if using thin fabric please ensure it is strong enough to carry shopping.

Matching Thread

NB. Please finish all sewing by using reverse stitching to make all stitching secure and strong and trim all ends threads close to the fabric.

Method:



Step One: Preparing the Fabric & Cutting Out

- Cut 2 pieces of fabric 54 cm long by 46 cm wide ensuring the pattern of the fabric is going in the same direction for both pieces and is cut on the straight grain.
- Cut 2 pieces of fabric 46cm x 12cm for straps along straight grain of fabric.

Step Two: Side Seams

- With wrong sides facing towards one another, right sides facing out, pin body of bag together along long sides.
- Sew the 2 side seams 1 cm from long raw edges. Trim these seams to .75cm so no stray long threads will show through once the seams are completed. Press seams open.
- Turn bag to wrong side out with right sides facing one another.
- Sew 2 long side seams 1.5 cm from edge to form French Seams. This type of seam is used to give strength to the bag.

Step Three: Bottom Seam

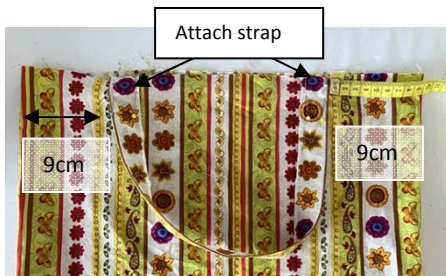
- Turn bag to right side out, wrong sides facing one another, and pin and sew bottom seam 1 cm in from raw edge.
- Repeat above steps to create a French Seam at the bottom of bag.





Step Four: Creating the Straps

- Take strap piece, fold in half lengthwise right sides out, wrong sides together and press.
- Open strap and fold raw edges into centre fold to form the strap, press. Your strap should now have four thicknesses of fabric.
- Sew along both long edges of strap close to the edge, through all layers of fabric.
- Repeat above to make other strap



Sew 2 cm square to Attach end of strap



Step Five: Attaching Straps

- Pin first strap to top, raw edge of bag 9 cm from side seam as pictured, ensuring strap is not twisted.
- Stitch a 2 cm square from raw edge to secure strap to bag.
- Repeat three times to secure ends of each strap.

Step Seven: Finishing Bag Body

- Turn raw top edge over 1cm and press in place.
- Turn over a further 2.5 cm to enclose raw edge and press.
- Sew 2cm cm from folded top edge of bag and again 0.5 cm from top edge of bag.



Step Eight: Attaching Label

Sew Sustainable Hatherleigh label onto one side of the bag, centering it between the handles and 3 cm from the top of the bag.