

Reversible Bag Pattern (non directional prints)

Cut 1 body and 1 lining 17" by Width Of Fabric

Take your body fabric rectangle and fold it in half in the long direction. Then fold it in half in the short direction. You now will have an 8 1/2" by approximately 21" rectangle. Make the same two folds with your lining fabric.

Place pattern on body fabric with top and side fold placement matching pattern piece.

Pin in place. Cut curve or draw curve and remove pattern before cutting. Repeat with the lining fabric.

Open your both pieces of fabric and place them right sides together.

Sew curves. The curve is gentle enough not to clip. Of course if you wish to, go ahead.

Turn inside out through handle. Press.

Place body and lining pieces right sides together. Pin at seams on both sides. It should look like a rectangle with the lining piece top and bottom pulled right sides together; the same for the bag body. The handle is a lump in the middle.

Leaving an opening at the bottom of the lining piece, sew all the way around.

Option: clip corners, or you can box all four corners at this point if you wish. About 1 1/2" is good, but you can make it larger if it pleases you. Remember the bigger the boxing of the corner, the less over-all depth of the bag.

Turn bag inside out. Sew, turning opening closed by hand or machine.

Push lining piece inside bag body. Press.

Option: Stitch about 1/8" away from edge of arm holes.

Option: At the top of the handle bring each edge to the center and tack stitch together to make the handle a little smaller for the hand without losing the strength the wider handle provides. You can also tack the bottom corners of the bag together if it pleases you.

Your bag is finished and totally reversible. Enjoy.

For directional prints and some stripes

You will need about 2/3 yd of fabric. Trim selvage off. Fold fabric from selvage edges to fold, making sure not to have any pleats inside the fold. Place the pattern on the long fold so that the handle is toward the open edges, leaving about 1/2" (which will be the seam allowance) from the handle fold line on pattern. Cut curve. The fabric is wider than the 8 1/2" of the pattern piece, so continue cutting to the edge. Sew and press open the 1/2" seam allowance at the handle. Continue your bag with sewing directions as above. Cut your lining in the same manner to ensure the sizes are the same. This will be a wider bag than the non-directional bag above.