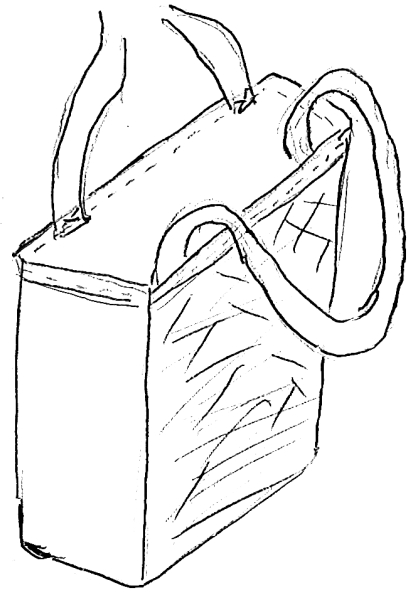


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FAVORITE GROCERY BAG

Main Fabric & Lining:

54-60" fabrics: 1 yd. #10 Duck, (allows for pre-washing)

45" wide fabric: 1 yd. (allows for pre-washing)

Overlay panels: ½ yd. (Optional)

Linen with lengthwise stripe used for side panels: 1 ½ yd. (1 1/3 yd if not pre-washing). The Linen & Duck shrink quite a bit, so if you plan to wash the bags, pre-washing is a good idea.

Fusible interfacing: 2 yds., OPTIONAL"

Straps: 1 ½ yd. of 1" webbing if you're not making your own.

Cutting:

Side-bottom strip: 7"x48", if using

45" fabric cut one 7" x 18" and one 7" x 32" strip, sew together to make one long strip.

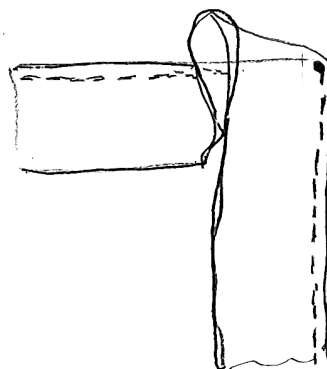
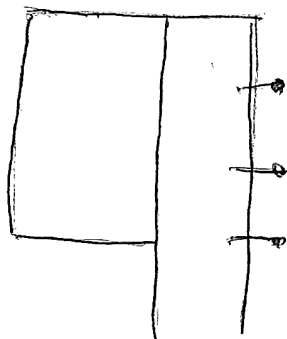
Side Panels: 14"wide x17 1/2" tall. Watch directional prints

Lining: If lining your bag cut the 7" strip and side panel out of lining too. You can press a fusible interfacing to the wrong side of the lining to give it more weight if it's a "quilting" cotton.

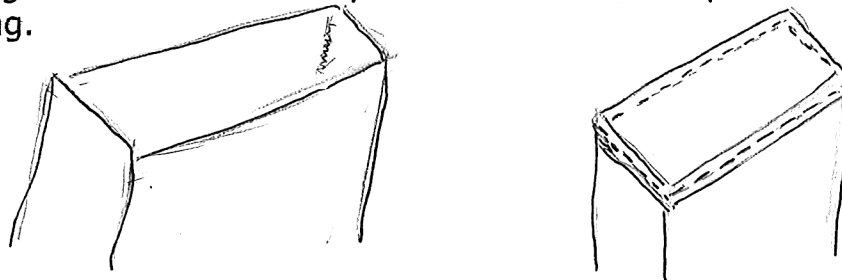
Straps: cut (2) 3"x 26" strips of canvas or other fabric or use webbing.

Sewing: ½" seam allowance.

1. Sew a large rectangle to the 7" strip, R.S.T. (right sides together). If you pieced the strip, place the seam at a lower corner and pin in place. It doesn't matter if the strip or the large rectangle is on top, but sew with the needle in down position if possible or just put it down ½" from the corner, raise the presser foot and pivot so you are now ready to sew across the bottom of the rectangle. Remember to lower the presser foot before sewing, and push excess corner fabric out of your way. Repeat on the next corner.

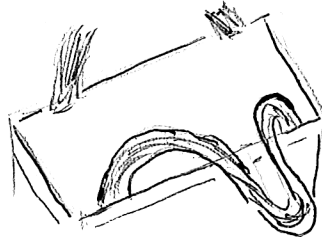


2. The 7" strip may be a bit longer than the three sides of the rectangle. Start sewing the next side from the same end of the 7" strip, pivoting as before. Trim any excess of the 7" strip to match the top of the bag.

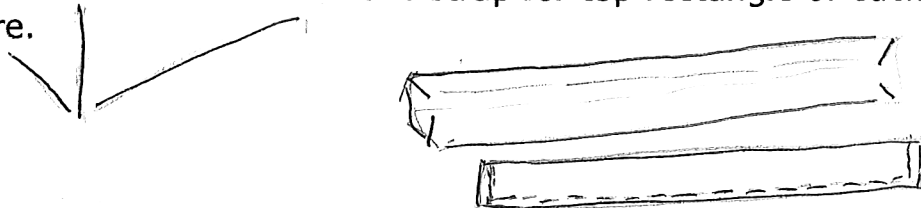


3. Surge, zig-zag or fray check the raw edges of your bag unless you are bag with raw edges touching.

Fold, press and pin, the top inside of canvas or lining over the outside of the bag $\frac{1}{2}$ ", then another $\frac{1}{2}$ ", then top stitch around entire bag.



4. Quick straps. Use purchased web, turn each end under $\frac{1}{2}$ " and stitch across several times, then place raw edge to the inside of the bag top, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from seam line. Use one strap for top rectangle of each side, see picture.



5. Create your own straps by folding 3" strips in half length wise, then fold ends and sides in $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Press, pin and top stitch before applying to bag as above OR-fray check/ziz-zag strap ends instead of folding back.



If you want a decorative strap tab at the top of the straps, cut (2) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " by 8" rectangles. Sew them into tubes ($\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance) Turn right side out, press ends under $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Slide one on to each strap, center, turn seam to under side of strap and sew across each end, closing the raw edges and adhering it to the strap.

6. This bag leaves lots of room for creativity. Flip and sew cute scraps to the rectangles of canvas, (neutral bobbin thread!) before you make the bag or use any left over quilt blocks to decorate it before sewing.

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