

Project Bucket Bag



This perfect craft bag to make organizing and convenience easy. The “Project Bucket Bag” comes in two sizes – medium and large. The medium bag can hold up to three skeins of yarn and the large can hold up to six! Pockets are designed around the entire bag and can be customized for your specific needs. Bag top cinches so yarn skein stays inside and can be threaded out. Big enough to hold your project inside. Wrist handle allows you to work on the go. Easy to make!

Medium Bag: 7 ½” diameter x 9” height

Large Bag: 10” diameter x 11” height

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— Patterns —

Materials (medium bag)

- 2/3 yard main fabric (44" width)
- 1/3 yard lining fabric (or 1 fat quarter)
- 5/8 yard interfacing (Pellon SF101 or 931TD)
- 60" cording (4mm used in tutorial)
- 2 toggle cord locks (optional)
- Ring for stitch counters (1" used)

Materials (large bag)

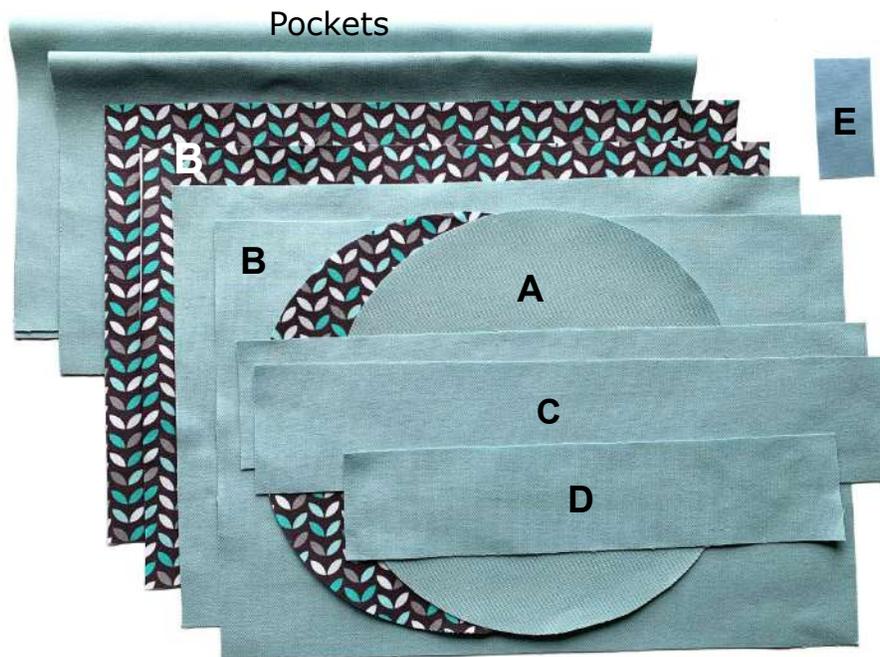
- 7/8 yard main fabric
- 1/2 yard lining fabric (or 2 fat quarters)
- 1 yard interfacing (Pellon SF101 or 931TD)
- 80" cording (4mm used in tutorial)
- 2 toggle cord locks (optional)
- Ring for stitch counters (1 1/2" used)

Preparations

- Print pattern pieces provided. Make sure your printer is set at 100% or "actual size."
- Card stock works best to print pattern pieces on because the heavier paper makes it easy to trace around for accuracy and is reusable.
- For best results use heavier fabrics (canvas, home décor, denim, etc.) for **main fabric**.
- Lighter weight cottons work well for **lining fabric** and interfacing is fused to backs.
- Iron all fabrics first, adhere interfacing to fabric backs--then cut out pattern pieces.
- Sew using 1/4" seam allowances throughout unless directed differently.
- Optional is to purchase Pellon Stabilizer for bag bottom (Peltex 40, 50, 70, or 71F are some sew-in and iron on choices).

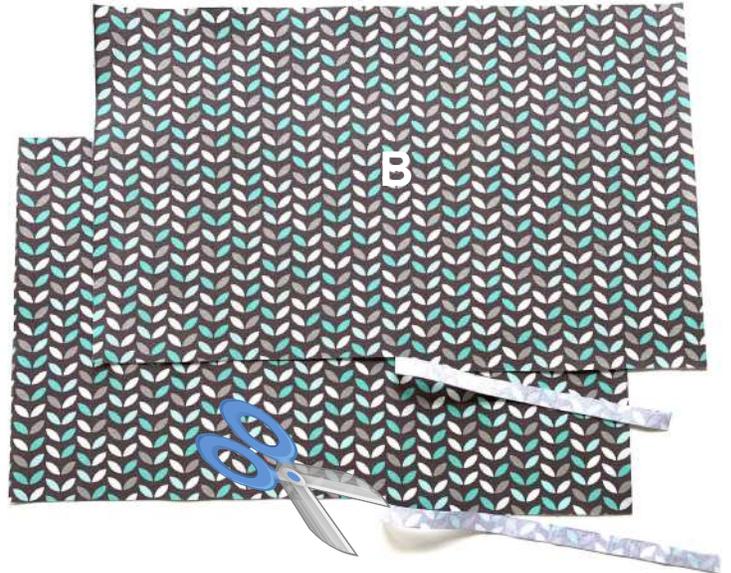
Cut also for exterior pockets:

- Two 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" squares of main fabric for outer bag pockets for **medium bag, or...**
- Two 15 1/2" x 15 1/2" squares of main fabric for bag outer pockets for **large bag**.



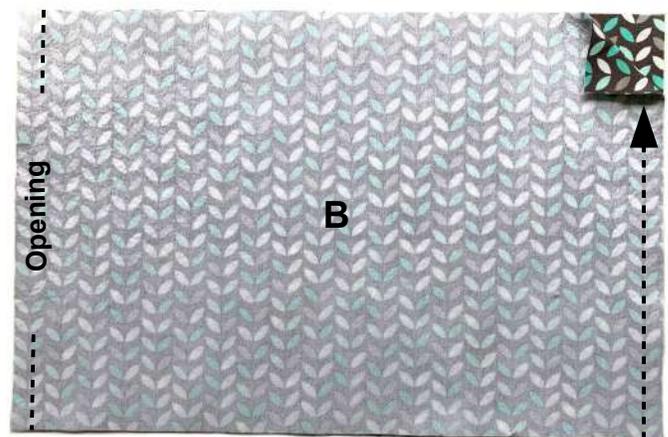
Bag Lining

1) Trim 1/2" from both bottoms of **lining** pieces B. This makes the lining *slightly* smaller to ensure a smoother fit once inside the main bag.

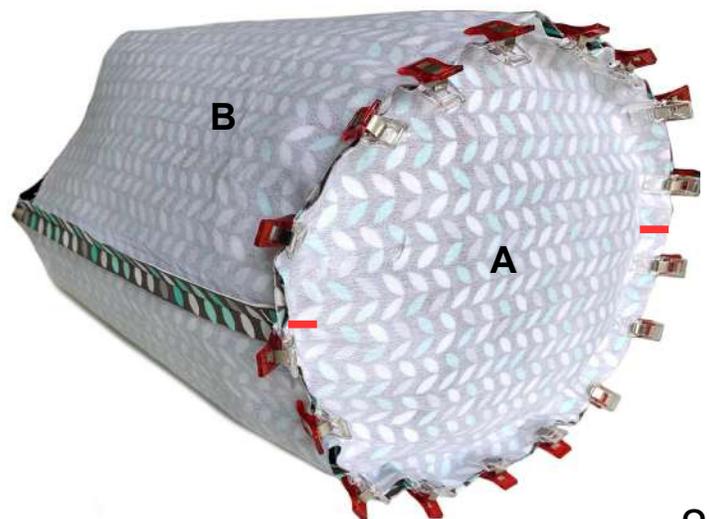


2) Place both lining B pieces right sides together matching all edges. Sew along both sides and leaving a 5-6" opening in the middle of one side to be used for bag turning later.

Press side seams open.



3) Pin or clip lining bottom A piece to bag sides B with right sides together and matching center marks on piece B to side seams of bag lining. Stitch bottom piece A to bag sides B easing in fabric.



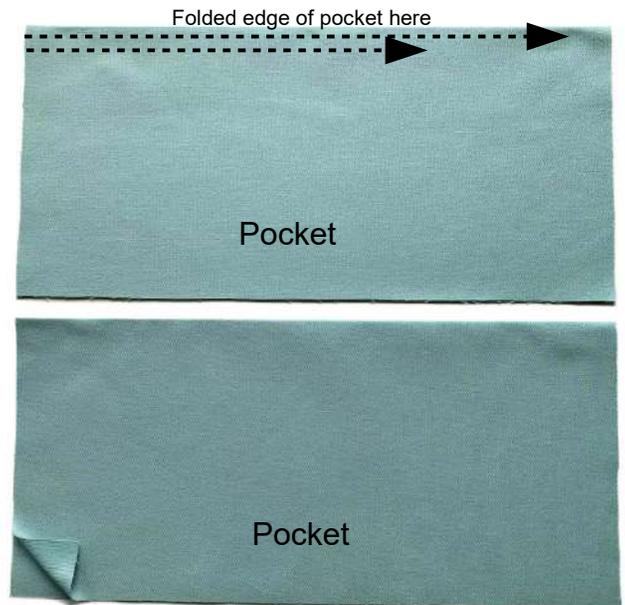
4) Turn lining piece to right sides out and press if needed.

Set lining piece aside until later.

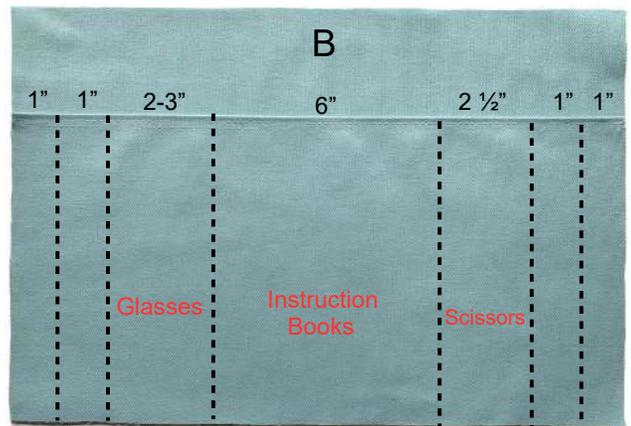


Main Bag Construction (Pockets)

1) Fold pocket piece in half with **wrong** sides together. Press folded top edge. Top stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from top folded edge and again $\frac{1}{4}$ " from folded edge. Repeat steps with other pocket piece top edge.

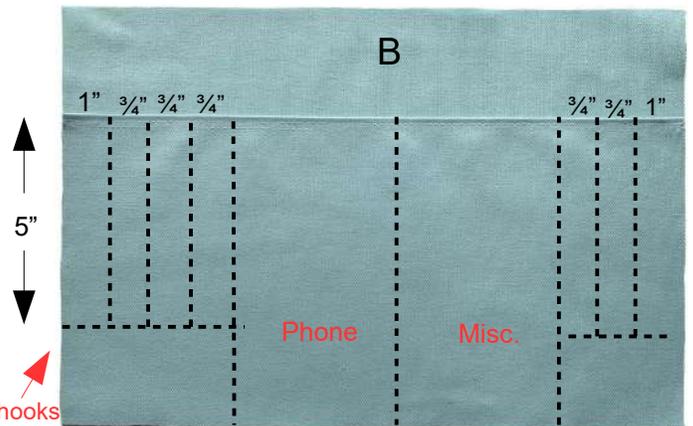
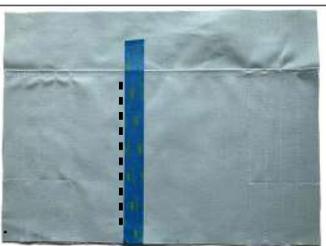


2) Place 1 pocket piece on 1 main bag B with bottom and side edges even. Pin or clip to secure. Sew pocket partitions. Customize your own pocket sizes or use the guide imaged at right for references. Repeat with other pocket and side piece B.



$\frac{3}{4}$ " - 1" width for knitting needles

Sewing along a guide such as painters tape helps in sewing straight lines and is easily removed.



5" height x $\frac{3}{4}$ " width for crochet hooks

Bag Handle

1) Wrong sides together fold handle piece D in half lengthwise and press. Fold in each long half to the center crease made and press again. This leaves you with a handle piece $\frac{3}{4}$ " in width.

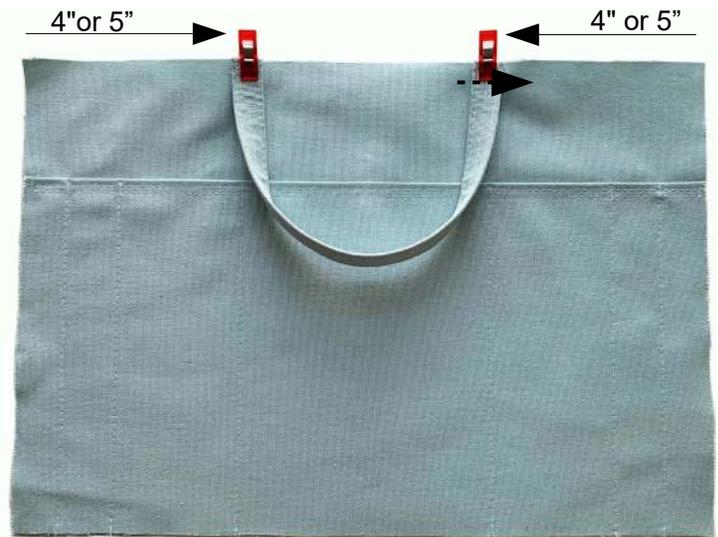


2) Top stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from each folded edge of handle piece long side (and again if desired, a center stitch).



3) For the **large bag**, place handle piece on bag back 5" in from **each side edge** and clip or pin to top edge. Sew to secure handle to bag $\frac{1}{4}$ " from raw edge.

For the **medium bag**, place handle piece 4" in from each side edge and stitch to secure.



Ring Holder Tab (optional)

1) Fold ring tab E in half lengthwise wrong sides together and press. Press each long half to center crease and press again leaving you with a ring tab of $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide x 3" long. Top stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from each long edge.



2) Fold ring tab in half placing a ring inside as imaged. Stitch to secure about $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{3}{8}$ " from ring. Cut so ring tab length is $\frac{3}{4}$ " long.

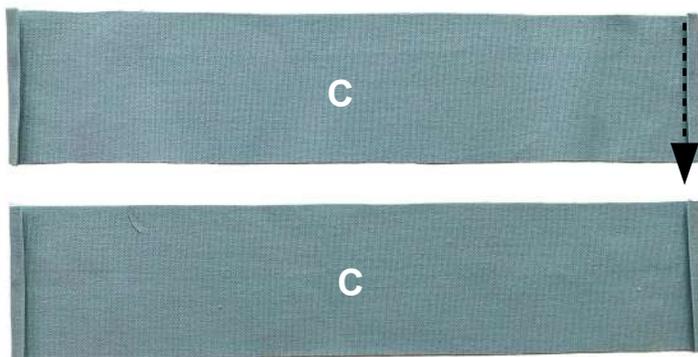


3) Place ring tab at side edge 2" down from top bag edge (or just above the pocket piece). Stitch to secure at 1/4".

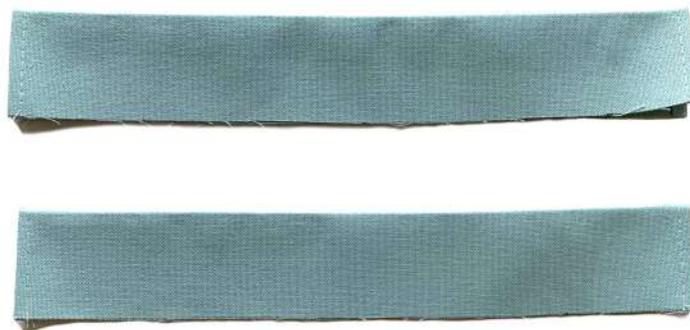


Cord Casing

1) Fold each **short end** of piece C in to the wrong side 1/4" and press. Fold it in again 1/4" and press well. Top stitch close to folded edge to secure. Do this to all 4 short ends.



2) With **wrong sides together** of piece C fold in half lengthwise and press. Repeat with other cord casing piece C.

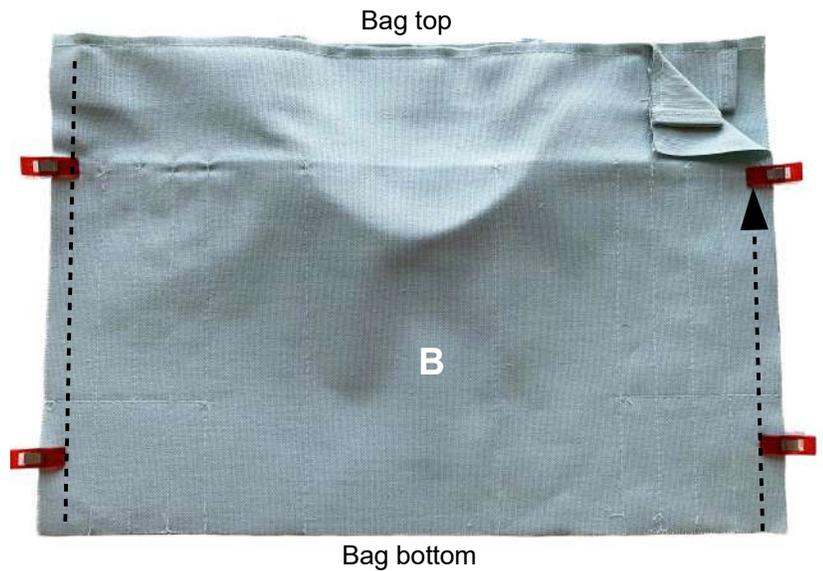


3) Place each cord casing piece on one main fabric panel right side and matching top raw edges. The cord casing will be 1/2" **IN** from each main side edge. Sew to secure cord casing to main panels 1/4" from top edge.

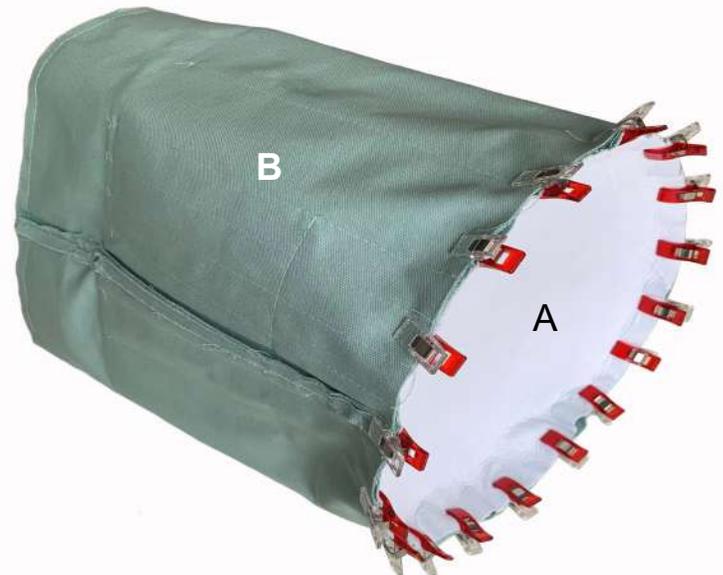


Finishing the Bag

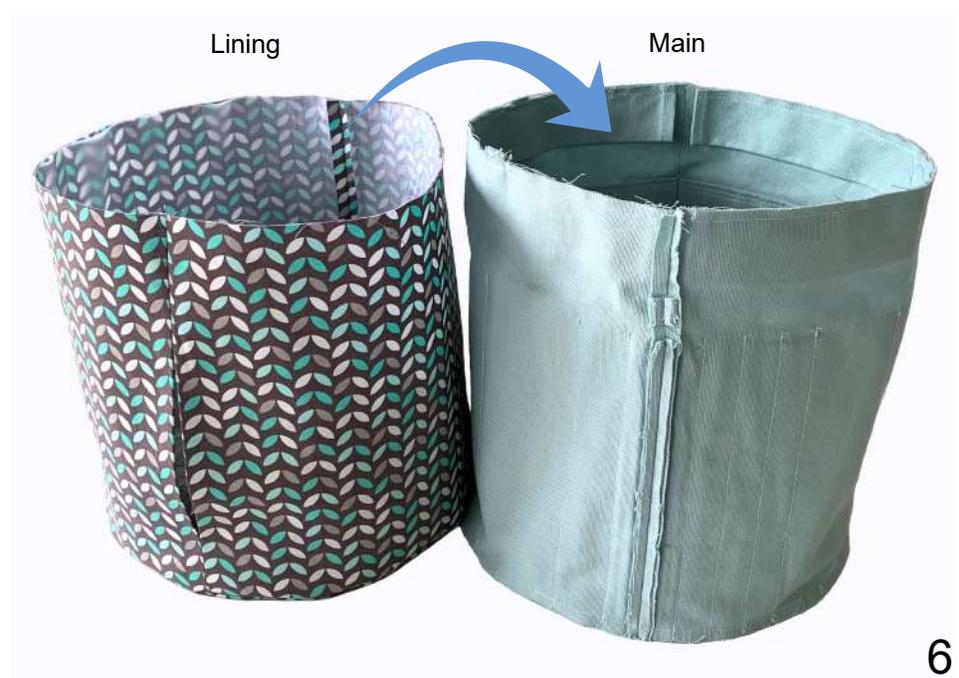
1) Place both main bag pieces B right sides together matching all edges. Pin or clip to secure. Sew both sides together using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams. Press side seams open.



2) With right sides together place bag bottom A at main bag with red center marks matching bag side seams. Pin or clip to hold. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance to secure.



3) With the lining piece right sides out and the main piece wrong sides out, place the lining piece inside the main bag **matching side seams**. (right sides of main and lining will be together here).



4) Pin or clip top raw edges to hold both lining and main bag together. The side seams will match of both lining and main.



5) Sew top edges of lining and main together completely around top edge. (Removing the accessory holder off your machine makes sewing this step easier).



6) Turn bag to right sides out through the lining side seam opening.



7) Press the lining seam allowance of the opening to the inside. Machine or hand sew the lining opening closed that was used for turning. Sew close to folded edge.



8) Tuck lining inside main bag and press bag top seam flat.



9) Top stitch 1/4" from casing seam at top edge completely around bag.



Cording

1) Cut 2 pieces of cording 40" long each for the **large bag** ~OR~ cut 2 pieces of cording 30" long each for the **medium bag**.

2) Thread one cording piece completely around bag cord casing starting and ending at one side seam. Attaching a safety pin at one cord end makes threading easy.



3) Turn bag to opposite side seam and thread the other cording piece through the cord casing completely around.



4) Attach either double or single hole toggles to each side as shown (optional). The cording used in this tutorial is made of nylon so the *raw* ends fray. Simply heat the raw ends to prevent fraying if desired. (Just a quick touch of a disposable lighter's flame works well)



Finished!

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Medium

Bag Bottom

A

Cut 1 Main Fabric
Cut 1 Lining Fabric
Cut 2 Interfacing

- * Fuse 1 interfacing to main fabric back
Fuse 1 interfacing to lining fabric back

- ** (For a sturdier bag bottom, fuse two interfacing at main fabric bottom piece. Another option is to fuse or sew in Pellon firm stabilizer to main **or lining fabric** back using pattern piece A after **trimming** 3/8" off from total circumference).

*Place red lines at
bag side seams

1" test
square

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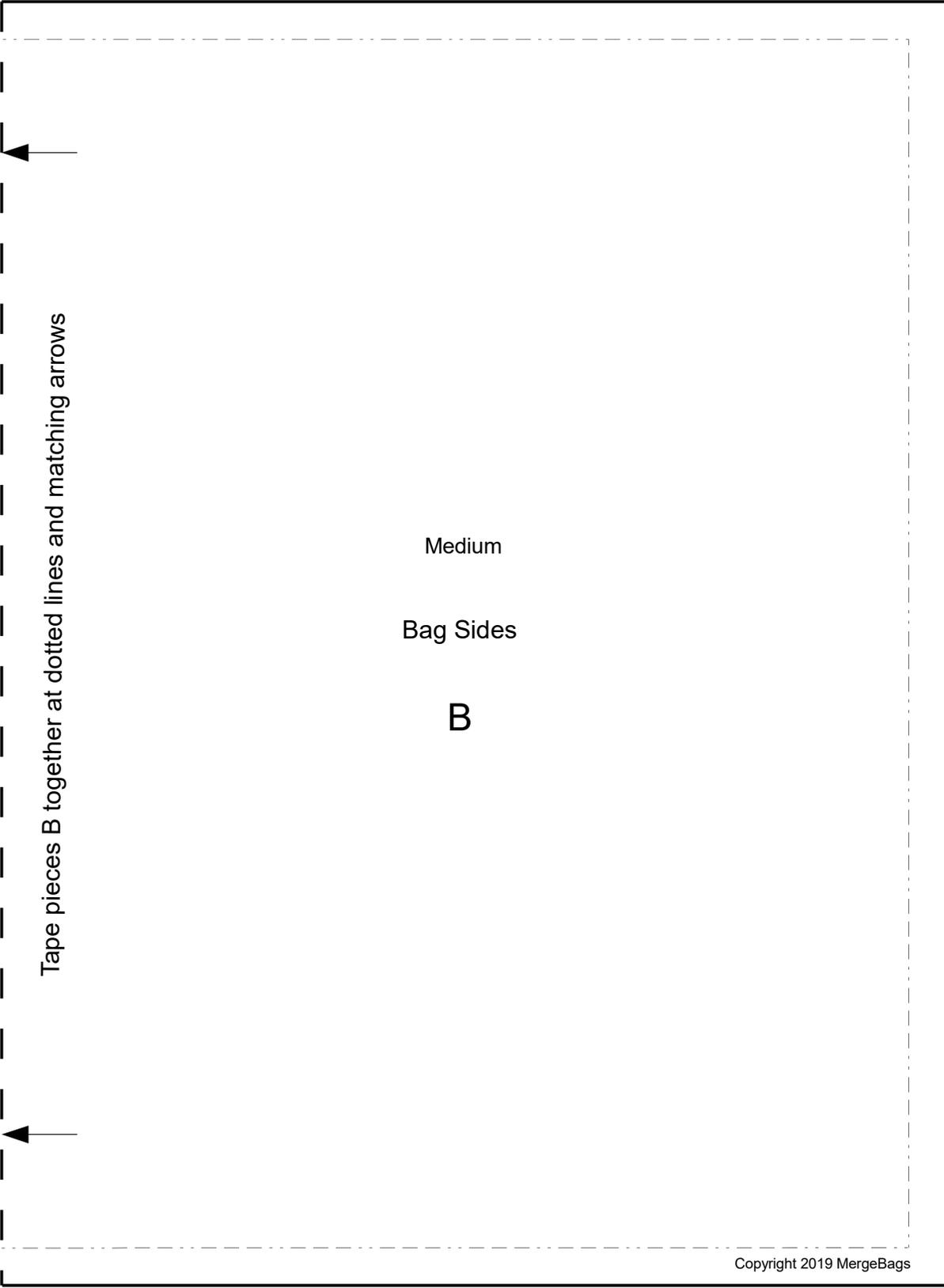
Medium

Bag Sides

B

Cut 2 Main Fabric
Cut 2 Lining Fabric
Cut 2 Interfacing

- * Fuse interfacing to lining fabric backs. If desired add interfacing to both main and lining backs for a sturdier bag or if using a lighter weight main fabric.

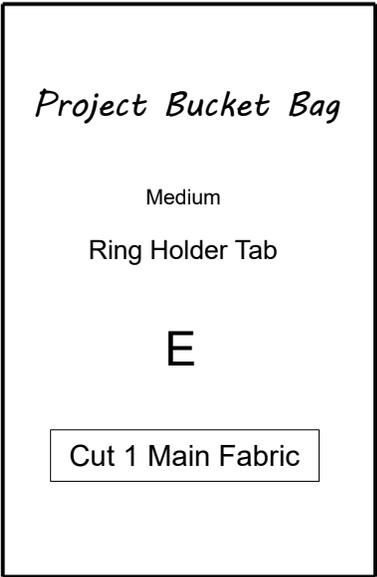
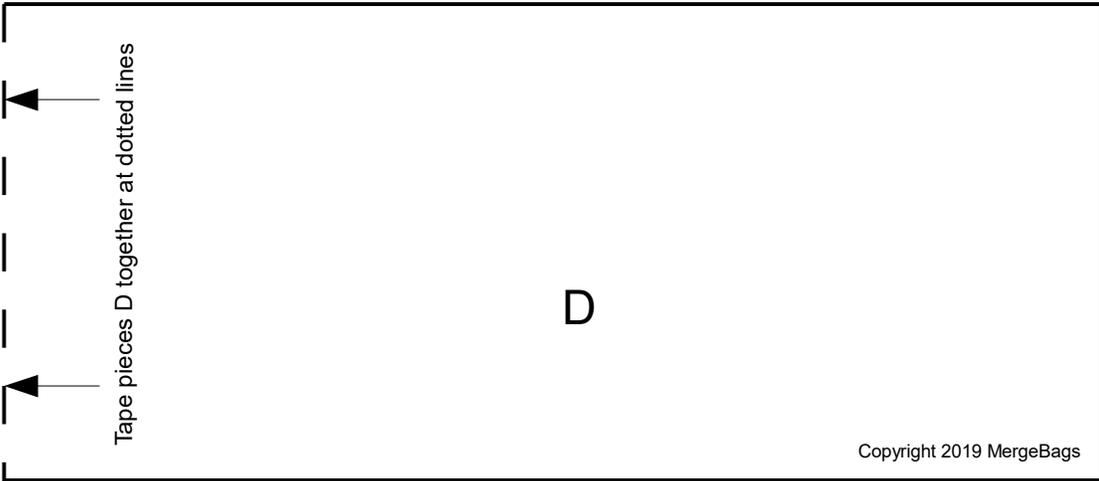
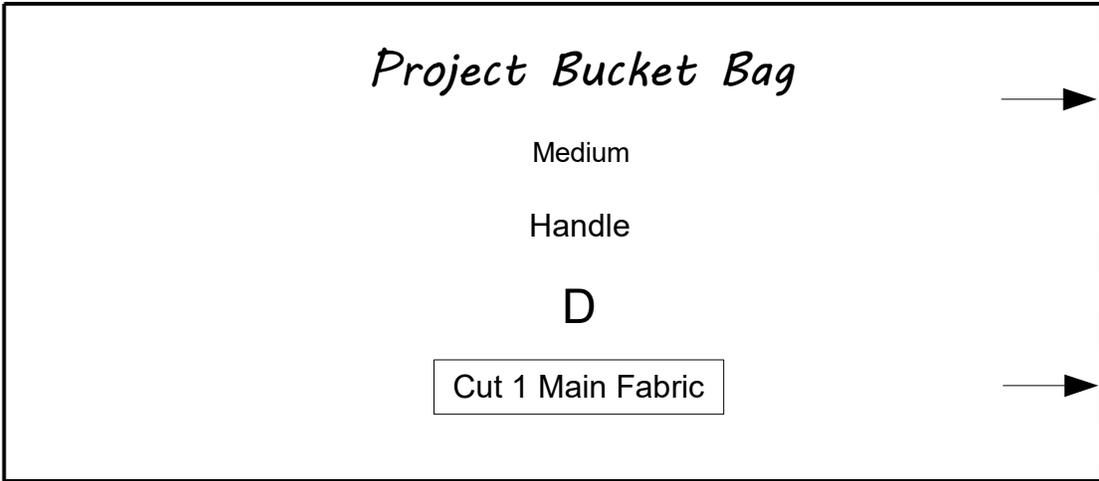
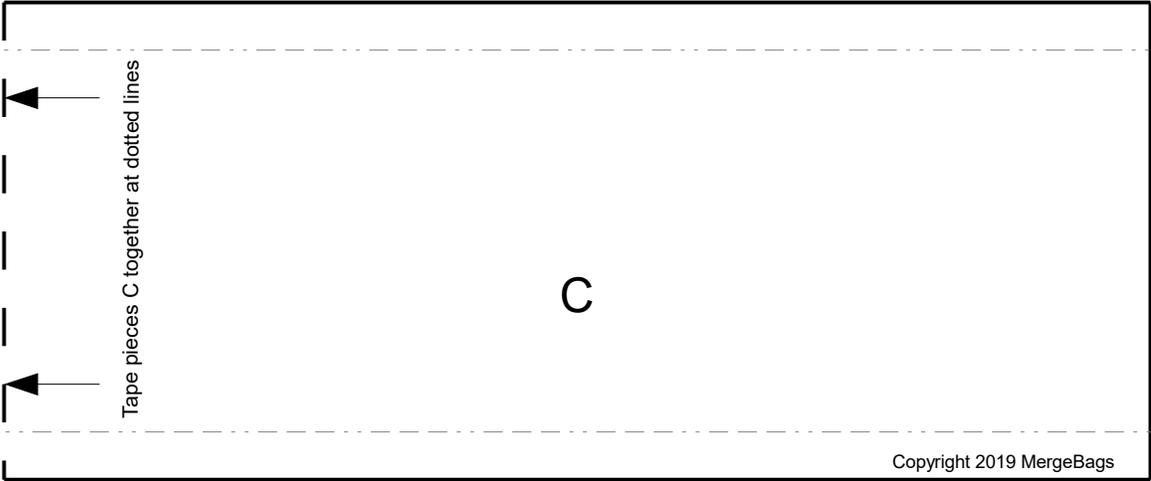
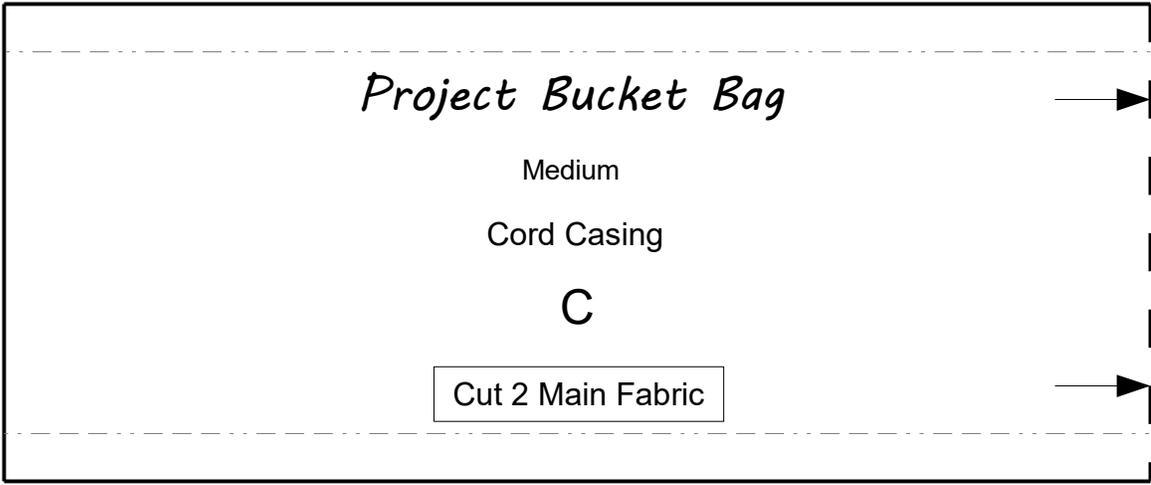


Tape pieces B together at dotted lines and matching arrows

Medium

Bag Sides

B



1" test square

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Large

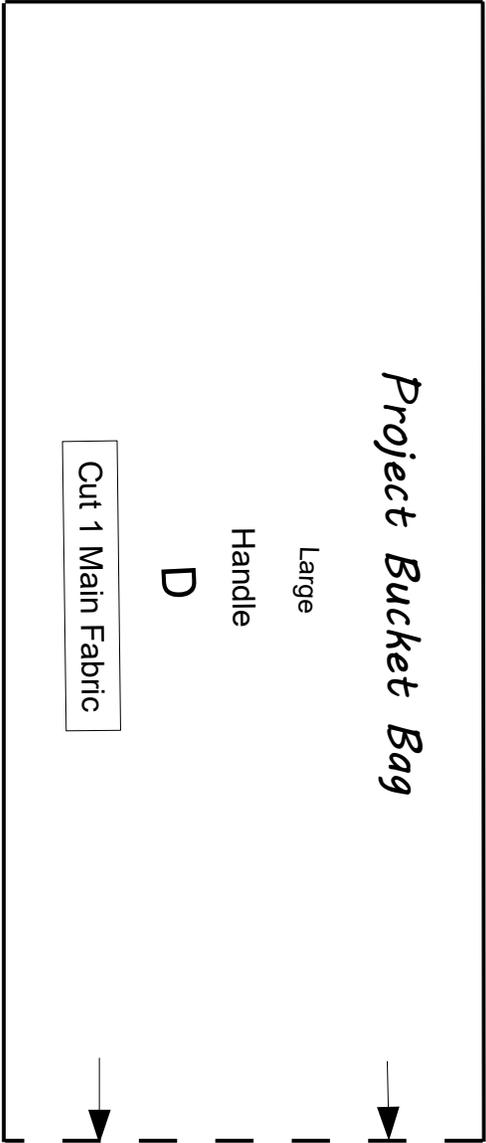
Bag Bottom

A

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Cut 1 Lining Fabric
Cut 2 Interfacing

Fuse 1 interfacing to main fabric back
Fuse 1 interfacing to lining fabric back

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Cut 1 Main Fabric

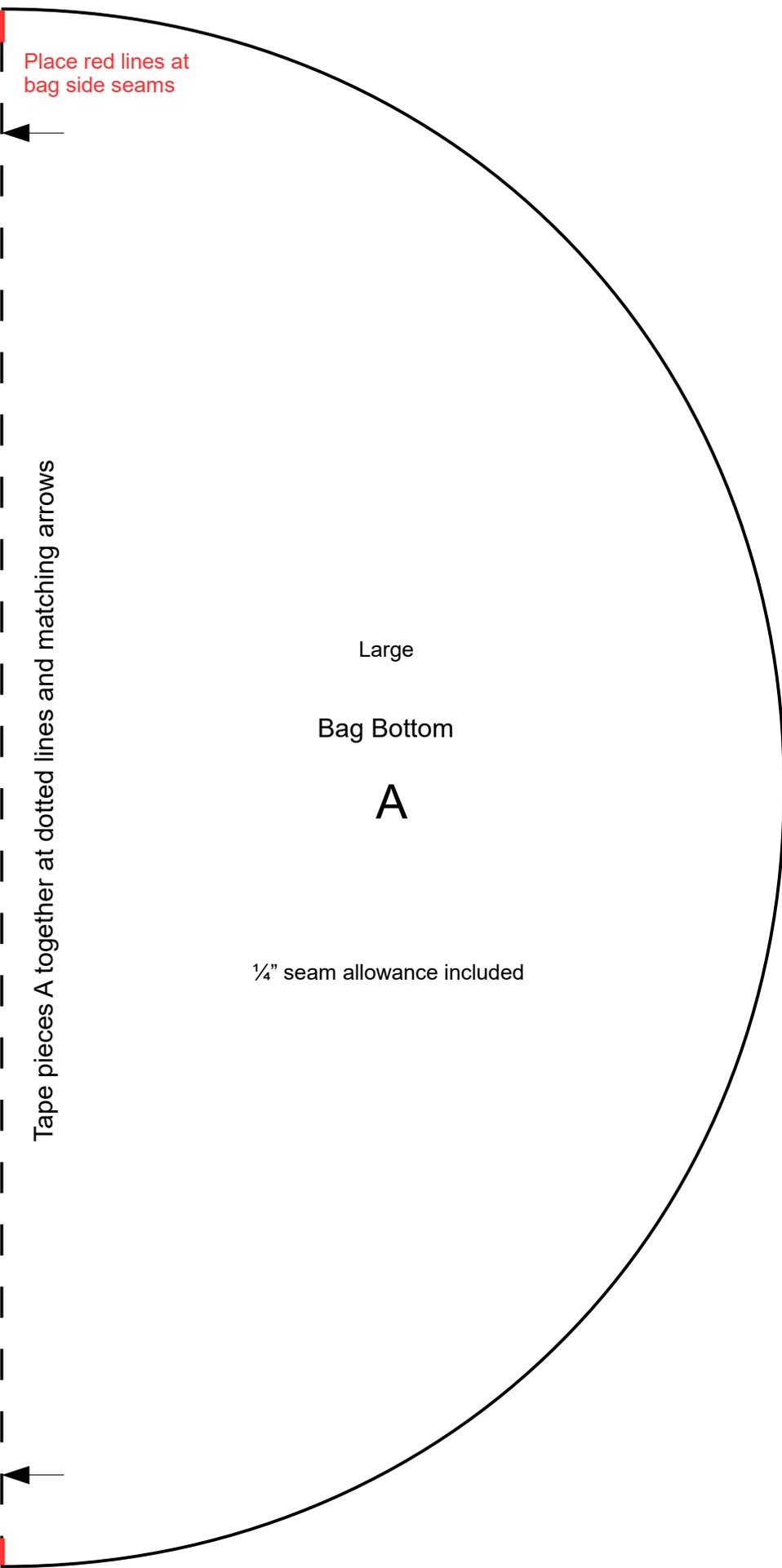
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Large

Handle

D

Cut 1 Main Fabric

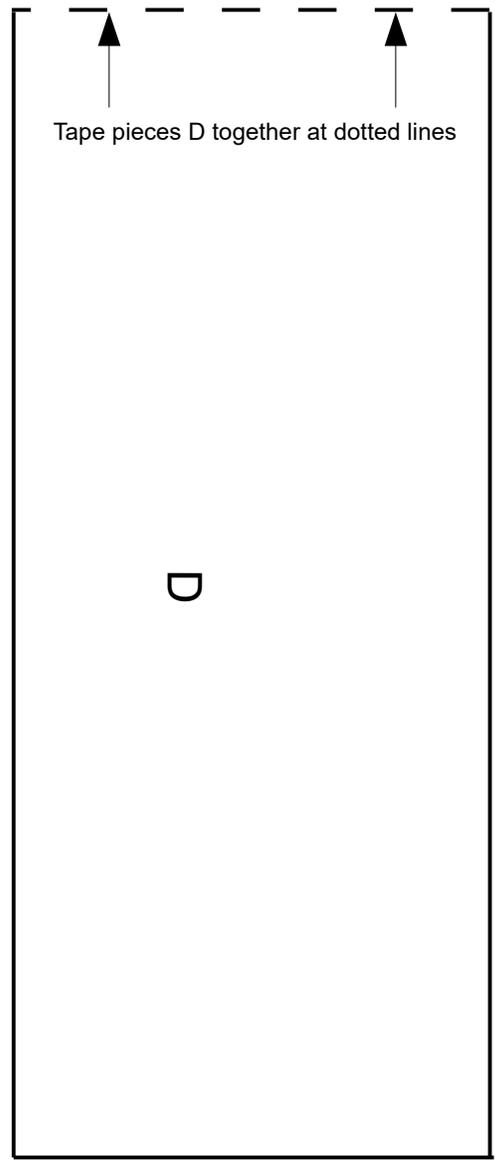


Place red lines at bag side seams

Tape pieces A together at dotted lines and matching arrows

Large
Bag Bottom
A

1/4" seam allowance included



Tape pieces D together at dotted lines

D

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Large

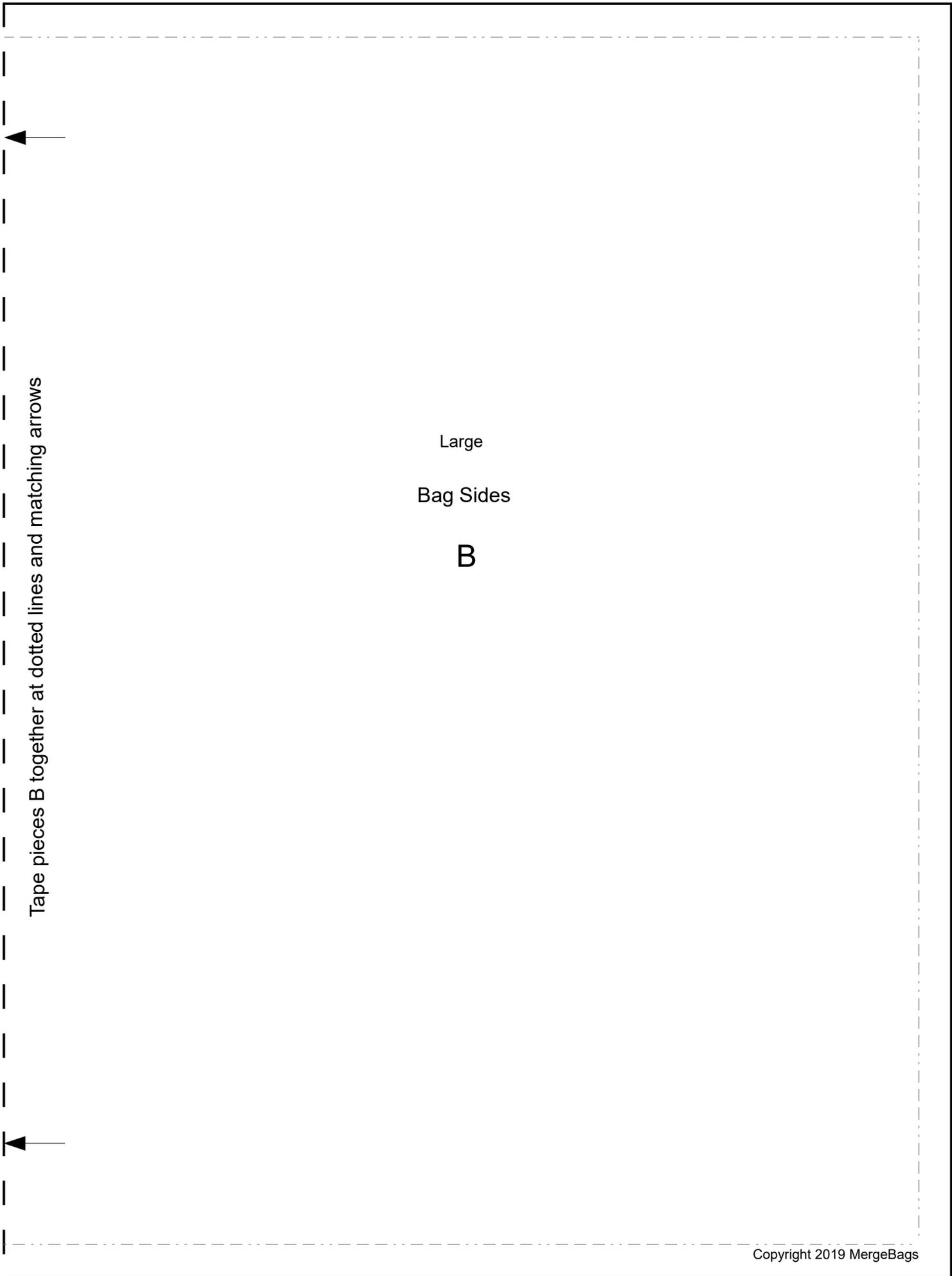
Bag Sides

B

Cut 2 Main Fabric
Cut 2 Lining Fabric
Cut 4 Interfacing

Fuse 2 interfacing to Main Fabric backsides
Fuse 2 interfacing to Lining Fabric backsides

* You may omit interfacing to main fabric
backs if your main fabric is heavyweight.



Tape pieces B together at dotted lines and matching arrows

Large
Bag Sides

B

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Large

Cord Casing

C

Cut 2 Main Fabric

Tape pieces C together at dotted lines

C

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Large

Ring Holder Tab

E

Cut 1 Main Fabric