

Town Bag

Style Number 32003 | Advanced Beginner

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Bag Details

Originally designed and sold by Fringe Supply Co., the Town Bag is a great everyday purse and/or a do-it-all project bag, no matter what your project may be. It has the same drawstring closure and interior pockets — designed for corralling tools, patterns, and miscellany — as the Field Bag (minus the grommets), but with the addition of tote-style handles and external front and back pockets. It's large enough to fit a Field or Stowe bag inside but small enough to fit into a larger tote bag if needed.

Techniques involved include sewing a straight seam, working with heavy fabrics, and setting rivets (optional).

Suggested Fabrics

8 - 10oz cotton canvas

Notions

1 ½ yds (1.4m) of 1 ¼" (3.27mm) wide cotton webbing

2 ½ yds (2.3m) - 5/32" circumference 100% cotton braided cord

8 - Double cap rivets, 6mm, 6.4mm post (optional)

Thread

Denim machine needle

3/32" Round Punch (optional)

Rivet Setter (optional)

Mallet (optional)

Hera marker or other removable marking tool

Preparation

Pre-Washing We do not recommend pre-washing the canvas for your Town Bag as it will result in a softer fabric that may not stand on its own. Spot clean finished bag as needed.

Read through all the instructions. Sometimes surprises are good, but when sewing they usually aren't.

Gather your supplies. Make sure you have all the fabric, thread, and notions required for the bag, as well as any tools you may need (scissors, pins, rulers, sewing machine).

Find your pattern pieces. Make sure you have cut out all the pattern pieces necessary to make your bag.

Print your pattern according to the instructions included in the Printing Instructions file.

Measurements

Fabric Required (Yards) (Meters)

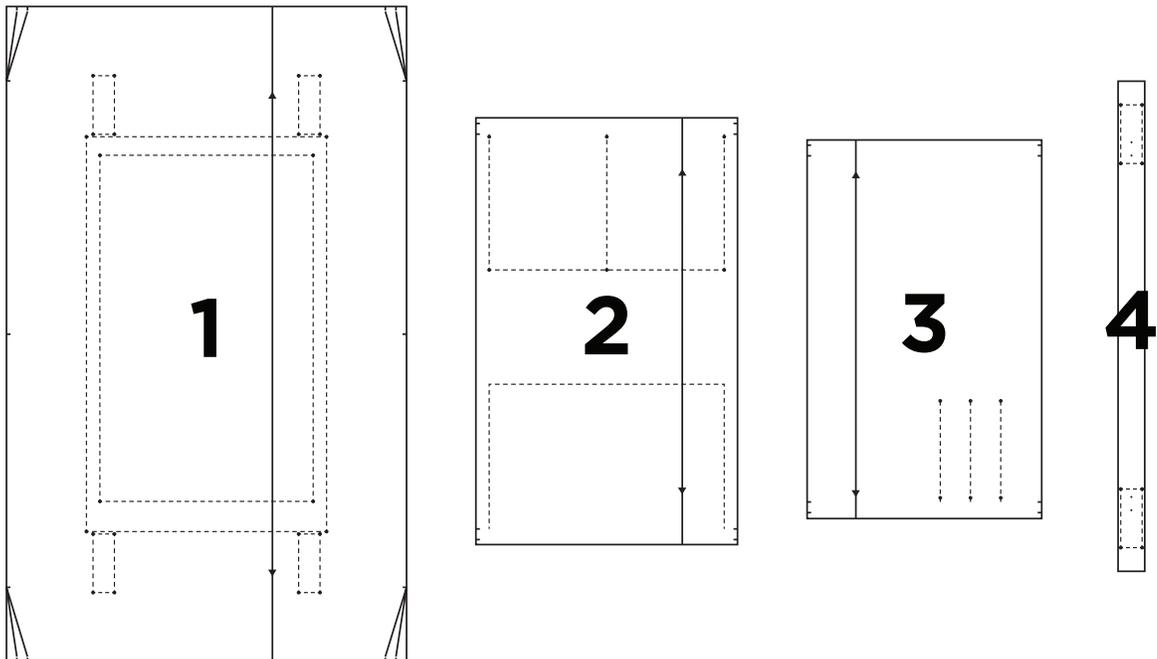
45" (114 cm)	1	0.9
54" (137 cm)	1	0.9

Finished Bag Measurements (Inches) (Centimeters)

Width	11	27.9
Depth	6	15.2
Height	11	27.9
Handle Drop	5	12.7

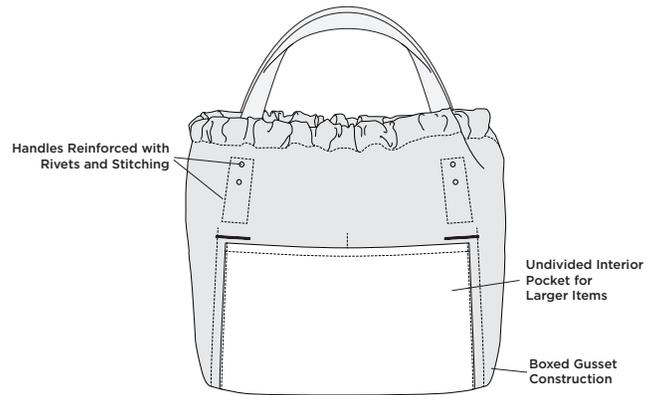
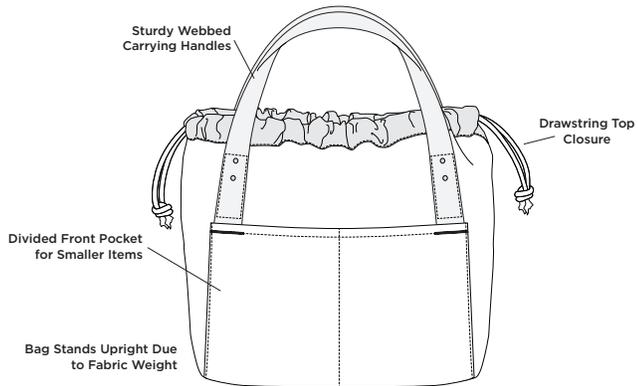
Pattern Inventory

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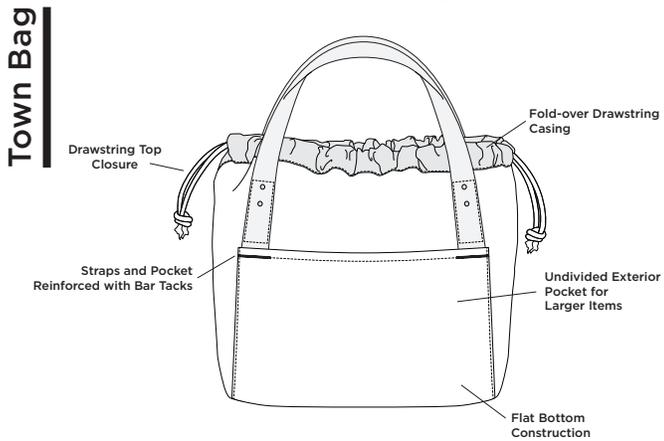


1. Main Body
2. Outer Pocket
3. Inner Pocket
4. Bag Strap

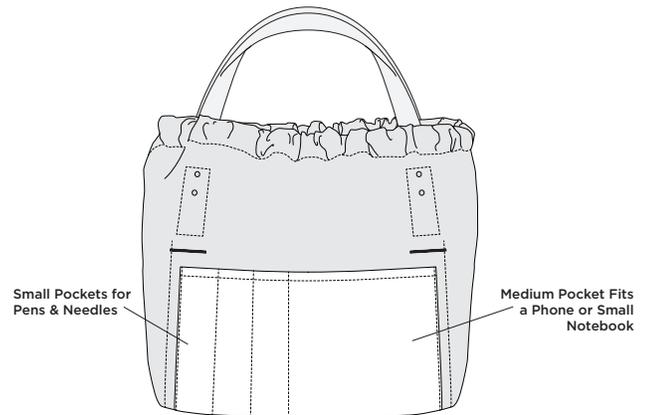
Design Elements



Exterior Bag



Interior Bag



Cutting

Lay out the pattern pieces on your fabric according to the cutting layout diagrams. Fabric should be laid out flat without any folds.

Trace each piece using a marking pen or pencil. Make sure to transfer all pattern markings to your fabric as well.

When cutting, cut away the lines you traced on the fabric and don't forget to clip your notches!

Use Piece 4: Bag Strap to cut your webbing to the proper length and transfer all markings.

Key



Fabric Right Side



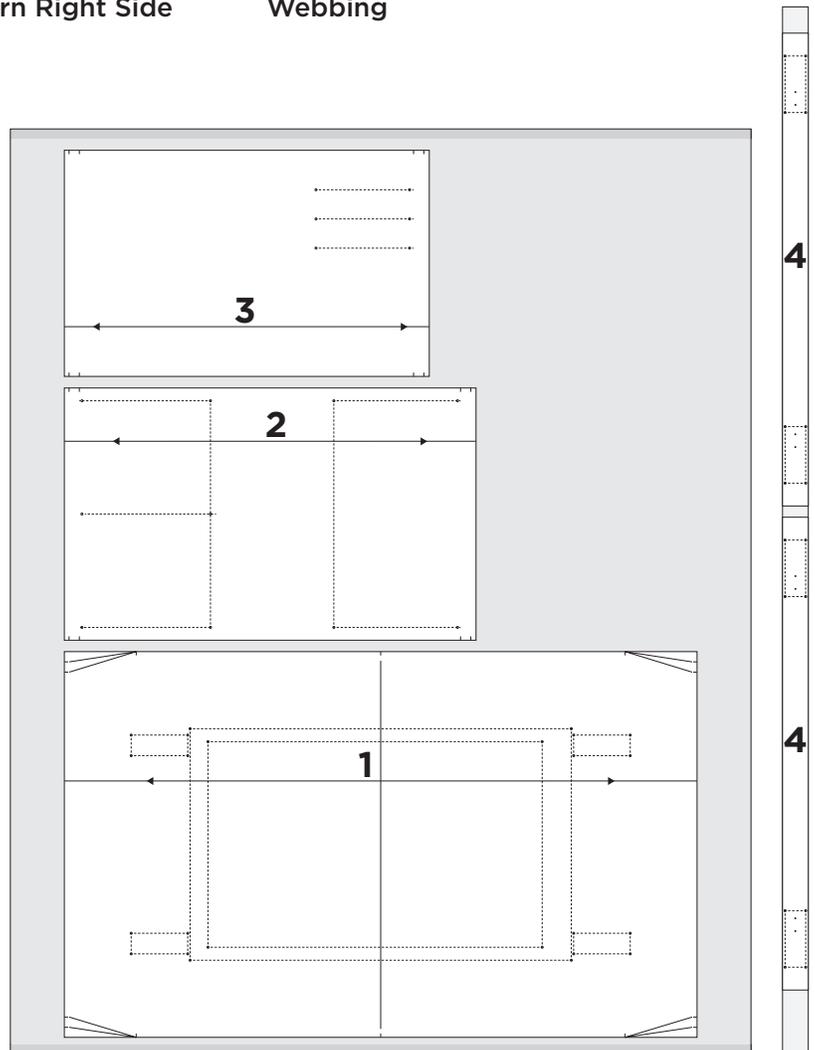
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Webbing

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45" (114 cm) &
54" (137 cm)
Wide Fabric Layout



Instructions

Fabric Key



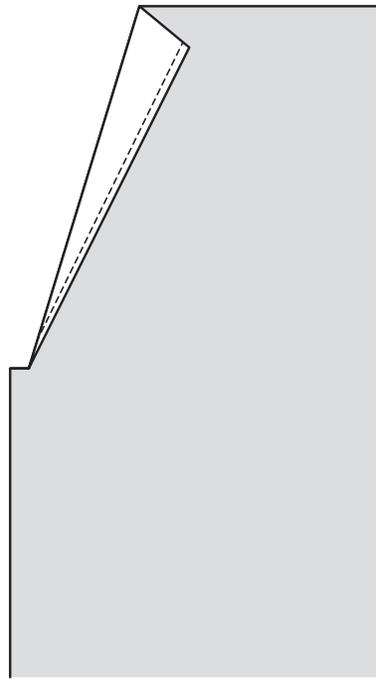
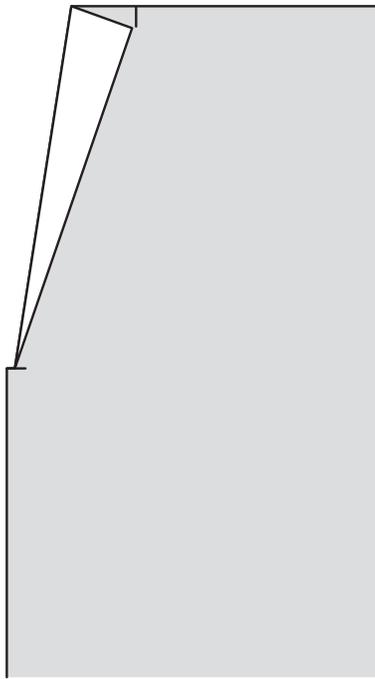
Right Side

Wrong Side

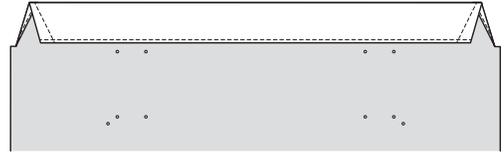
Note: Seam allowances are $\frac{3}{8}$ " unless otherwise noted.

Step 1 Lay the **main body** out with the right side facing up. Fold each corner over along the first notched fold line and press. Fold and press again along the second notched fold line. Edgestitch the free folded edge down.

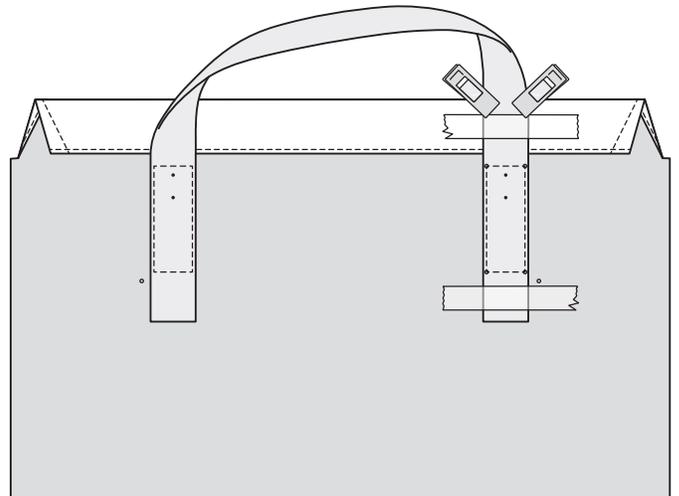
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Step 2 Fold and press the top edge over at $\frac{1}{2}$ ", then fold and press again at $\frac{1}{8}$ ". Edgestitch the free folded edge in place to create the drawstring casing. Repeat for the other side.

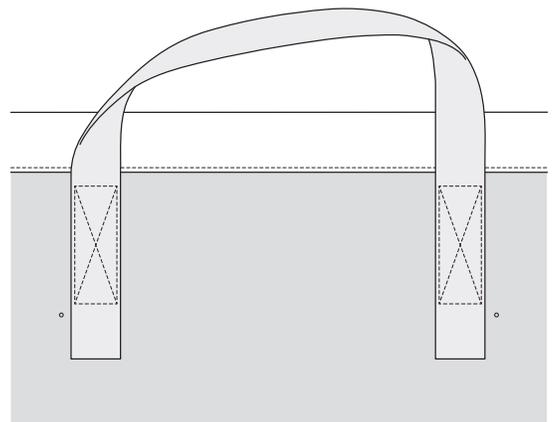


Step 3 Align the strap placement markings on the straps and main body as shown, taking care not to twist the straps. Topstitch along the marked stitching lines to secure the straps to the bag.

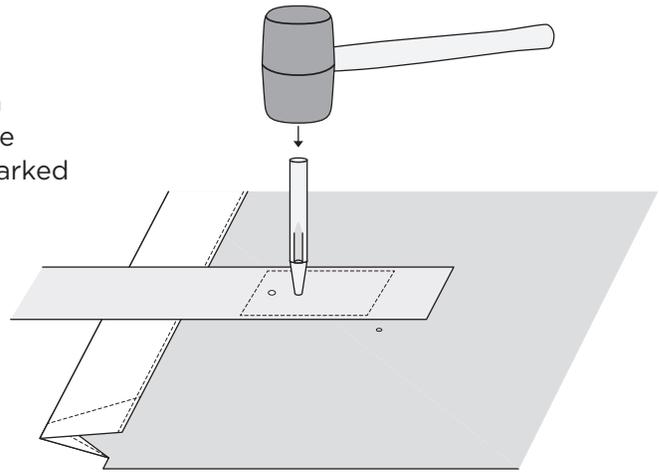


Tip: We recommend using tape or Wonder Clips to secure the webbing as it is too thick for pins.

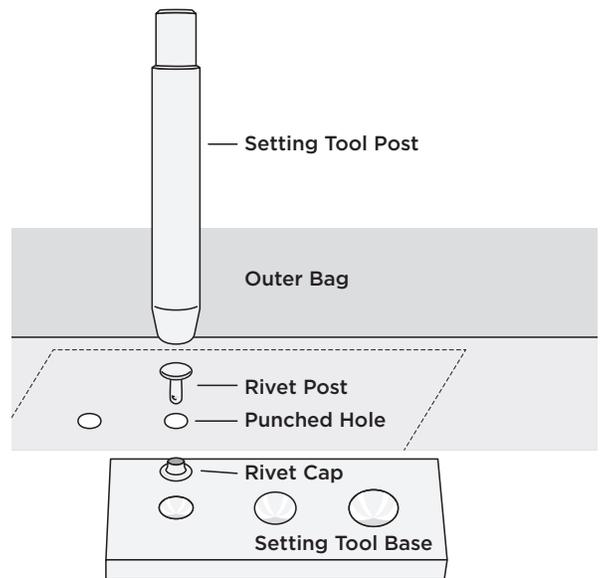
Step 4 To add extra security to your handles, you can install rivets or stitch an X from corner to corner within the rectangles you sewed in step 3.



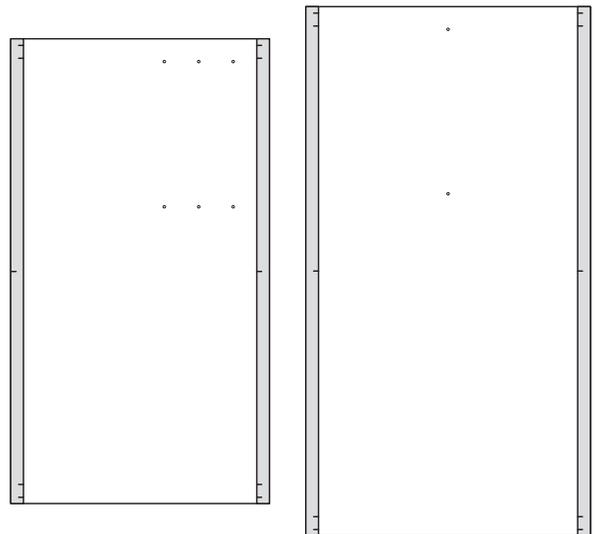
Step 5 To add rivets, use a round punch to make a $\frac{3}{32}$ " diameter hole through the handle and main body at each of the marked rivet placement points.



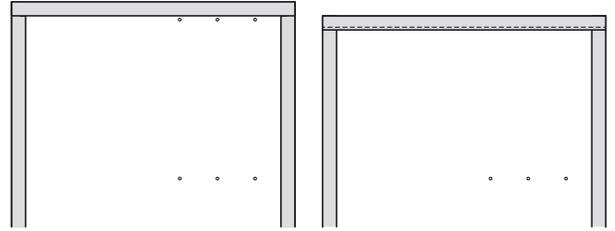
Step 6 Push the rivet post through one of the pre-punched holes from the right side. Turn the bag over and place the rivet cap onto the post — it will click into place. Set the rivet into the setting tool base and place the setting tool post over the rivet. Give the post a few taps with a mallet to close the rivet. Repeat for all rivet placement points.



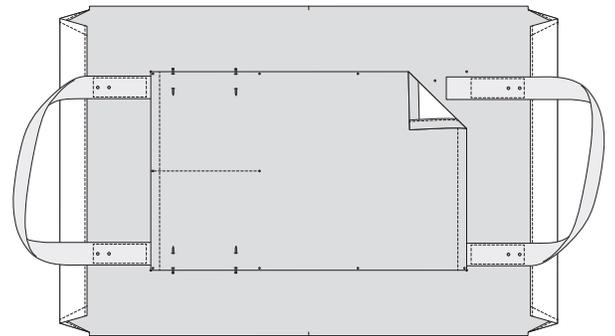
Step 7 Lay both the **outer pocket** and **inner pocket** out with the wrong sides facing up. Along the longer sides fold the $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance over and press.



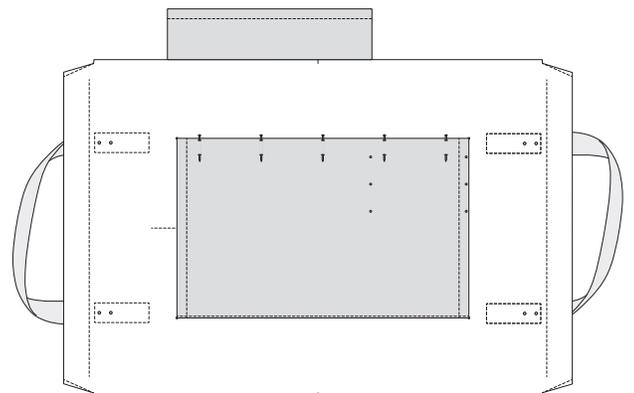
Step 8 Turn the short sides of both pockets to the wrong side at $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the first set of notches, then again at $\frac{1}{2}$ " along the second set of notches. Edgestitch along the free folded edges.



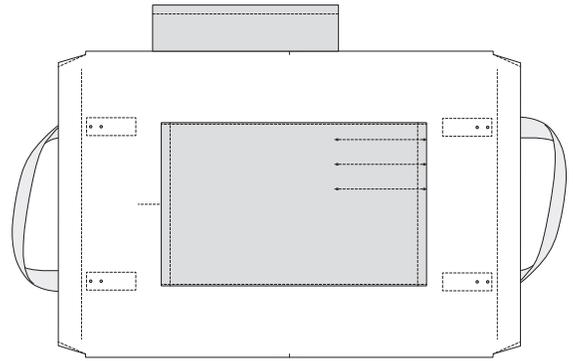
Step 9 With the right sides of both pieces facing up, align the corners of the outer pocket with the pocket placement markings on the main body. Pin the side of the pocket with the pocket dividing lines in place, leaving the other half free. Topstitch along the pocket dividing stitching line, backstitching at each end.



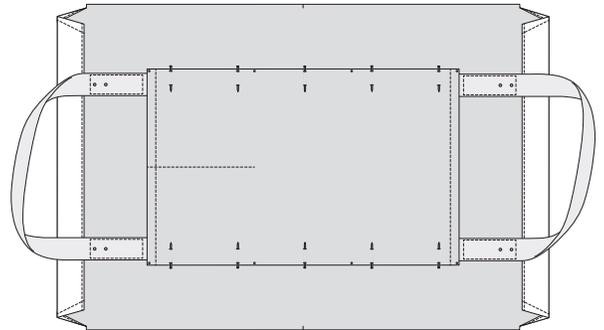
Step 10 With the right side facing up, align the corners of the inner pocket with the pocket placement markings making sure the pocket dividing lines fall to the opposite end of the bag of the line sewn in step 9. Folding the outer pocket out of the way, pin the inner pocket to the main body and edgestitch along the long sides, backstitching at each end, and making sure not to catch the outer pocket while you sew.



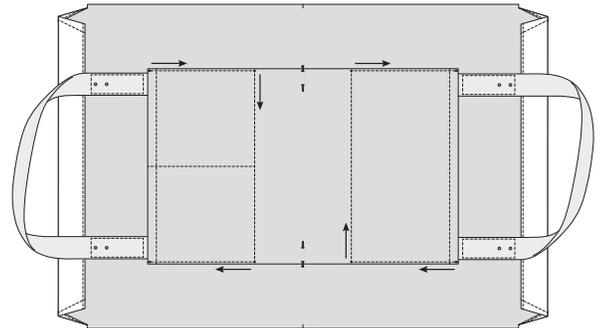
Step 11 With the outer pocket still folded out of the way, topstitch the dividing lines of the inner pocket.



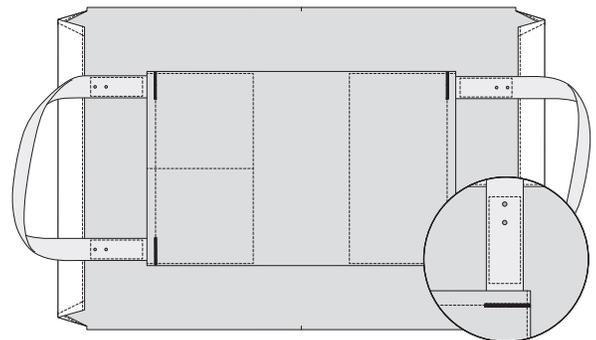
Step 12 Flip the bag so the right side is facing up, smooth the outer pocket flat, and pin in place.



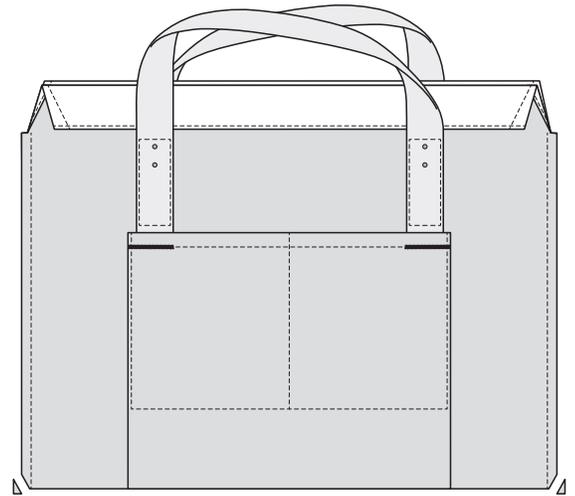
Step 13 Starting in the upper right corner of the pocket, edgestitch down to the first match point. Pivot across, stitching through all layers to create the bottom of the inner and outer pockets. Pivot back up at the next match point and continue stitching to the upper left corner of the pocket. Repeat for the other side.



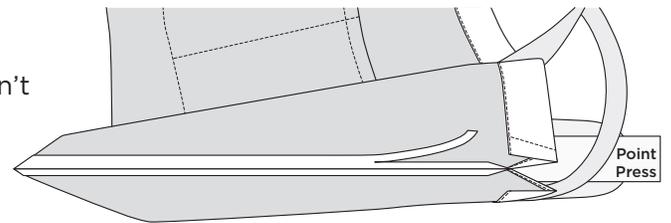
Step 14 To further secure the strap and outer pocket to the bag, place a bar tack the width of the strap at each corner of the pocket along the stitching line.



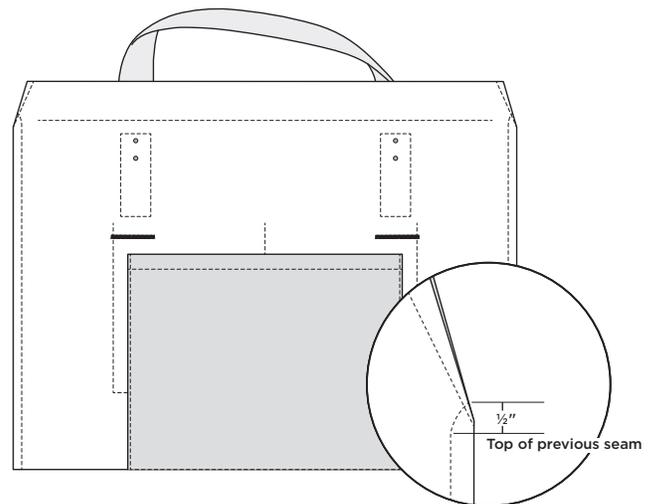
Step 15 Fold the bag in half, interior sides together, along the notched fold line in the center of the main body. Using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance, sew along the sides, starting at the fold line and stopping at the notches. Clip the bottom corners.



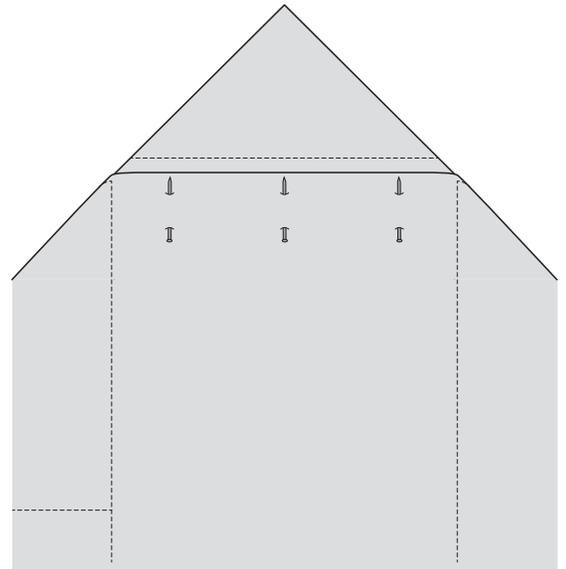
Step 16 Press the seam allowances open. This will be most easily accomplished by using a wooden point press, but if you don't have one, place it over the end of your ironing board. Grade seam allowances by cutting them in half.



Step 17 Turn the bag so the interior is facing out and press the side seams flat. Using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance, begin stitching at the folded edge, up to the point where your previous stitching line stopped. From here, sew a curved line over to meet the edge of the bag $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the stopping point of your previous seam line, and backstitch well. It can be helpful to draw this line in with chalk before you begin stitching.

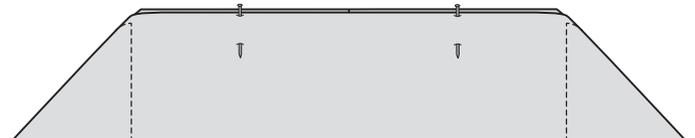
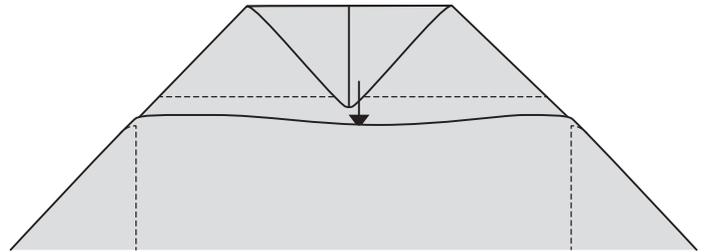


Step 18 With the exterior facing out, fold the bag so that the bottom is flat, creating a triangle gusset at the side seam. The triangle will span from the bottom edge of one pocket to the other. Pin in place making sure the side seam allowances are both falling to the same side of each gusset. Sew across the gusset $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the pocket edge. Repeat for the other side.

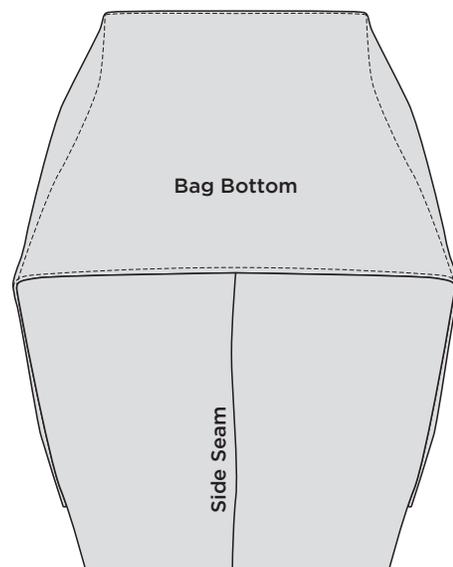


Tip: If your bag is too thick to go through your machine, try hammering the seam to break down the fibers. This makes it easier for your machine to puncture the fabric. Another option is to handwheel through the side seam at the center of the gusset.

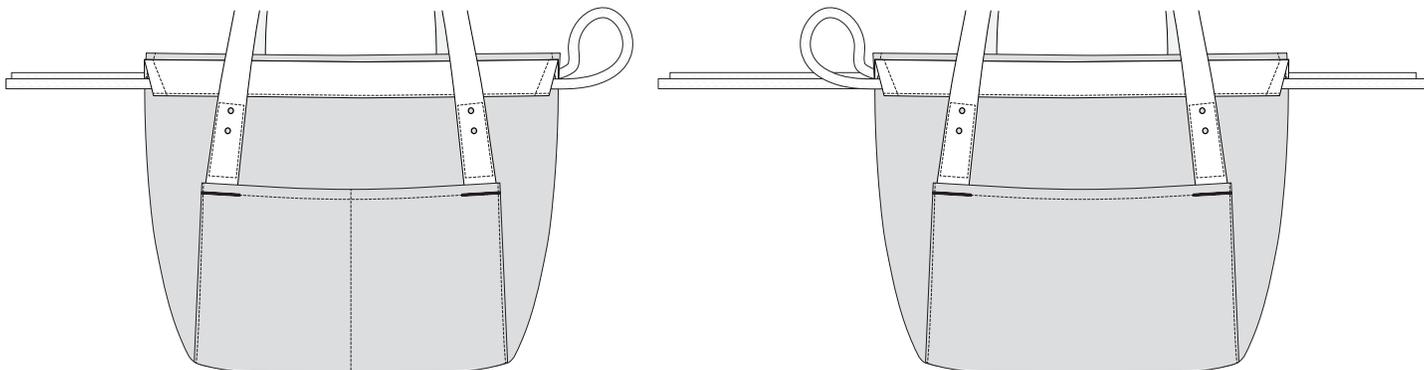
Step 19 Fold the gusset and tuck it between the outer pocket and body of the bag. Pin the bottom of the bag and gusset together.



Step 20 Turn the bag inside out. Positioning your bag with the inner pocket to the feed dogs and the outer pocket to the presser foot, edgesitch across the pocket edge through all layers. It will be easier to accomplish this by starting in the center of your pocket and stitching out toward the corners. Repeat for the other side.

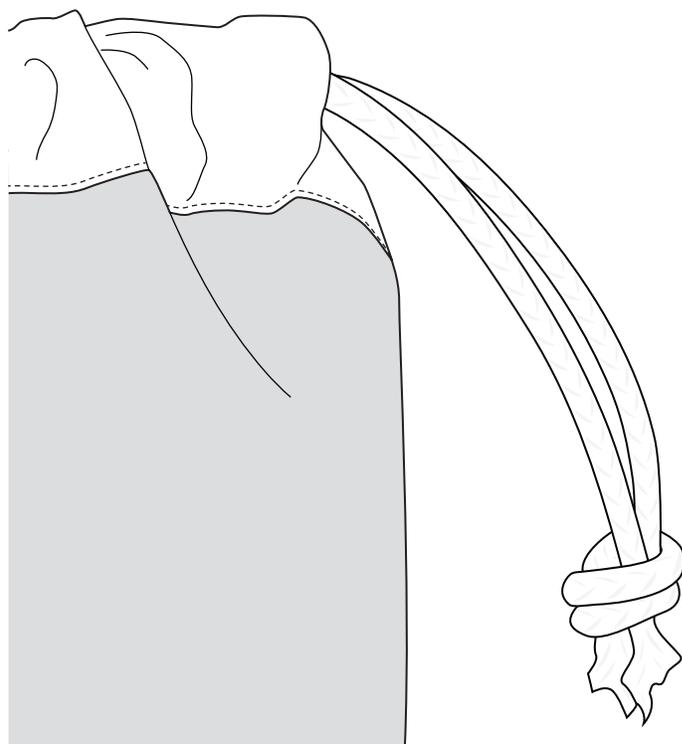


Step 21 Cut your cord into two 45" pieces. Insert the first cord into one side of the casing and continue around the bag until you come out of the casing across from where you started. This will most easily be accomplished using a bodkin or safety pin to pull the cord through the casing. Repeat for the other cord, starting on the other side of the bag.

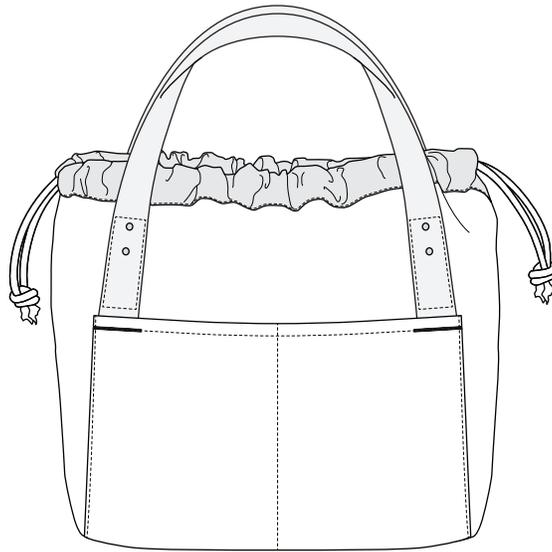


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Step 22 Pull on the cords to gather the top of the bag. Holding the two strands parallel and together as one, tie an overhand knot and pull tightly, pushing the knot towards the end of the cord as you tighten.



That's it, you're done!
Give your bag a final press and
carry on!



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Glossary

Bar Tack A bar tack is a series of high density zig-zag stitching used to reinforce an area of high stress.

Edgestitch refers to a line of stitching approximately 1/8" away from a folded edge or seam line of a garment.

Grade Seam or "grading" is done to reduce bulk in the seams. To grade your seam, trim away half of the allowance that will fall closest to the garment when pressed.

Grain Line refers to the lengthwise grain of the fabric, which runs parallel to the selvage edge of the fabric. Align the grain line printed on each pattern piece parallel to the selvage to ensure proper fit and drape of your finished garment.

Inside & Outside The inside refers to the interior of the bag, and the outside refers to the exterior.

Notch can be one of two things. First, notch can refer to a mark on the pattern used to correctly line up pattern pieces. These can either be clipped into the seam allowance (be sure not to notch more than halfway into your seam allowance), or a small triangle can be cut extending out from the seam allowance. Second, a notch can be a small triangle cut into the seam allowance. Used on outward curves, a notch eliminates excess fabric, allowing your seam to lay flat. When notching a seam allowance, be sure to cut to, but not through, the stitching line.

Right Side & Wrong Side The right side of your fabric will face to the outside of the bag and the wrong side of your fabric will face to the inside.

Selvage is the woven finished edge of the fabric, which runs the length of the fabric. It is created when the fabric is woven on a loom and runs parallel to the lengthwise grain.

Topstitch refers to a type of stitch, usually a straight stitch, done along a seam line or garment edge that is meant to give a crisp edge and highlight details.

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Printing Instructions and Taping Key

When joined correctly, the square should measure 37" x 37"

When printed, verify the square should measure 36" x 36"

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Top Flap
2. Outer Flap/Seam Cut 2

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Main Body
Main Fabric Cut 1

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Outer Pocket
Outer Pocket Fabric Cut 1

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Inner Pocket
Inner Pocket Fabric Cut 1

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All main measurements included, you do not need to add additional seam allowances, seam allowances are indicated by dashed lines.
Finished Bag Measurements in inches: 37×37

Width	Depth	Height	Handle Depth
W: 37.00	D: 36.00	H: 37.00	HD: 36.75

Pattern Symbols Key
 ◯: seam in stitching zone ◀▶: seamline
 ◆: fold allowance ⚡: notch

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File Information

Instruction Booklet: 15 Pages — US Letter and A4

Pattern:

Print at Home: 22 Pages — US Letter and A4

Copy Shop US: 1 Page — 36 in. x 38 in.

Copy Shop A0: 1 Pages — 841 mm x 1189 mm

Pattern Piece Page Placement:

Main Body: 1-3, 7-9, 13-15, 19-21

Outer Pocket: 4-6, 10-12

Inner Pocket: 16-18

Bag Strap: 1-4

Print-at-Home Instructions

Patterns are designed to print on both US Letter paper as well as A4 paper.

You will need a PDF viewer to print this pattern. If you do not have a PDF viewer already, you can download Adobe Reader for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader>

Make sure your printer is set to print at 100% with scaling turned off.

Print page 1 and measure the 3 in. x 3 in. or 10 cm. x 10cm.square to make sure your pattern is printing at the correct size.

If your square measures correctly, print the rest of the pattern.

Cut off borders as needed and tape pattern together in numerical order matching the gray diamonds.

Follow the instructions included in the pattern booklet to complete your garment.

Copy Shop Instructions

You can send the full sized copy shop version of the pattern to any service bureau capable of printing a 36 in. wide or A0 sheet of paper.

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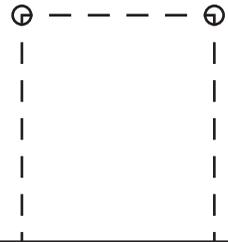
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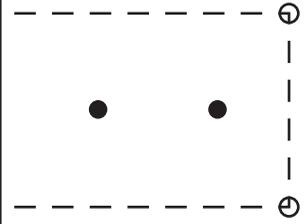
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Fold Line

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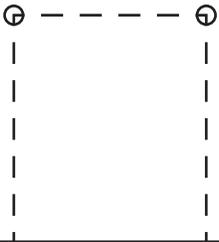
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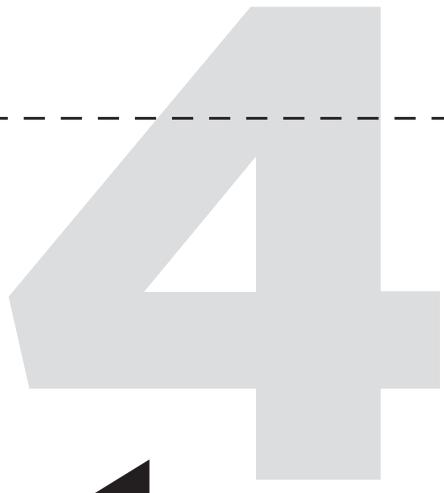
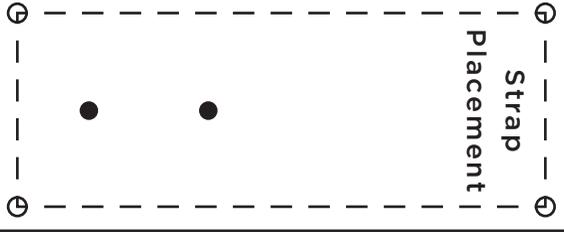
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Fold Line

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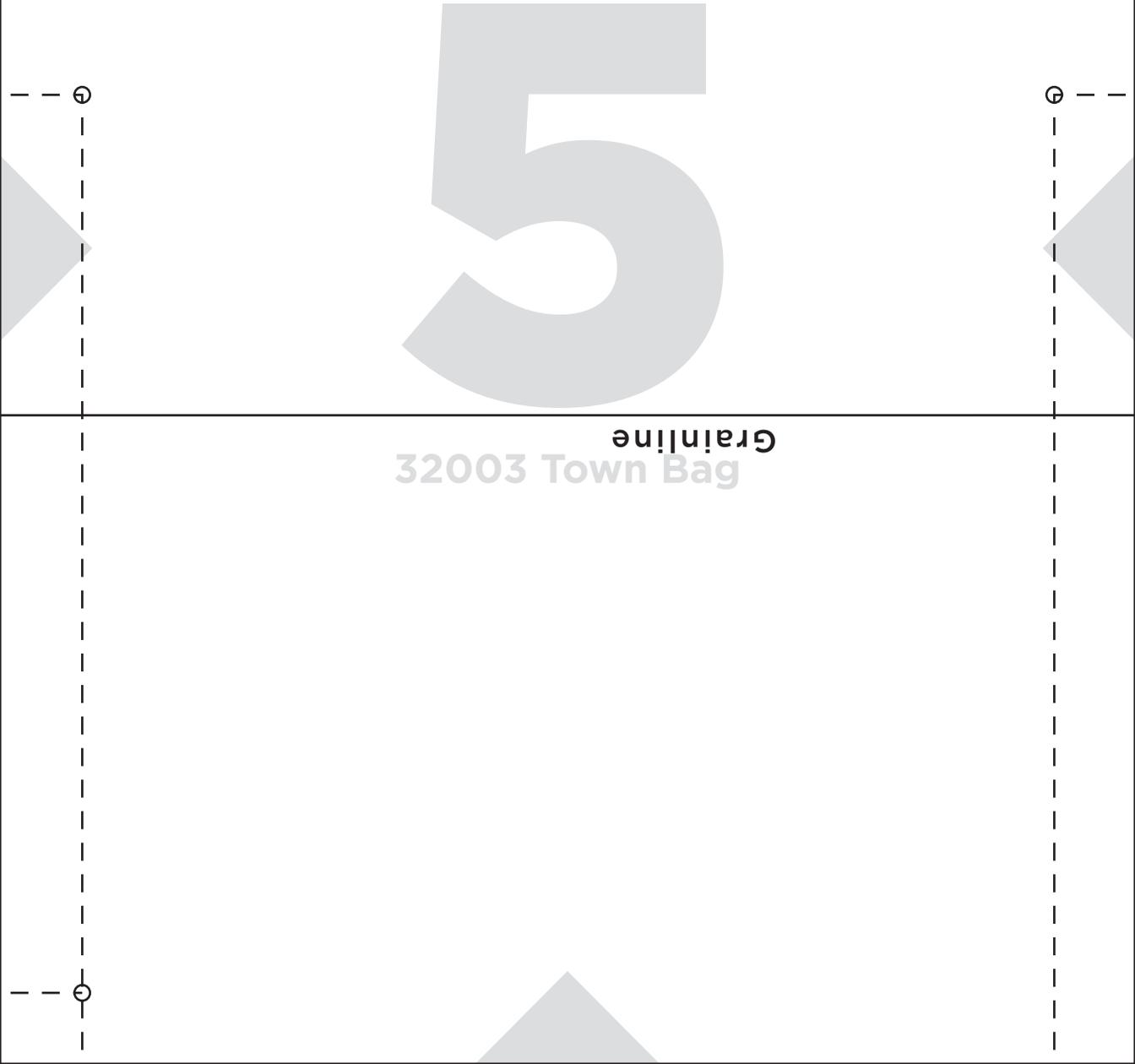
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Pocket Divider Placement

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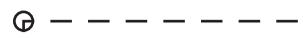
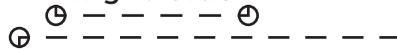
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Outer Pocket Placement - Mark on Right Side

Inner Pocket Placement - Mark on Wrong Side



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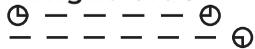
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Main Body

Main Fabric: Cut 1

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Pocket Stitching Placement

Pocket Stitching Placement

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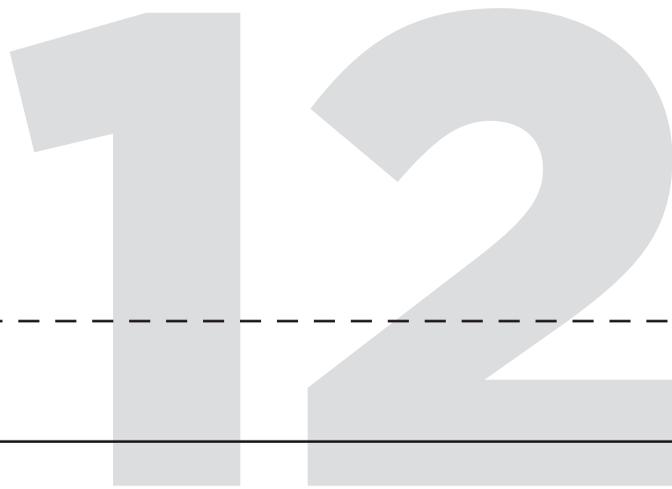
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Outer Pocket
Main Fabric: Cut 1

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Placement





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Inner Pocket
Main Fabric: Cut 1

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Pocket Divider



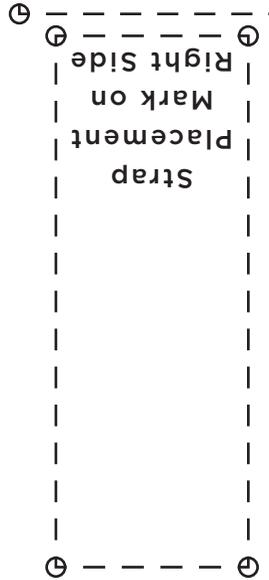
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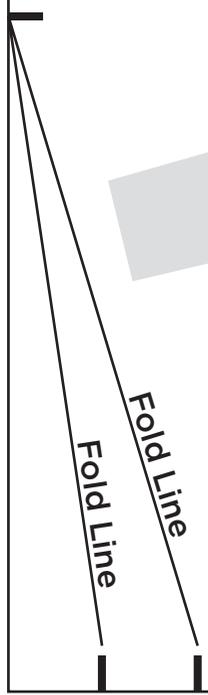
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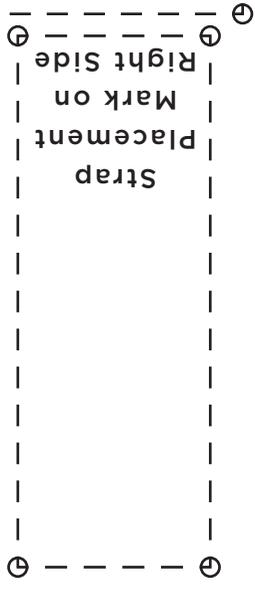


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Fold Line

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32003 Town Bag | Pattern Notes

All seam allowances are included, you do not need to add additional seam allowance. Seam allowances are $\frac{3}{8}$ " unless otherwise noted.

Finished Bag Measurements in Inches (Centimeters) -----

Width	Depth	Height	Handle Depth
11 (27.9)	6 (15.2)	11 (27.9)	5 (12.7)

Pattern Symbol Key -----

- pivot or matching point
- rivet placement



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