

Make your own **Pretty Bag**

You will need:

Needle

Thread

Pins

Scissors

Sewing machine (optional)

Main fabric 30cm x 24cm

Lining fabric 30cm x 24cm

Handle fabric 60cm x 4cm

Wadding

Ribbon 60cm (width between .5 cm to 1cm)

Press stud.

Optional buttons

Instructions

1. Fold your main fabric in half, right side of the fabric inside.
2. Using the template place the bottom onto the fold of the fabric.
3. Draw around the edge on the back of the fabric.
4. Pin a few pins inside the drawn line to hold the edges together as you cut.
5. Cut out on the drawn line.
6. Repeat with the lining fabric.



7. Cut the wadding to the same size.



8. Keeping the fabric folded, using (.5 cm seam allowance) sew the main fabric together around the two sides.



9. Repeat with the lining fabric.
10. Repeat with the wadding.
11. Clip the rounded edges (DO NOT CUT YOUR STITCHES) this makes it easier to turn inside out.



12. Turn the main fabric inside out and press with an iron. (ASK AN ADULT FOR HELP WITH HOT IRONS)
13. Place the lining fabric inside the wadding.



14. Place the main fabric inside both.
15. Pin all 3 layers together around the top.



16. Sew around the top using seam allowance begin 4cm from seam and end 2.5cm after you have sewn across the seam.



17. Leave a 2cm gap and sew together finishing 1cm after the seam.



18. Turn through to the right side through the 4cm gap.



19. Press.



20. Using the remaining fabric make the handles by folding the fabric into thirds.



21. Place the ribbon on top of the raw edges down the centre of the handle and stitch in place along both sides.



22. Push the handle inside the gaps left and pin in place. Sew around the top of the bag close to the edge.

23. Stitch a press stud inside to keep bag closed.

Your bag is now ready to use.

You might want to embellish your bag, a large button might look good or several smaller ones can be used. See top photos for other ideas.