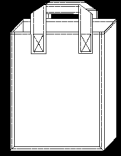


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Shopper



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Because Every Day is Earth Day... This little LuckyShopper is for you! Happy Sewing and LuckyStitches!!xxoo

Bag size is 11" Wide x 14" Tall x 6" Deep with short handles.
(Once you make the first one - you'll know how to make them and you can make bigger ones and smaller ones - have fun!)

Suggested Fabrics: heavy cotton/canvas. You can use denim, corduroy, upholstery. The stiffer the fabric the stiffer the bag. Make sure you use the right needle and thread so your bag holds together **You'll need 1 yard of 42" fabric.**

Please wash, dry and iron your fabric before you cut.

What you'll need to cut:

- (2) - 11" x 15" - bag front and back
- (1) - 41" x 8" - bag gusset
- (2) - 19" x 4" - handles

1. Press over 1/2" of the top of the 11x15 piece, then press over another 1/2" . Top Stitch 1/4" from the edge. Repeat for the other 11x15 piece. (If you want to add a pocket to the bag, now is the time to do it.)

2. Press over 1/2" of the short end of the 41"x8" piece, then press over another 1/2" . Top Stitch 1/4" from the edge. Repeat for the other short end.

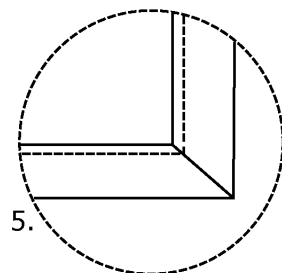
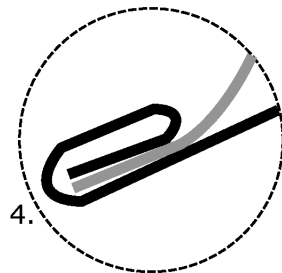
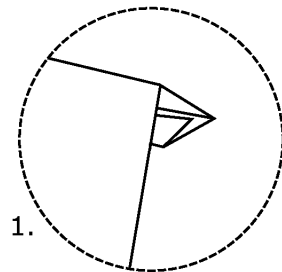
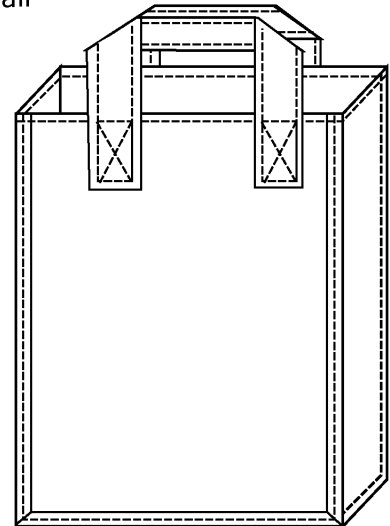
3. Press over 1/2" of the long end of the 41"x8" piece, then press over another 1/2". Repeat for the other long end. DO NOT top stitch, this pressing will provide a guide for fitting the bag together.

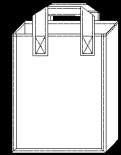
4. Lining up the top edge of the bag front with the bag gusset, tuck bag front into pressed casing and pin. Pin to first corner. Top Stitch 1/4" from edge from top of bag to 1/4" from first bottom corner, please back tack.

5. The CORNERS!!! There are probably quite a few ways to accomplish this, and if you are new to sewing, you are going to have to experiment to see what works best for you and your bag. Don't get frustrated - remember the seam ripper is your BFF! This is how I currently do mine and it will probably evolve...

After sewing down the side, back tacking about 1/4" from the corner, take the pieces off the machine. Tuck bottom into gusset and fold up corner piece so you have a nice diagonal line on the corner. Pin into place. Put back onto machine, start at previous stitching, back tack and sew/turn corner as needed. Stitch to the next corner. Repeat the "Corner" method of your choice, then finish up the side of the bag, making sure you back tack.

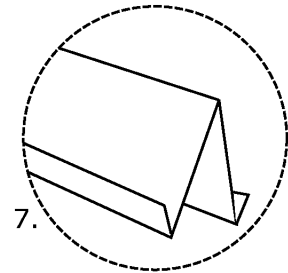
6. Repeat for the Bag Back.



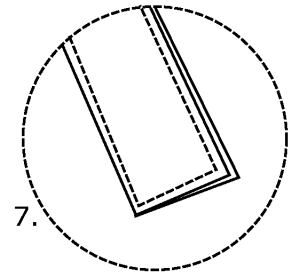


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7. With wrong sides together, press handles lengthwise down the center. Open up so wrong side is up and press over 1/2" of both long sides. Then fold in half along first lengthwise press line, so right sides are out, and press again. Open up and fold so wrong sides are together and stitch the short ends. Trim if necessary, then turn so right sides are out. Top stitch 1/4" from the edge - all 4 sides. Repeat for other handle.



9. Position handles on bag to your liking. I like mine stitched to the outside, but it's totally up to you - it's your bag! Make sure your handles extend 2" into the body of the bag. Pin in place. Top stitch a square with an X in the center to attach the handles to the bags. Repeat for each handle end.



10. Voila! You are fini with your LuckyShopper! I'd love your questions and feedback. Feel free to email me, along with a pic of your fabulous bag - zannestar@luckystitches.com