

Easy Sew Summer Tote Bag

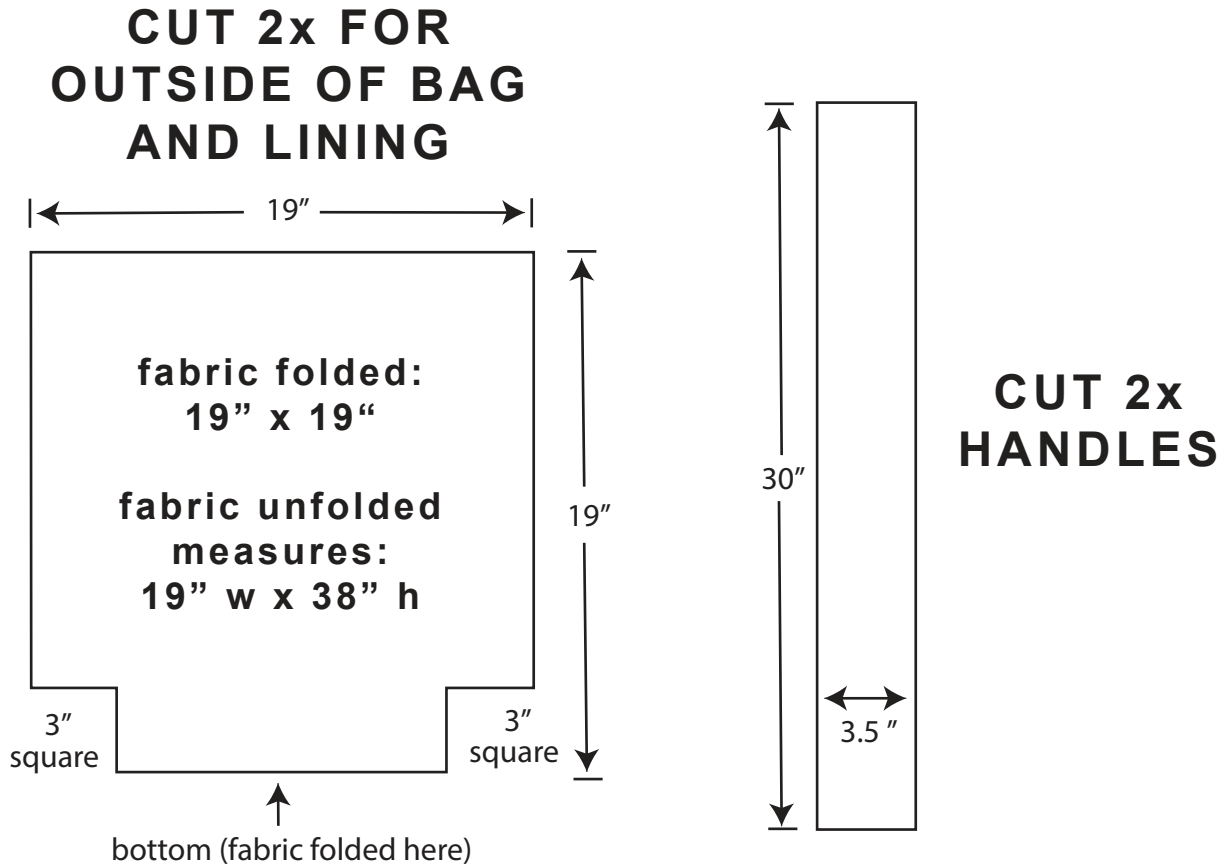
About the Easy Sew Summer Tote Bag:

This bag is great for the beach and holds four towels with room to spare. The finished size is 18" wide x 15" high with a 6" wide base. There is no pattern, just a few easy instructions on how to cut and sew.

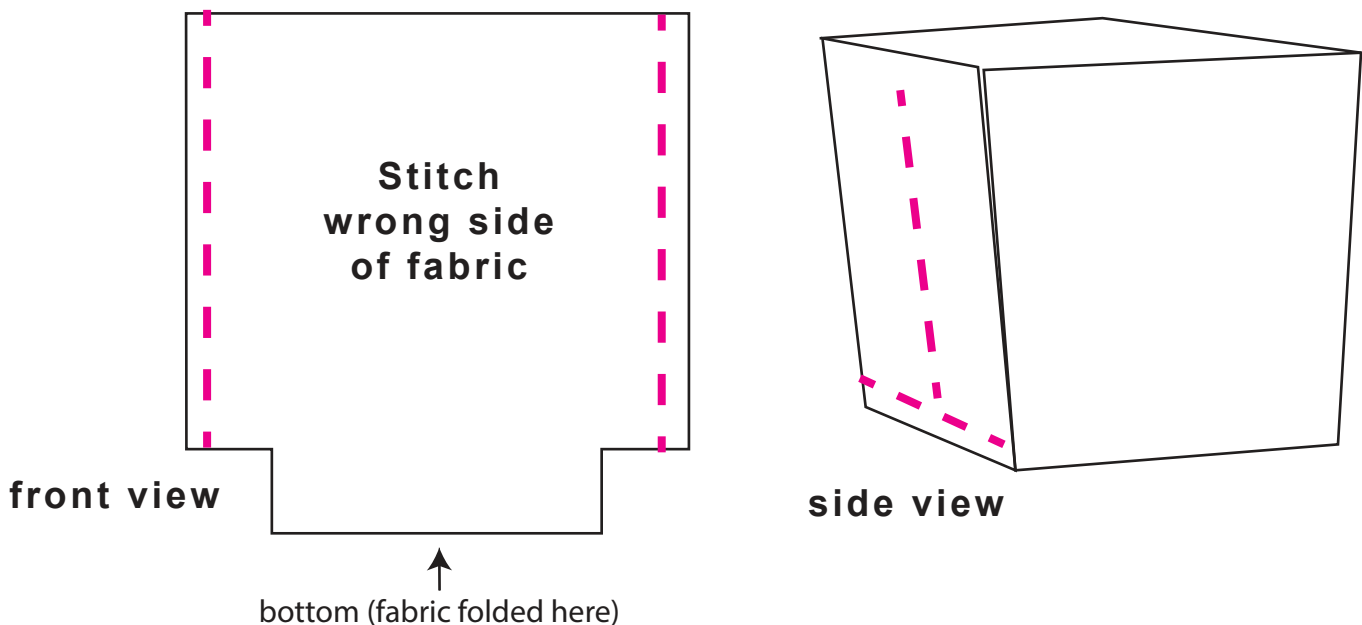
Stitching:

Read the instructions/illustrations on the following pages carefully to better understand if your fabric should be right side out or wrong side out or if you should press...top stitch etc.

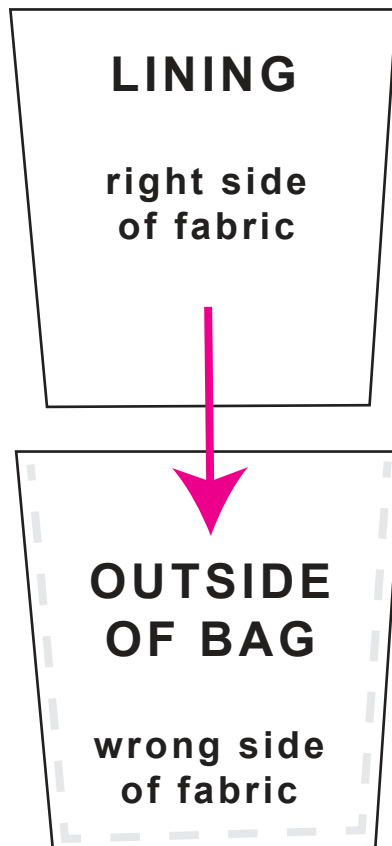
STEP 1: NOTE: **Fold fabric before cutting** for the body & lining of the bag.



STEP 2: Sew the outside bag (sides/bottom). Repeat to sew lining.



STEP 3: Turn lining right side out and insert into the outside body of bag.



NOTE: With the lining tucked inside your bag, you should have the right side of your lining facing the right side of your outer bag.

STEP 4: Sew the lining into your bag by sewing all the way around the top. Stop sewing 4-inches from where you started.

Stitch all the way around the top.

leave 4-inches open so you can turn inside out.



STEP 5:

With your bag right side out. Finish by top stitching all the way around the top of the bag tucking in to close up 4-inch opening.



Turn your bag right side out.

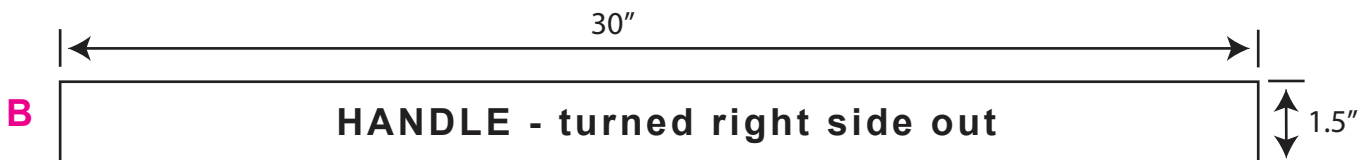
Top stitch all the way around the top of your bag.

STEP 6:

Sew handles by folding in half lengthwise. Press seams and stitch (1/4-seam allowance). Leave ends open and turn right side out.



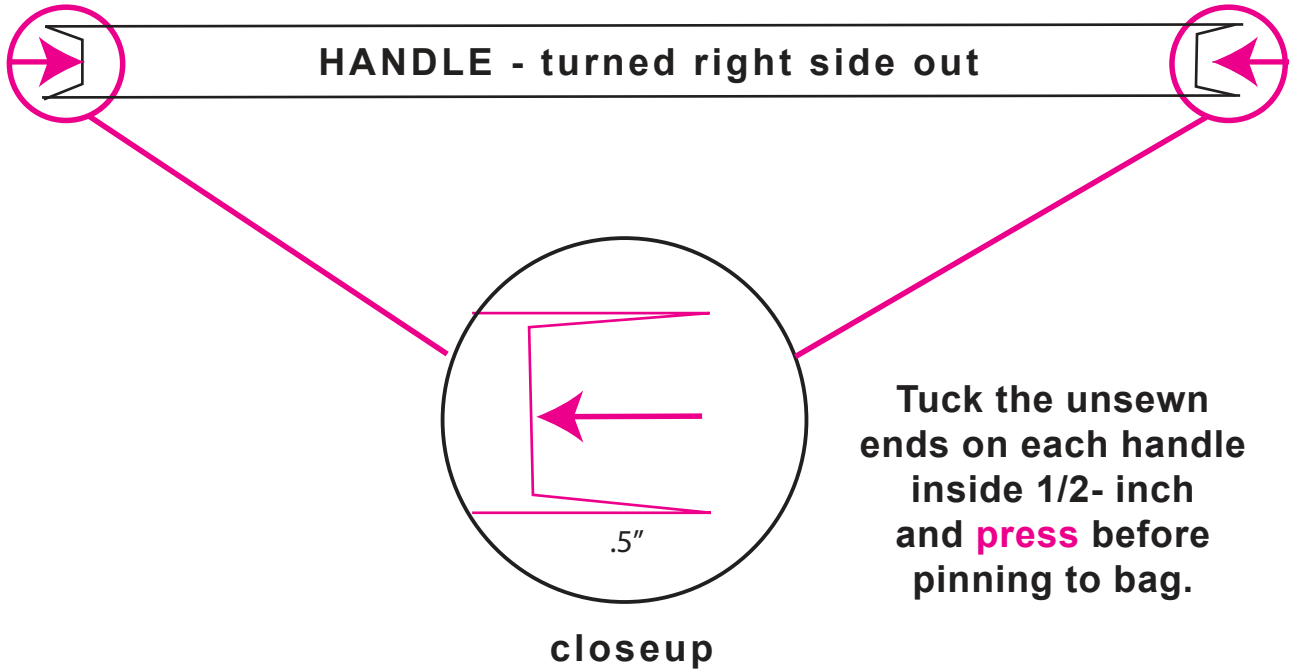
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fabric folded here (press fold before sewing)



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fabric folded here (press again after turning)

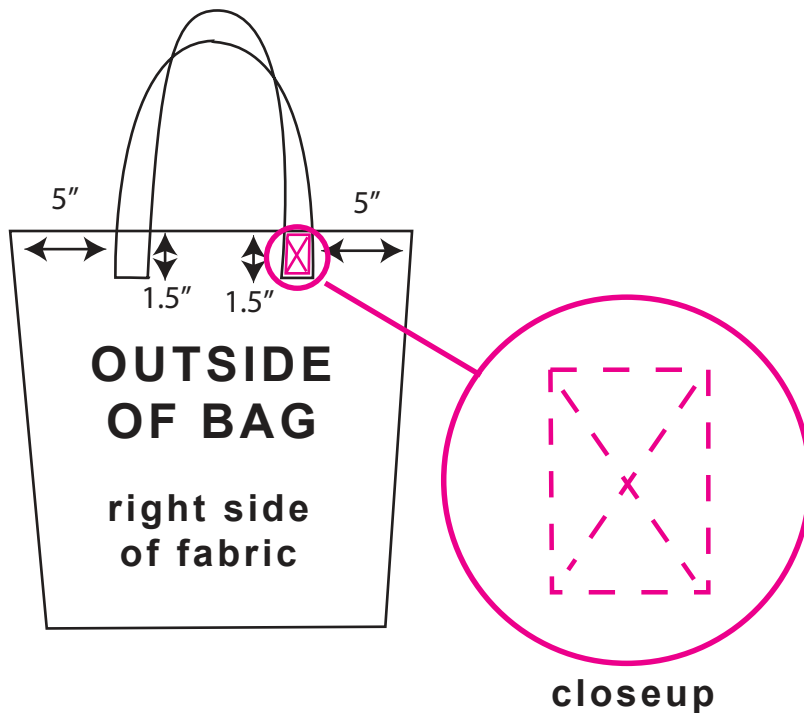
STEP 7:

Tuck the ends of your handles inside 1/2". Press before pinning to the bag in step 8.



STEP 8:

Mark then pin handles to bag using the measurements below. Sew handles on using an X pattern shown below.



Measure 5-inches from each edge of your bag and mark. Place your handles 1.5-inches from the top and pin.

Top stitch to reinforce the handle to your bag.