



“Simple Bag Handle”

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Description: This pattern was designed for a simple bag handle. The fabric used is cotton and a washable felt is utilized to stabilize the handle. The felt not only provides structure to the handle but it also makes the finished product soft, pliable and padded.



Finished Bag with Simple Handle

Materials needed:

For a 43 “ handle we used fabric 44” long and 4 “ wide

Matching Thread

Stabilizer (we used washable felt) Cut one piece 44” long by 2 “ wide

Sewing machine

Scissors

Iron and pressing surface





Wash and dry your fabric per the recommended material settings. Iron it on low. Your finished length may need to be longer than our example. If so cut your pieces to the desired length keeping your seam allowances in mind. Always add about one inch to the cut length so that after it is sewn together, your finished handle will be the right size. Our fabrics used were 1/2 yard quilting samplers so we used the entire 44 inch length. A handle that is longer may require piecing fabric together first or purchasing a 60 inch width.

Place your fabric on your ironing surface right side down and then put the stabilizer fabric on top of it. The placement of the stabilizer needs to be right in the center



Finger press the outer edges toward the center. Then iron the fabric neatly so there is an open seam down the middle.





Fold the fabric in half and use your iron to press it neatly once more along the entire length. Use pins to hold the fabric together in preparation to sew.



Sew a seam along the first edge. We used about a 1/4 inch seam





Sew another seam along the other side just like the first.



Your handle is ready to be sewn to your chosen bag project!

ENJOY

