

## The Foldable Shopping Bag

This great bag folds up for easy storage until needed.

### Materials:

- 1 1/4 yd. fabric  
Example for 3 contrasting fabrics:
  - C1- 1/2 yd (exterior body)
  - C2- 1/2 yd (lining body, pocket/flap lining)
  - C3- fat quarter (pocket/flap front)
- 1 1/4 yd. medium or light weight fusible interfacing (20" wide) (I use HeatnBond or Pellon)
- 3 1/2 yd. of 1" wide cotton webbing for straps
- 3" Velcro (at least 1/2" wide up to 1")
- Fabric Chalk pencil (or anything to mark fabric that isn't permanent)
- Pencil or pen (needs to be seen on fusible interfacing, but not go through to fabric side)

\*Note-fabric yardage will need to be adjusted for fussy cutting.



Foldable Shopping Bag  
13" wide x 14 1/2" tall x 4" deep  
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Pattern may not be mass produced.  
Please ask permission to copy pattern.

## Cutting:

part #	fabric contrast%	foldable shopping bag	fabric (width x height)	medium weight fusible interfacing
1	C1	exterior body	2 x 18" x 18"	2 x 18" x 18"
2	C2	lining body	2 x 18" x 18"	none
3	C3	front pocket/flap	1 piece 8" X 12 3/4"	1 piece 8" X 12 3/4"
4	C2	lining pocket/flap	1 piece 8" X 12 3/4"	none

%Adjust fabric yardage for fussy cutting.

1/2" seam allowance unless stated otherwise

## Prep bag pieces

-Cut all the fabric and interfacing pieces.

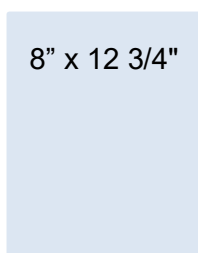
-Iron the medium weight interfacing to the #1 exterior body pieces.

-The #3 front pocket/flap piece can be fussy cut and then framed with coordinating fabrics (options 2 and 3) or the one piece can be cut (option 1). Below are sample pocket/flap fronts and the size of fabric pieces. For options 2 and 3, the smaller pieces were sewn using 1/4" seam allowance to give final 8" x 12 3/4" front pocket/flap piece.

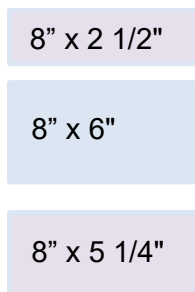
-Iron on medium weight interfacing to wrong side of front pocket/flap fabric.



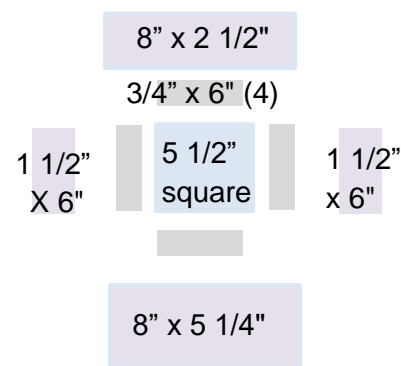
Cut 1 of each:



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Cut 1 of each except for the frame (in grey; cut 4):

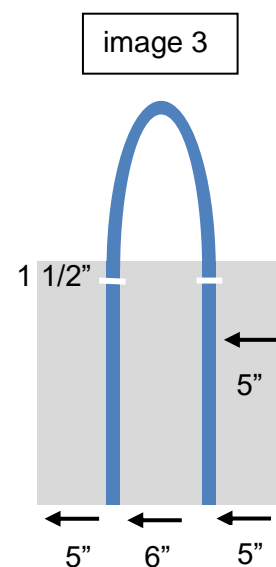
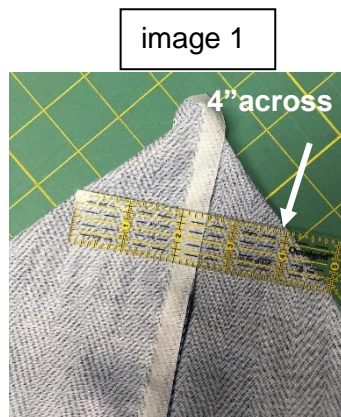


## Lining Body

-Sew the #2 lining body pieces right sides together along the sides and bottom using 1/2" seam.

-Box corners

-line up seams in one corner of lining using fingers to manipulate the seams so the seams match. Place ruler across seam and draw line at the 4" mark. (Image 1). Stitch on line. Trim fabric leaving ~3/8". Repeat for remaining corner. See image 2 for completed bag lining body.



### Straps (image 3)

- Place the #1 exterior body pieces right side up.
- Cut webbing in half.
- Place the webbing ends along bottom edge of exterior body pieces 5" from each bottom corner. Follow 5" mark to top of fabric. Be sure to untwist the webbing.
- Measure/mark 1 1/2" from top of #1 exterior body pieces along strap. Topstitch straps to exterior body pieces starting at the bottom and up to 1 1/2" mark and back down to bottom.

### Pocket/flap

- Place #4 pocket lining right side up. Stitch the nubby side of Velcro centered 3/8" from bottom edge on right side of fabric.
- Place the 2 pocket pieces right side together. Round the bottom corners using a large spool of thread. Stitch 1/4" leaving opening to turn.
- Clip corners and around rounded edges. Turn to right side and iron.
- Sew the soft Velcro piece to the top of the pocket on the right side (centered).
- Draw line on front of pocket 4 3/4" from bottom edge using chalk.
- Top stitch along top edge and around the flap (in between the 4 3/4" marks).
- Place one of the #1 exterior body pieces right side up.
- Place the completed pocket centered 2 1/2" from top edge.
- Sew pocket/flap to bag front. Topstitch from top right corner to 4 3/4" mark and across to other side of pocket/flap and up to left corner. The flap will not be stitch to bag.

### Bag construction

- Sew the #1 exterior body pieces right sides together along the sides and bottom using 1/2" seam.
- Box corners
  - line up seams in one corner of lining using fingers to manipulate the seams so the seams match. Place ruler across seam and draw line at the 4" mark. (Image 1). Stitch on line. Trim fabric leaving ~3/8". Repeat for remaining corner.
- Turn right side out.
- Place lining inside exterior. Fold in top edges of exterior and lining pieces 1/2" and pin together. Match side seams first, then pin remaining exterior and lining pieces. Topstitch (1/8").
- Bag is complete.
- To fold, place bag pocket side down. Fold in sides then fold in top and bottom leaving flap to go around matching Velcro pieces.
- Enjoy.