

MARKET BAG

Supplies

1 yard of main fabric (outside of bag, straps, inside of pocket)
5/8 yard of fabric for lining
Thread to match

Directions: (see layout)

Cutting:

1. Cut the main fabric of bag: 17" x 38" (using fold 17" x 19")
2. Cut (2) two lengths of fabric for the straps: 3 ½" x 30" (using fold 3 ½" x 15")
3. Cut lining of bag: 17" x 38" (using fold 17" x 19") – just like for main fabric
4. Cut inside pocket: 2 pieces 8 ¼" (length) x 7 ½" (width) from the main fabric

Sewing:

1. Straps: With each length of fabric, put right sides together and sew up the long side, using a ¼" seam. Turn straps RSO. Press and then top stitch ¼" from each side.
2. Inside Pocket: Place right sides together and sew all around using a ¼" seam. Leave an opening for turning. Turn RSO and press. Slip stitch opening closed. Place on right side of lining ¾" from the top and about 5" from each side (center horizontally on fabric). Top stitch onto lining fabric 1/8" from edge on 3 sides, leaving the top open.
3. Bag: With the right sides of the main fabric together, sew up the side seams using a ½" seam. Press seams open. Turn RSO and press again.

Do the same for the bag's lining, RST, sew up the side seams using a ½" seam. Leave a 4" opening on one side for turning the bag. Press seams open.

Insert the outer bag fabric inside your lining fabric with the right sides of each fabric facing each other.

Match up the top edges all around and pin. Before stitching all around the top edge, insert your handles. Insert one end of one handle 3 ¼" from the side edge of your bag

and then insert the other end of the same handle, $3\frac{1}{4}$ " from the other side edge. Do the same thing with the other handle on the other side of your bag (all cut edges will align).

Stitch all around the top edge of the bag, using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam.

Remove all pins, Turn your bag RSO through opening on the side of the lining.

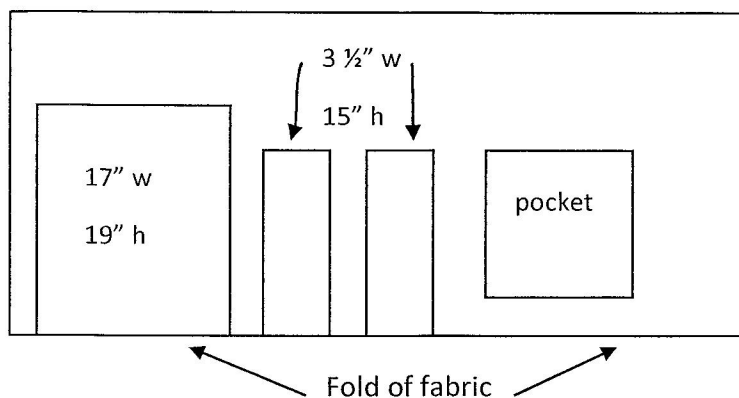
Slip stitch the opening closed. Press the top edge and top stitch around, if desired.

Note: If you are using directional fabric, you will have to cut your bag out differently. Seam the bottom of the bag (do not use the fold and add $\frac{1}{2}$ " to each piece). Cut the main pieces so the fabric pattern will be upright on your bag. You should have enough fabric to do this.

If your fabric is directional with the selvedge edge of the fabric, you will have to cut your bag out differently too (see below).

Layout:

Cutting on fold:



Layout to use if your fabric has a directional pattern:

