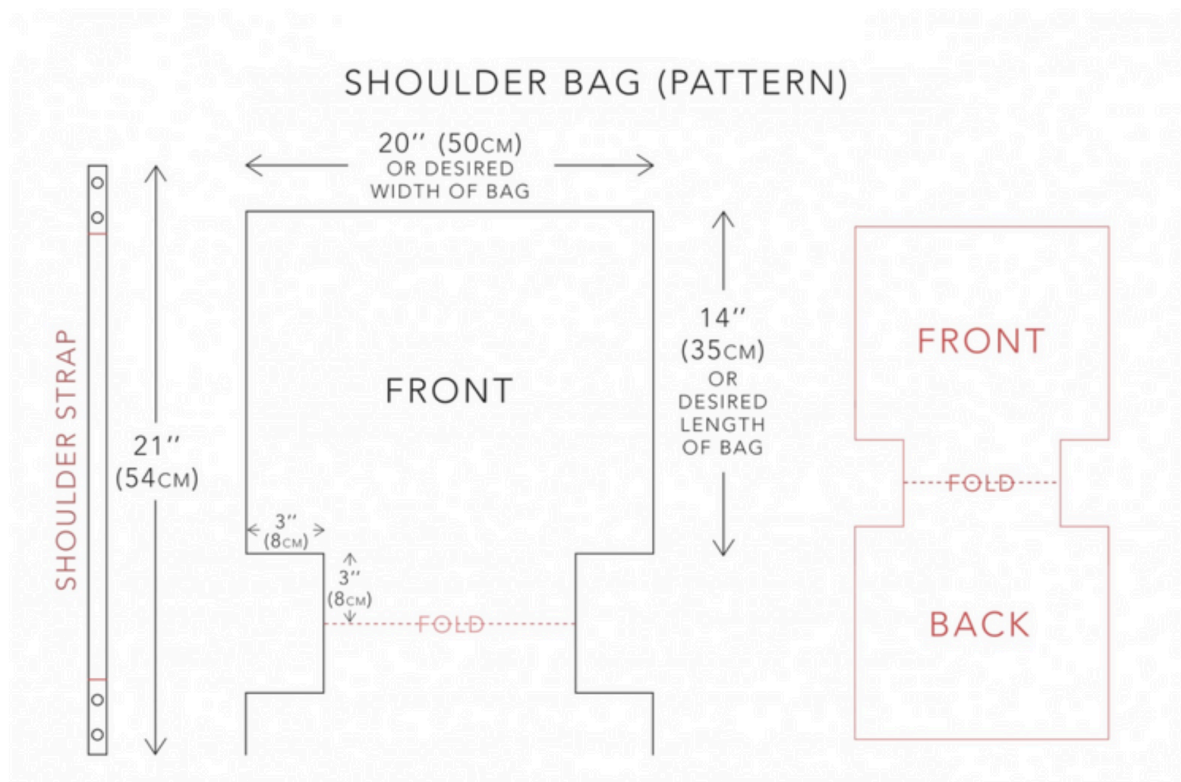


Homemade Tote Bag

Here's the basic pattern that I used. You can easily modify the dimensions if you prefer your bag in a different size.



Step 1

Start by drafting the pattern of the bag onto the wrong side of your fabric.

Step 2

Leave seam allowance and cut. This is what your fabric piece should look like after cutting.

Step 3

Serge the edges of the fabric first. Since I don't have an overlock machine, I use a zigzag stitch to serge the edges.

Step 4

Pin and sew down the side seams of the bag, but leave the corners open.

Step 5

Open the corners of the bag. Fold the corner, matching the center fold on the base with the side seam. Sew across to secure the corner.

Step 6

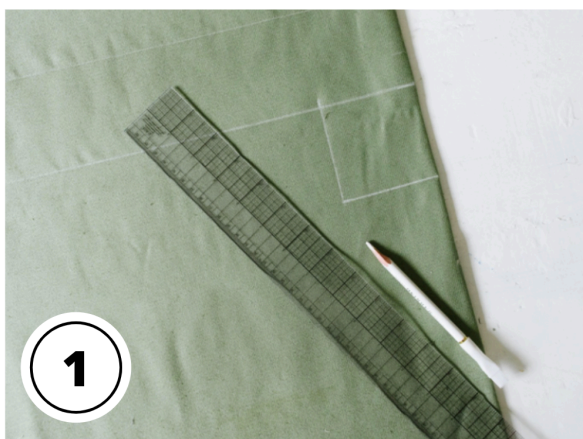
This is what the completed base will look like after you sew the corners shut.

Step 7

Flip the bag right-way out. Fold down the top seam and sew it shut. I suggest to leave a wider seam allowance to increase the thickness of the top edge as it will help reduce wear and tear where the leather straps will be attached later on.

Step 8

Finally, attach your straps by lining them up and then punching holes in the fabric. Screw the studs on. That's it! Your bag is ready to use!



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