

SIMPLE HANDBAG FOR YOU TO SEW

Fabric: Cotton, Curtain Cotton, Reusable Bag (Hobby Lobby)

Cut 2 outer pieces 14 ½" x 9" or whatever size you would like the purse to be.
Cut 2 lining pieces 14 ½" x 9" or whatever size you would like the purse to be.
Cut 2 strap pieces 19 ½" x 3 or 4"...Fold and press like you are making bias binding, iron so it is easier to stitch. Stitch as close to the edge with any stitch you like, as straight as possible.

Outer fabric, take one strap with stitching up and strap laying inside on the fabric. Pin equal distance from each edge approximately 2 or 3 or 4" and pin to fabric about 2 or 3" down.

Take lining fabric right side down to right side of outer fabric and pin all together at each strap. Now remove the first pins you put in the straps. Stitch across top using small stitches for strength, may have to go slow over straps since fabric is thicker. Do exactly the same for the next set.

Now open both sets, one right side face up, putting strap to one side in the middle and the other side matching fabrics face down right sides together. Remember to keep your straps in the middle of the bag. Important start pinning together at the first seam and then pin the other seam, making sure they are both lined up, now pin around all the sides. Leave about a 3" opening at the lining (I don't pin this area so I remember not to sew) this is where you will turn the bag inside out. Now using the width of the foot and keeping your needle down sew around the bag, pivot at each corner, remember the opening.

Before you turn the bag inside out...so your bag will have shape at the bottom, open each corner to make a triangle and pin about 2" down and sew across, clip off the corner take care to not cut the stitching, do this on all four corners.

Turn your bag inside out and push out the corners gently. Take the opening on the lining and stitch closed you can do this on the machine or by hand. Shape the lining inside the bag and you are done!!

Youtube.com search Debbie Shore
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Picture will be of Scottie Dogs
On the fabric.