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Over-Arm Reversible Tote Bag



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Printing Instructions

1. Start by only printing the first page of the pattern with the 1 inch by 1 inch & 2cm by 2cm blocks at the bottom.
2. Ensure that your printer is set to print 100%.
 - a. Make sure you haven't selected "Print Entire Image" or "Fill Entire Paper" - this will make your sizing incorrect.
 - b. You must scale the page to 100%.
3. Measure the 1 inch by 1 inch & 2cm by 2cm blocks with a ruler once it's printed and make sure that the size is correct before printing all of the pages.
4. If everything is correct, print all pages at 100% scale.
5. Stick your pattern together and cut it out.

Supplies & Tools List

These items are hyperlinked to where you can find them if they are available on the Fabric8 website. **Simply click on the item you need, and it will open up in your web browser.**

Fabric:

- ½ meter outer fabric
- ½ meter lining fabric
- ½ meter fusible compressed batting

Supplies:

- [Seralon thread](#)

Tools:

- [Sewing machine bobbins](#)
- [Fabric scissors](#)
- [Fabric marker/ tailors chalk](#)
- [Pins](#)
- [Fabric clips](#)
- [Prym mini steam iron](#)
- [Mini ironing board](#)
- [Rotary cutter](#)
- [Self-healing cutting mat](#)
- [Quilting ruler](#)
- [Quilting ruler handle](#)
- Paper scissors
- [Paper glue](#)
- [Tape measure](#)
- [Hand sewing needle](#)

Over-Arm Reversible Tote Bag

- **Step 1:**

- Decide on the fabric for your bag - inside and outside. Also remember to think about the fabric for the pockets. Should they be the same colour or maybe a contrasting colour?
 - Cut 2 x Outer Fabric Bag Body
 - Cut 2 x Lining Fabric Bag Body
 - Cut 2 x Compressed Batting Bag Body
 - Cut 4 x Pocket Fabric Bag Pocket
 - Cut 2 x Compressed Batting (Optional)

- **Step 2: Pockets assembly**

- If using optional interfacing/ compressed batting in pockets, iron batting to wrong side of 2 of your pocket pieces (I always cut my batting smaller by about 1cm to avoid bulk).
- Place the battened piece of pocket right side to right side with a un-battened pocket piece. Sew all the way around at 1cm leaving a turn out hole of about 10cm in the middle of one long side. Repeat with other pocket.
- Trim your corners neatly, taking care not to cut through your stitching, to allow for a nice corner when finished.
- Turn right side out and iron neatly, then topstitch the long side with turnout hole at about 3-5mm from edge.

- **Step 3: Attaching pockets**

- Lay down one of your outer fabric bag body pieces, with right side up. Find center of bag and pocket and match them up. Pin down and sew 3 sides of pocket to bag piece. Repeat with the other bag body and pocket.

- **Step 4:**

- Bag assembly:
 - Iron batting to the wrong side of your 2 outer bag body pieces (I always cut my batting smaller by about 1cm to avoid bulk).
 - Place outer bag pieces together, right side to right side. Pin and sew along the 2 sides and bottom of bag. Also pin and sew the top handle pieces together. Remember to iron open/ flat your seam allowances. Repeat this process with your lining fabric.
- Making box corners:
 - With your outer bag still inside out, fold the corners so your side and bottom seam allowances to create a point. Make sure your seam allowances are nicely matched and pinch the point flat.
 - Measure 5cm from corner on seam allowances and mark. Draw a line and sew at right angle to your seam allowances. Effectively sewing the 3rd leg of a triangle. Trim down your seam allowances and corners to avoid bulk. Do the other side and repeat with bag lining.

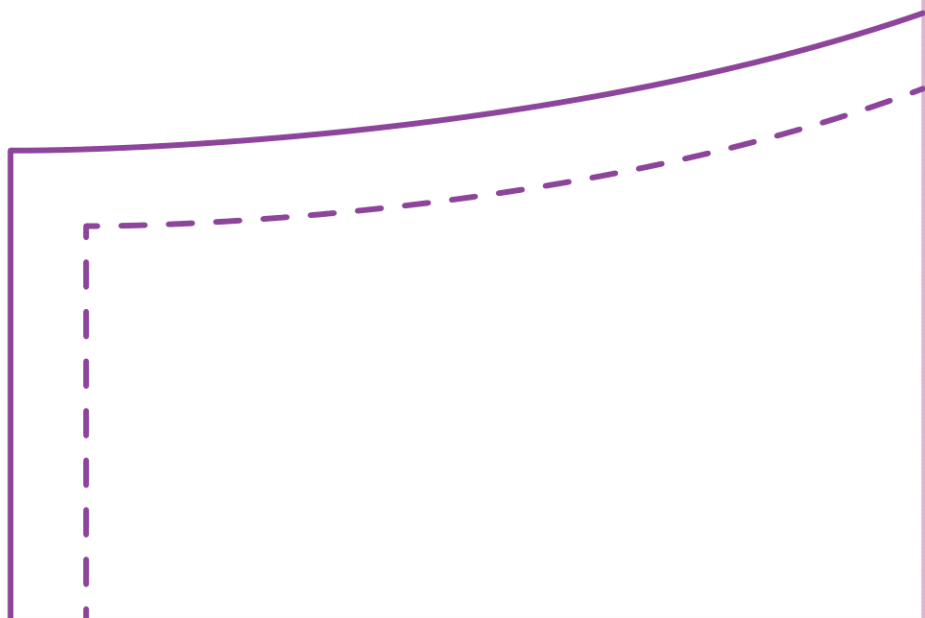
- Finishing your bag:
 - Turn outer bag right side out and lining bag right side in.
 - Measuring carefully iron in a 1cm seam allowance on both sides and both lining and outer bag curved top. Place the lining bag into your outer bag and line up the folded seam allowances. Pin and topstitch all around the two round openings. Iron your bag and you are done.

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1"x1"
Test
Block

2x2cm
Test
Block





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**OVER-ARM
REVERSIBLE TOTE
BAG BODY**

Cut x 2 Outer Fabric
Cut x 2 Lining Fabric
Cut x 2 Fusible Batting
1cm Seam Allowance Incl





**OVER-ARM
REVERSIBLE TOTE
BAG POCKET**

Cut x 4 Pocket Fabric
(Optional) Cut x 2 Fusible Batting
1cm Seam Allowance Incl

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