

INSTRUCTIONS: The All Day, Every Day Shopper

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This bag takes about 90 minutes

SUPPLIES:

½ yd fabric – Sunbrella fabric or any similar fabric with moderate stiff body

½ yd lining fabric — linen, cotton or similar

½ yd medium weight fusible interfacing

8 buttons – about 5/8 size

1 piece stiff board — Foamcore works fine

Sewing machine, thread, hand needle, scissors, pins etc.

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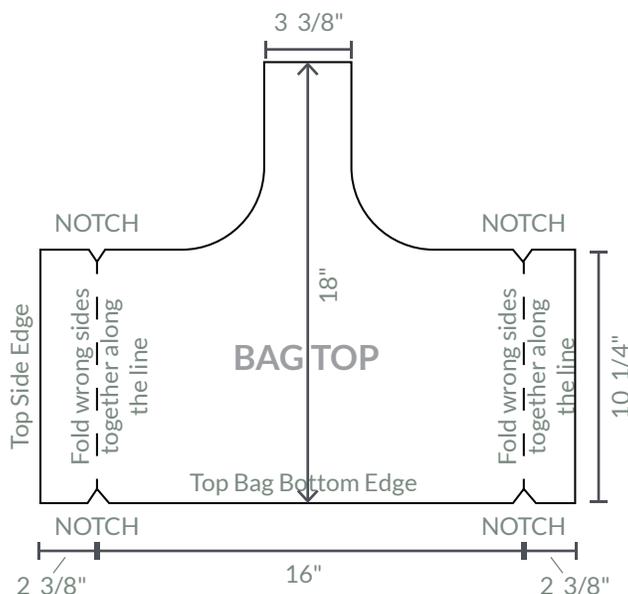
Following our measurements shown, cut

2 Bag Top, 1 Bag Bottom from fabric

2 Bag Top, 2 Bag Bottom from lining

2 Bag Top from interfacing

1 Bag Bottom Board (Foamcore)

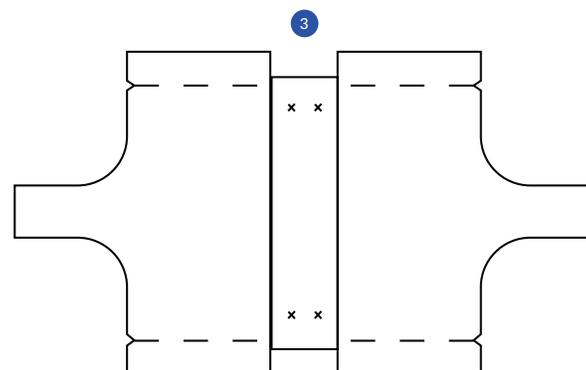


2 Stacked buttons sewn to each "X".

- 1 Feet for Bag Bottom:
Place the Bag Bottom piece right side up. On this right side of your fabric Bag Bottom sew 2 buttons where each "X" is placed. The two buttons are stacked on top of each other. This creates 4 feet for your bag, preventing the bottom from getting too dirty.

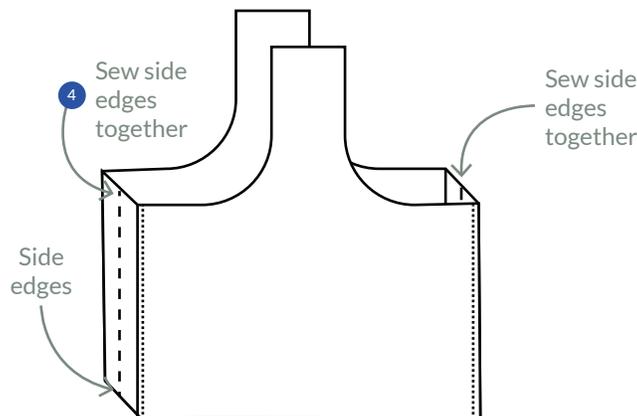


- 2 Bag Top:
Notice the notches on the Bag Top pieces. Iron a straight line from top notch to bottom on each end of Bag Top piece, wrong sides together. Sew a scant 1/8" from the fold, creating a straight "pin tuck". Repeat for the other Bag Top piece. This makes a nice "side turn" for your Shopper.

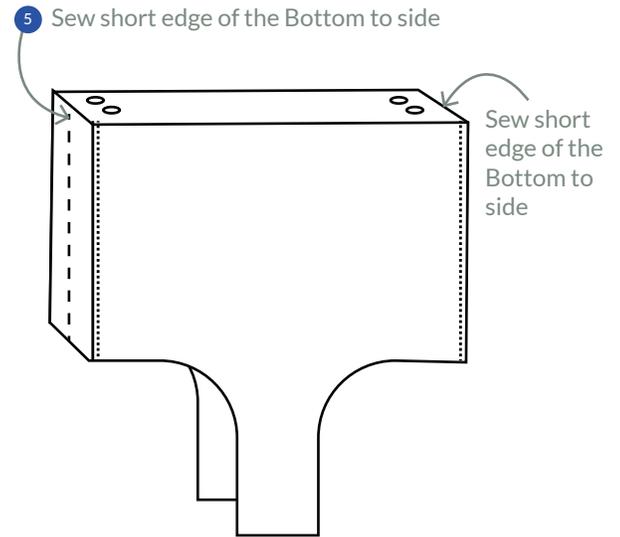


- 3 Sew Bag Bottom to Bag Top:
(Sew a 1/4 to 3/8" seam allowance throughout.)
Place your Bag Bottom right side up. Pin the bottom edge of a Bag Top to a long edge of the Bag Bottom, right sides together. Sew Top to Bag Bottom along pinned area, up to the notches. Repeat with the other Bag Top on the remaining long edge of Bag Bottom.

- 4 Sew Sides Together:
Fold one Bag Top to meet the other Bag Top, right sides together and pin. Sew the top side edges of the Shopper together on each side, right sides together. Press seam open.



- 5 **Attaching Sides to Bottom:**
Pin the bottom of the Shopper side you just created to the short edge of Bag Bottom. Sew. Repeat for the other side edge.



- 6 **Creating the Lining Bag Bottom:**
Place both Bag Bottom lining pieces wrong sides together. Sew both long sides together, using 1/4 to 3/8" seam. Sew one short edge together; you have made a "pocket". Slide your Bottom Board into the pocket. Using a zipper foot, sew the final short edges closed, encasing your board.



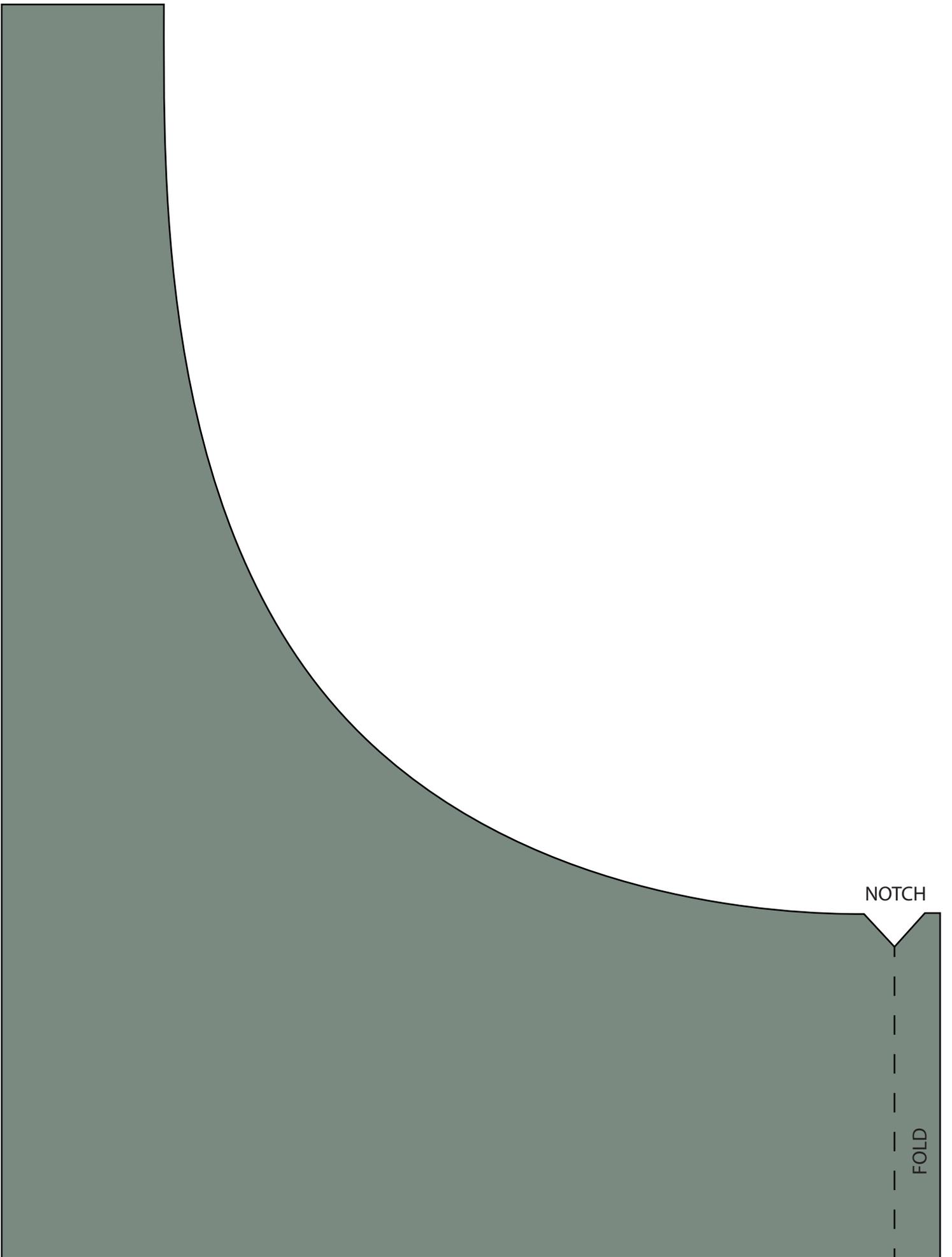
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- 7 **Making Lining:**
Follow steps 2, 3, 4 and 5 as above, for the lining.
- 8 **Attach Bag to Lining:**
You now have 2 "bags" formed that are unattached at the top handle; the bag and the lining. Pin the bags together, right sides together. Sew together up to about 5" from the open top. Turn right side out and press seams, ironing well.
- 9 **Finishing Raw Edges:**
The remaining raw edges, left open so you could turn the bag, now need to be hand sewn together. This will only take about 5 minutes. Iron your raw edges under about 1/4 to 3/8". Pin the two Handle Tops together at the top and sew by machine. Repeat for the lining. Press seam open. Pin the ironed lining edges to the corresponding Bag edges and use a fine whip stitch to close.

That's it!

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