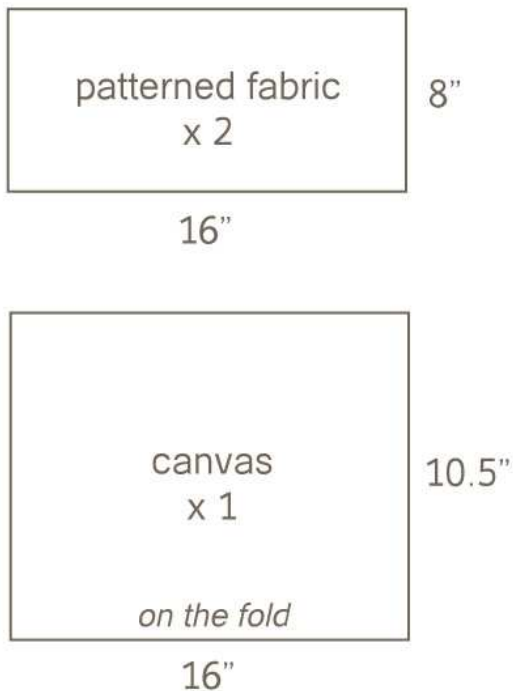


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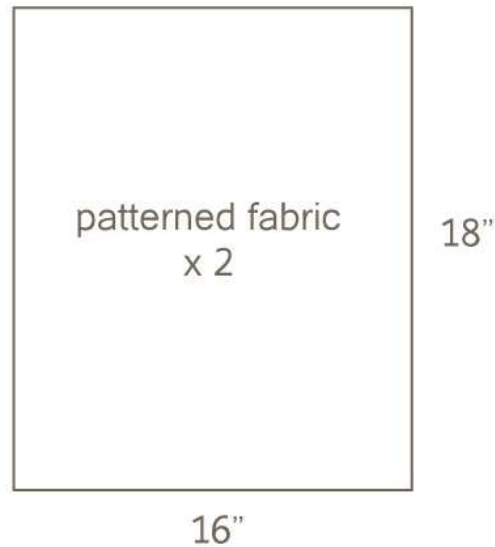
1/2 yard solid cotton canvas
1 yard patterned twill, canvas or polyurethane coated cotton
2 yards 1 1/2" heavy duty cotton webbing for straps
matching thread
fabric marker or tailor's chalk
magnetic fastener
14" velcro, 1" width (for optional pouch)

Cut fabric according to dimensions below. *Note: All seam allowances are 1/2".*

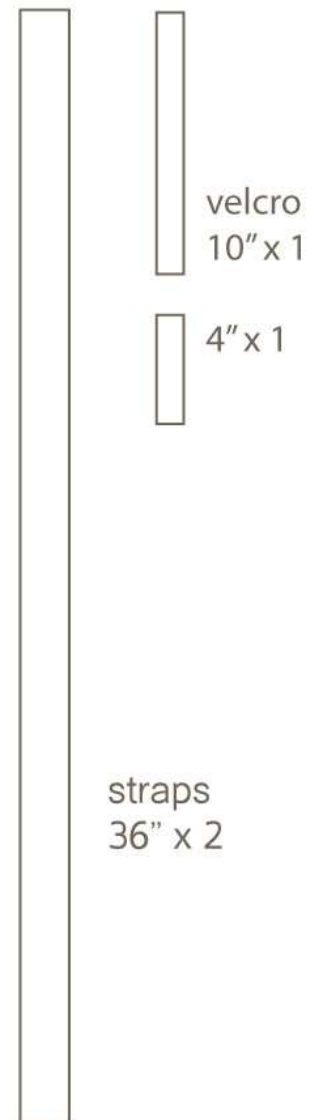
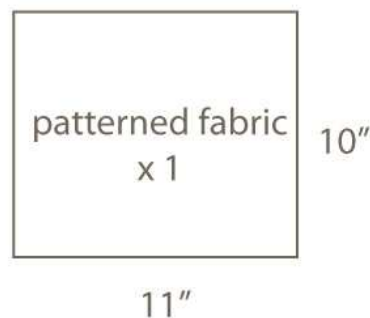
BAG EXTERIOR



BAG LINING



INTERIOR POUCH (optional)



Step 1: Attach the magnetic snap.

On the right side of one bag lining piece (patterned fabric), measure to the center and 1 1/2" down from the top edge. Place your magnetic snap on this point and mark where the holes for the prongs should go. With a craft knife or your seam ripper, cut two tiny holes for the prongs. Insert and bend down the metal prongs on the back side. Repeat on the other fabric piece.

If you are adding the optional pouch, now is the time to sew one side of your velcro 4" down and centered. Pin in place and sew around with a zig-zag stitch.

Note: If you are concerned about your fabric being too light-weight to hold the snap in place, you can reinforce it with fusible interfacing before making your holes or you can sew buttonhole openings for each prong.



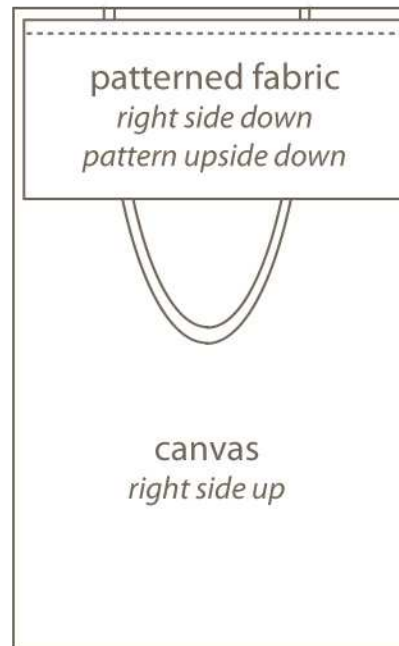
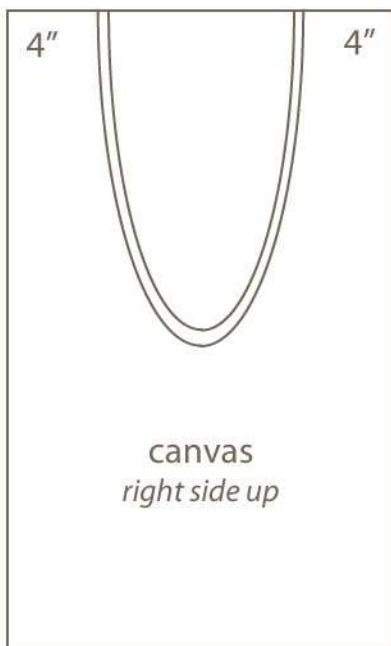
Step 2: Sew lining pieces together.

Beginning at the top edge, sew lining right sides together leaving an 8" opening at the bottom for pulling through the fabric in a later step. Follow with an overcasting stitch for reinforcement.



Step 3: Sew body and attach straps.

With canvas facing right side up, mark 4" from either side and pin one end of strap at the center of your marking. Straps should be upside down. Pin patterned piece of fabric right side down on top of straps and canvas. Sew along the top. Follow with an overcasting stitch for reinforcement. Repeat on the other end of the canvas fabric.



Step 4: Sew down straps.

Press seam flat from back side. Pin straps to the patterned fabric and sew in place along either side, leaving 1" from the top of the bag. You will need this space when you sew the body to the lining.

Step 5: Sew body together and add pleats.

Fold body of bag over on itself so that right sides are together. Sew along sides and follow with an overcasting stitch.

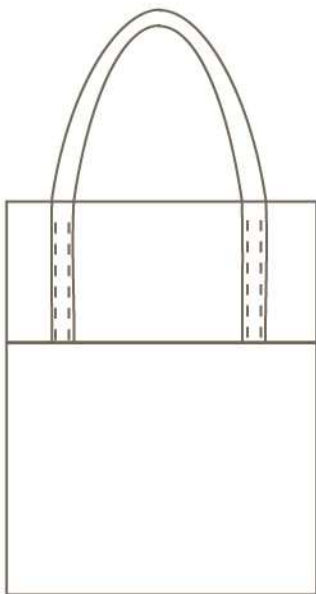
Step 6: Sew folds in the bag.

On body of bag, fold bottom corners in to make a 90 degree angle in the opposite direction, with your seam in the center. Press seam flat to one side and measure 1 1/2" from tip of triangle. A *quilter's square or rotary cutting mat with a grid is helpful to get this measurement*. Mark a straight line across with a fabric marker and sew a seam along this line. Cut excess triangle of fabric and follow with an overcasting stitch. Repeat for the other side. Also repeat this for the bag lining, being sure to align seams when you press flat to form your triangle.

Step 7: Sew lining to bag body and finish.

With body of bag inside out and lining of bag inside out, place lining into bag with straps tucked in (so that fabric will be facing right sides together) and pin the top edges, being sure to align side seams. Sew along edge. Turn bag right side out through the opening in the lining. Pin lining together and sew closed by hand.

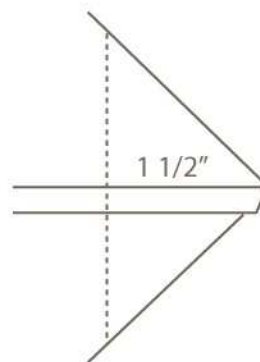
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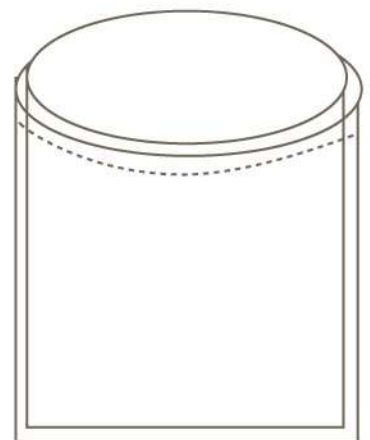
Step 5



Step 6



Step 7



Step 8 (optional): Make detachable pouch.

Using a zig-zag stitch, sew the remaining side of 4" velcro to the outside of the fabric about 3" from the top and centered. Fold over pouch piece and sew right sides together on either side. Keeping the pouch inside out, fold fabric over 1/2" towards the wrong side and pin 10" velcro pieces to either side. Sew a straight stitch along top and bottom of velcro pieces.