

## Roll up shopping bag \* Beryl Hales

You will need:

fabric (I used cheap unbleached calico from the market)

sewing thread

6 inches round elastic (or an elastic hair band)

button

decoration optional

thin ribbon

scraps of fabric for flags

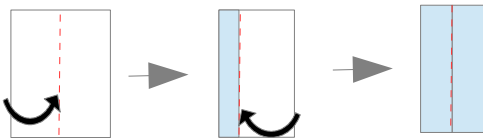
Bondaweb

right side of fabric  wrong side of fabric

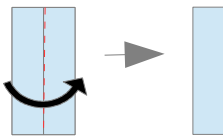
1. Cut 2 pieces 17 x 14 inches (front and back)
2. Cut 2 pieces 14 x 3 inches (handles)
3. To make the handles. Right side of the fabric downwards, fold the fabric in half lengthways and press with an iron.

Centre fold line - - - - -

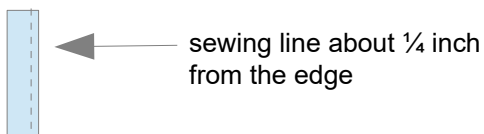
4. Open out and fold each side to the centre fold line



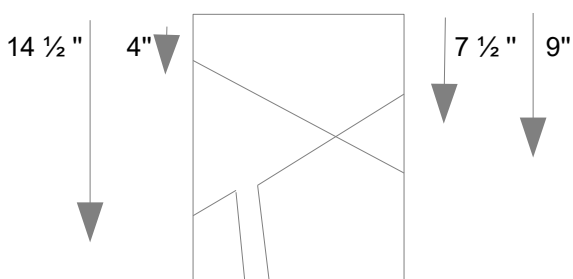
5. Then fold in half again at the centre fold line. Repeat for the other handle.



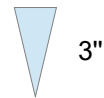
6. Sew along opening to finish the handles



7. Decorate the front of the bag.  
Sew the ribbon where shown, cutting the lower ribbon into two pieces and sewing as shown. Tie those ends into a bow

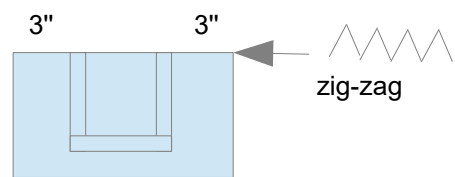


8. Cut out 6 flags



9. If used, fix in place using Bondaweb then sew round each triangle using a zig-zag stitch. Or pin in place and oversew / buttonhole stitch round.

10. Pin the handle to the right side of the back 3" from each edge as shown and fix in place using a zig-zag stitch along the top. (You can continue round all of the sides to stop it fraying if you wish) Repeat for the front



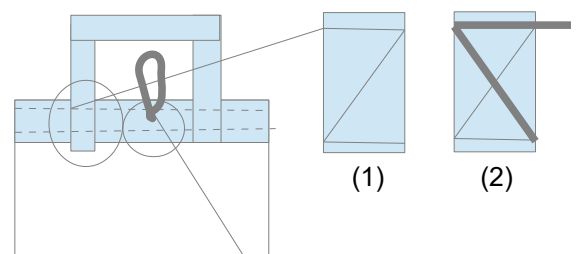
11. Turn the work over to the wrong side and fold the top down 1 1/2 inches. The handles will then stick out of the top.

12. Add the elastic after turning the top over. Fold the elastic in half and knot.

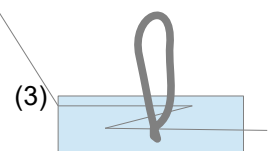
13. Pin in place half way between the handles

14. Stitch along the fold and the bottom of the turned over piece as shown, sewing on the elastic at the same time.

For extra strength where the handles join, sew a z-shape on the handle (1) and then make it into an x-shape (2) and go back over the top of the z to carry on sewing

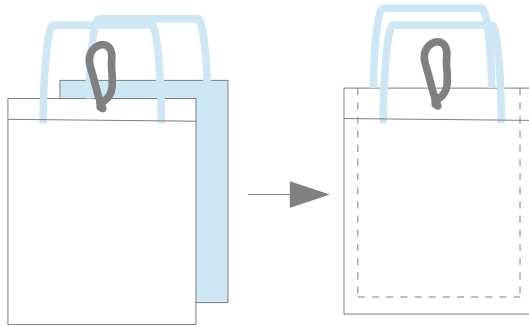


Sew back and forward across the elastic (3) as you sew along the top as shown.



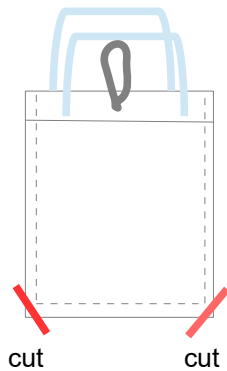
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15. Repeat for the front but without the elastic  
16. Pin the front and back together, right sides together

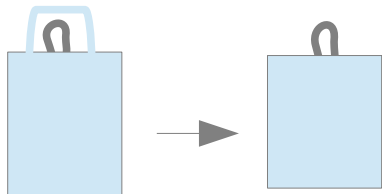


Sew round the 3 sides as shown.  
For added strength you might want to go over your stitching a second time

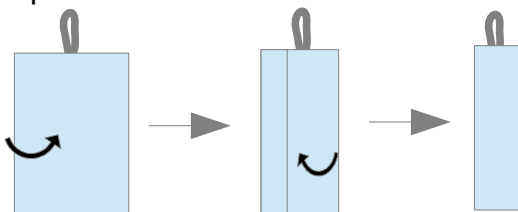
17. Snip off the bottom corners but do not cut the stitching you have just done



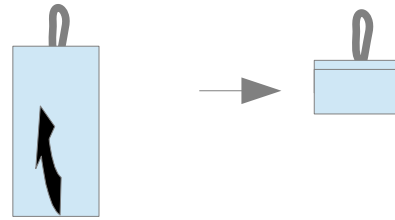
18. Turn the bag the right way round  
19. Fold and roll the bag.  
Put the handles inside the bag



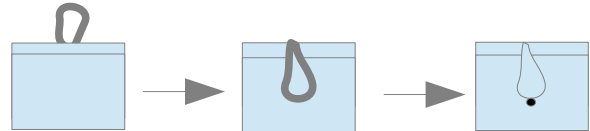
20. Fold the bag in 3, lengthwise, so the patterned side is on the inside of the fold



21. Roll bag up from the bottom



22. Pull the elastic down and mark the position for the button



23. Unroll the bag and sew the button in place

**\*You can sew elastic on to any soft fabric bag to make it a fold and roll bag**

