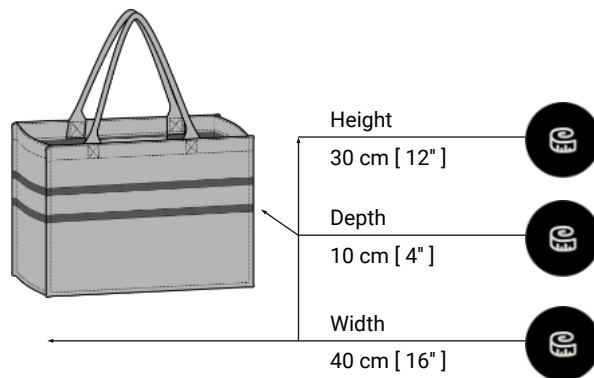# Tote bag │ ac-0001

With inside pocket, French seams on the outside and extra decoration (without embroidery)

faya patterns

Tote bag │ ac-0001

Height
30 cm [12"]

Depth
10 cm [4"]

Width
40 cm [16"]

Required material

Fabric for bag
Width 140 cm [55"]
Lenght ~85 cm [33,5"]
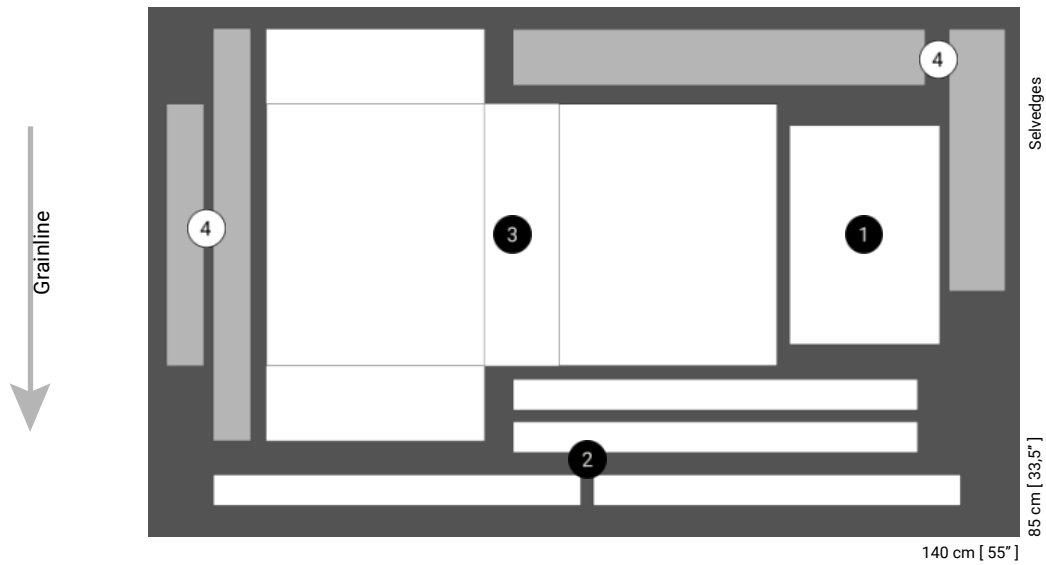
Matching thread

Basic equipment

Printer, paper, tape, needlework scissors, sewing machine, iron, ironing cloth/board, tailor's scissors, tape measure, ruler, tailor's chalk, marking pens, pencil, pins, sewing needles or clips.

Tipp! For a stiffer bag
See page 5

Cutting layout │ ac-0001

Grainline

Selvedges

85 cm [33,5"]

140 cm [55"]

**The pattern contains
all necessary seam allowances!**

1cm [0,4']

Tip! for patterned fabrics

Pattern piece 3 is the complete bag pouch.
If you have chosen a patterned fabric, consider beforehand whether you should arrange and cut the front, back, bottom and side pieces separately so that your pattern is not upside down on one side of the bag.

Tipp! For the decoration

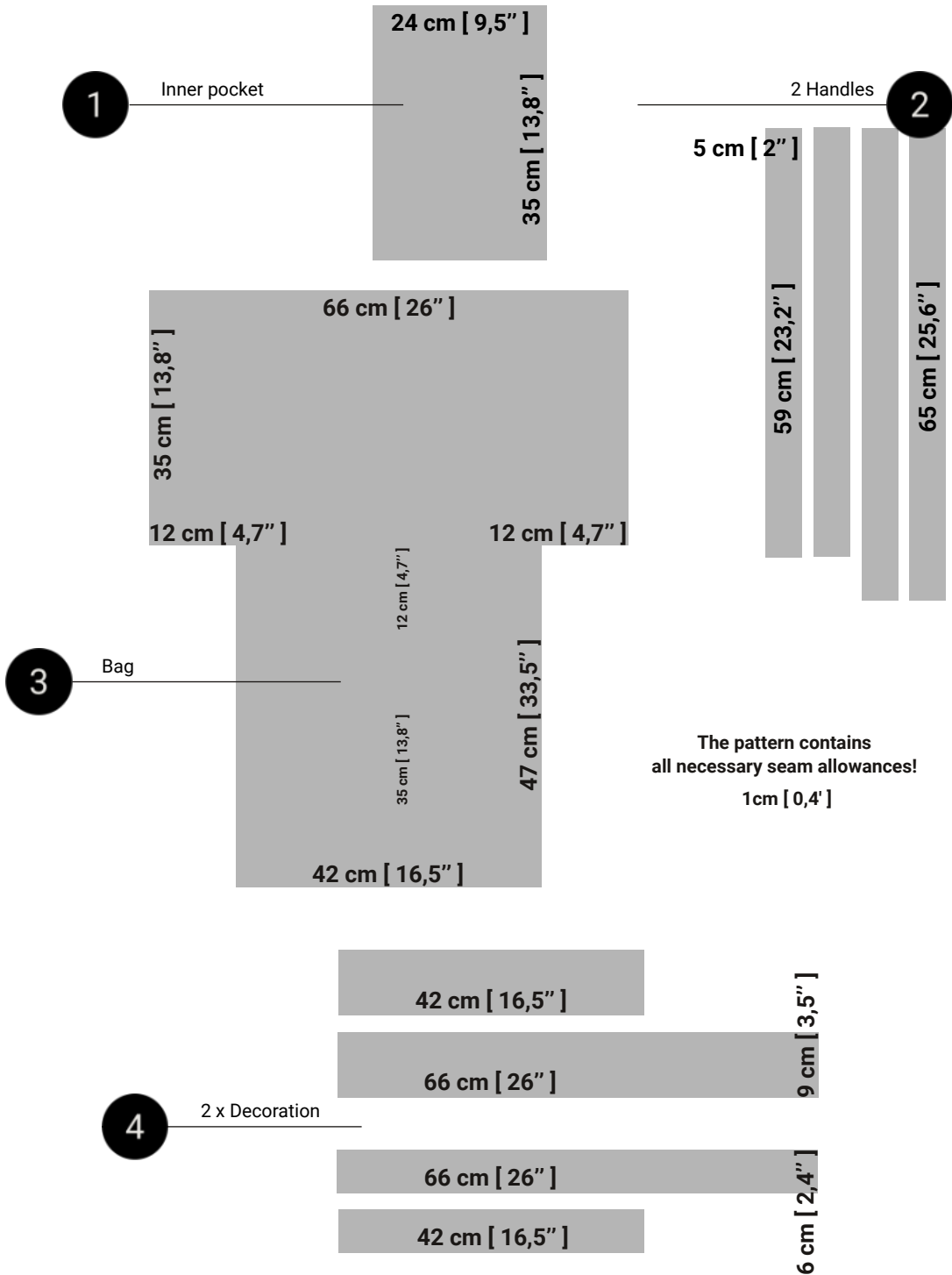You can leave out the decoration or sew it from other matching fabrics.
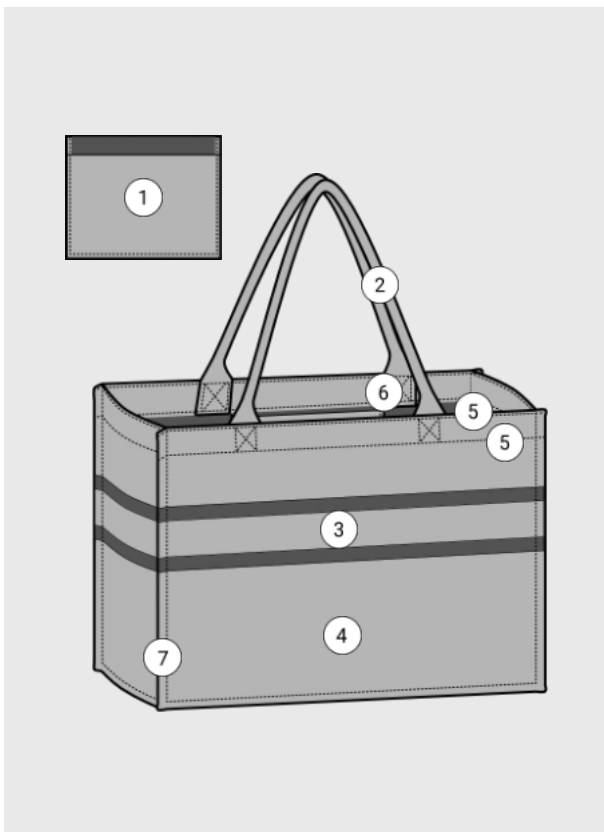
Right side of fabric

Wrong side of fabric

faya patterns

Pattern pieces │ ac-0001
Please draw the following pieces straight onto the fabric

1 — Inner pocket

24 cm [9,5'']

35 cm [13,8'']

2 Handles — **2**

5 cm [2'']

59 cm [23,2'']

65 cm [25,6'']

66 cm [26'']

35 cm [13,8'']

12 cm [4,7'']   **12 cm [4,7'']**

12 cm [4,7'']

3 — Bag

35 cm [13,8'']

47 cm [33,5'']

**The pattern contains
all necessary seam allowances!**

1cm [0,4']

42 cm [16,5'']

42 cm [16,5'']

9 cm [3,5'']

66 cm [26'']

4 — 2 x Decoration

66 cm [26'']

6 cm [2,4'']

42 cm [16,5'']

Short version │ Sewing instruction │ ac-0001

Working steps

1. Inner pocket	Sew with a French seam on the outside. Leave an edge of approx. 3 cm at the top.
2. Handles	Right sides together, short to long, Sew long edges (1 cm). Turn, press. Press short overlapping edges 1 cm inwards and again by 3 cm. Topstitch all around, close to the edge. Fold long edges over each other and topstitch in seam ditch, leaving 6 cm on all 4 ends.
3. Decoration	Press lengthwise edges 1 cm over and topstitch the 2 layers on the bag pieces. Caution! Seam allowances not too thick
4. Bag	With wrong sides facing, sew bag, 1cm seam allowance. Trim seam to 3mm.
5. Bag edge	Press over 1 cm and again 3 cm inward. Place the inner pocket in the center of one of the long sides under the pressed edge and pin in place. Topstitch the edge all around. Topstitch the top edge again.
6. Handles	On the inside of the facing, 12 cm from the center, stitch in place. Use the seam ditch.
7. French seam	Turn pocket right side out. Topstitch all edges at 7 mm, enclosing seam allowances.

Working on the wrong side
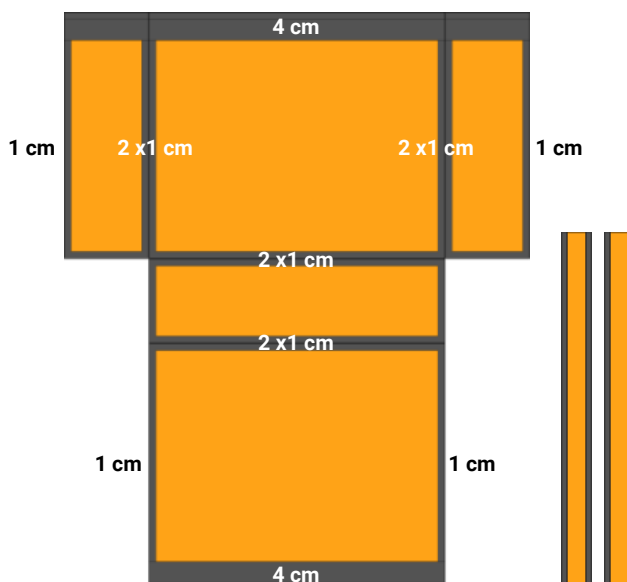
Tipp! For a stiffer bag

After cutting, iron Vlieseline H250 onto the pocket fabric and the shorter strips of the handles.

Attention!

Not on the seam allowances!

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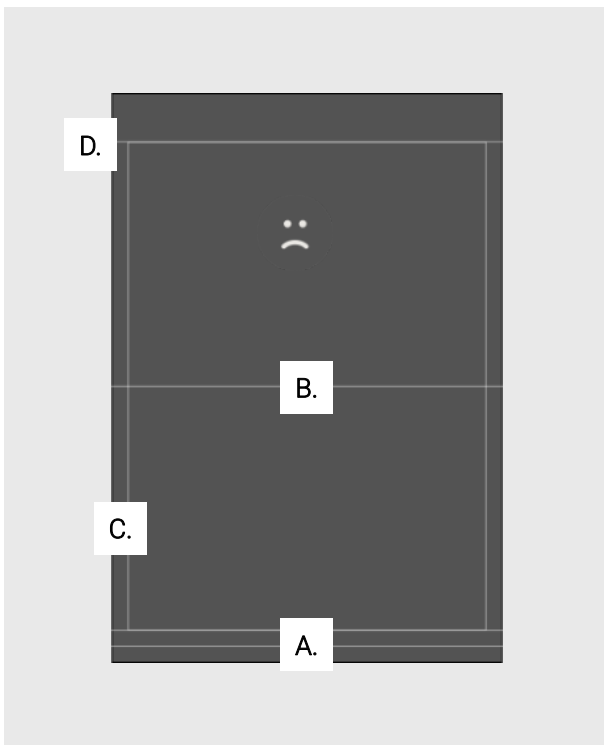
1. Inner pocket with french seam on the outside
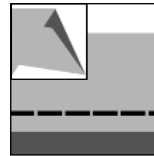
A. Short edge

Fold 2 x 1 cm inwards,
iron, topstitch
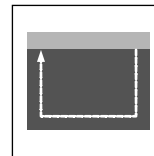
B. Fold
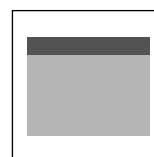
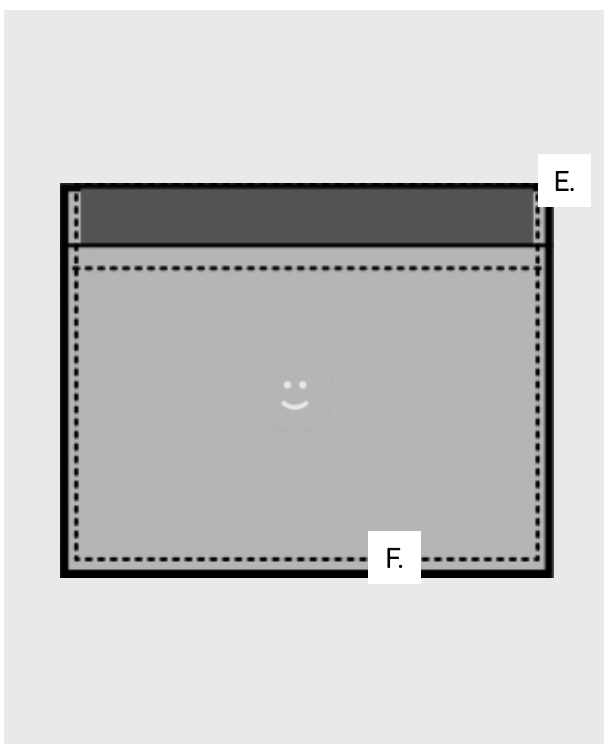Fold right sides together.
Leave 2.5 cm at the top.

C. Close the sides
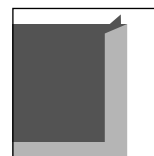
Sew, 1.5 cm seam allowance.
Only on the folded part!
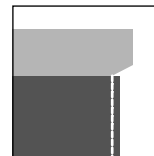
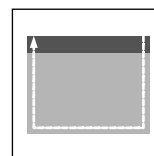**D. Cut in & trim**

Cut to the seam.
Cut back seam allowance

Turn & iron

E. Fold

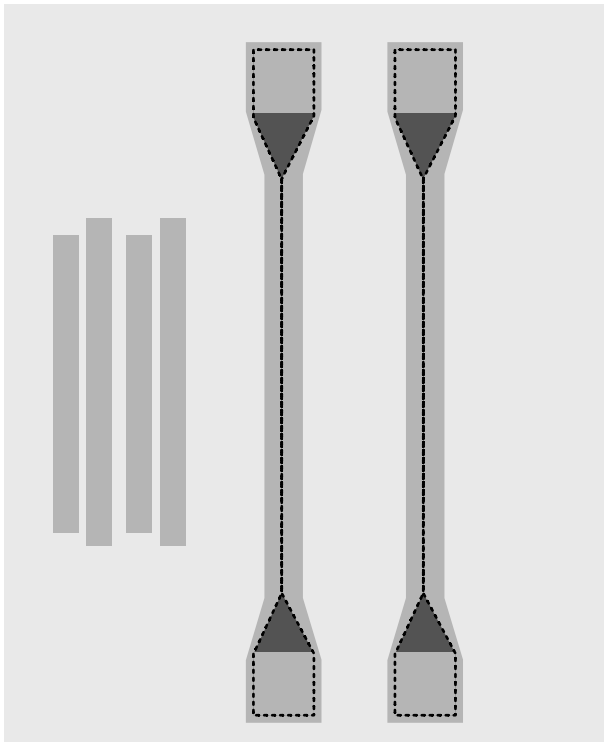Edge 2 x 1 cm inwards, iron

F. Topstitch close to the edge

Include the seam allowance on
the inside.

Tip!

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2. Handles 2 x

A. Right sides together - short to long.
Sew long edges.

B. Turn and press.

C. Short overlapping edges.
Press 1 cm inwards and again by 3 cm.

D. Topstitch all around, close to the edge.

E. Fold long edges over each other.
Topstitch in seam ditch, leaving 6 cm on all 4 ends.

A.

1 cm

3 cm

1cm

B.

C.

D.

E.

│ **6 cm** │   47 cm   │ **6 cm** │

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Working on the right side

13,5 cm

13,5 cm
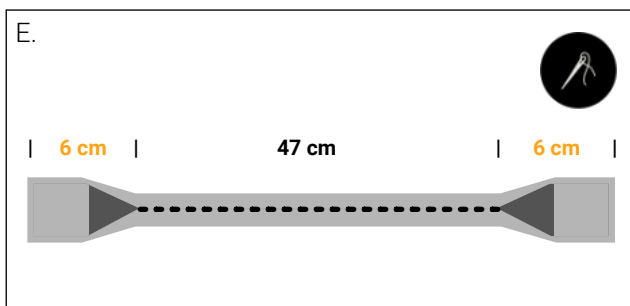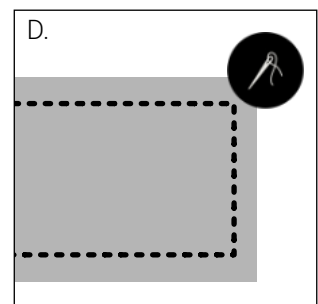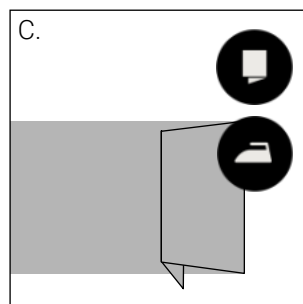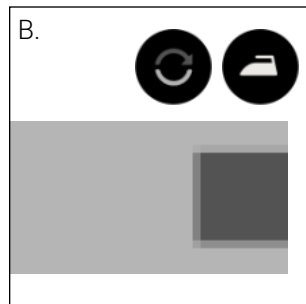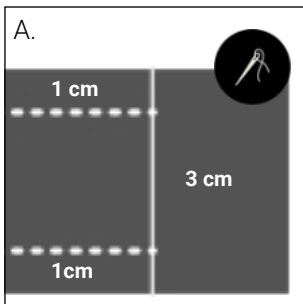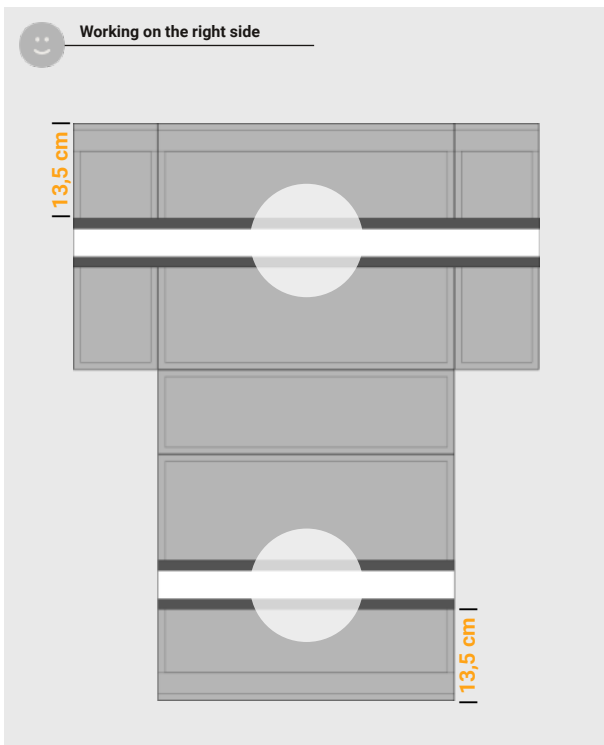
3. Decoration

All lengthwise edges
Iron 1 cm inwards.
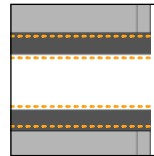
Topstitch all strips in place
See placement on the left.
Attention! Seam allowances
not too thick.

Working on the wrong side
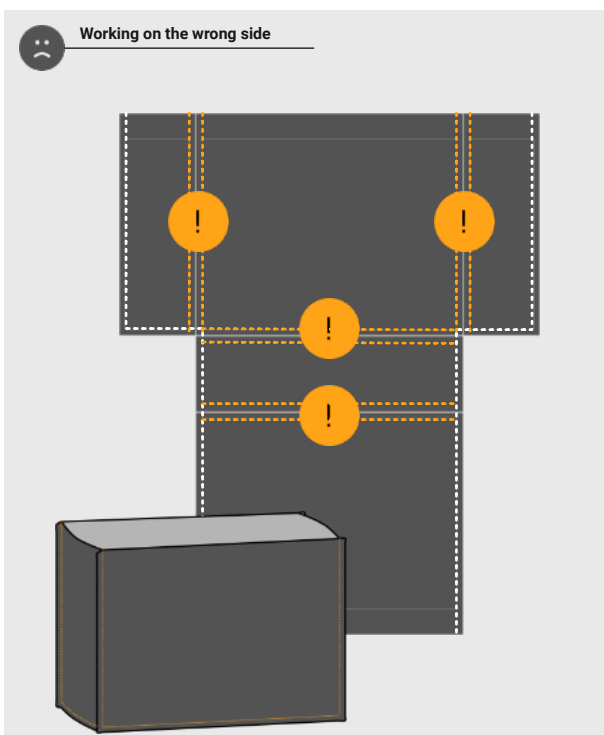
4. Bag
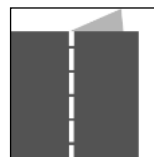
Sew bag
Right sides facing.
1cm seam allowance.

Seam allowance
Trim to 3mm.

! Attention!
A seam on the "unnecessary" sides too,
otherwise the bag will fall apart when
you cut back the seam allowance.

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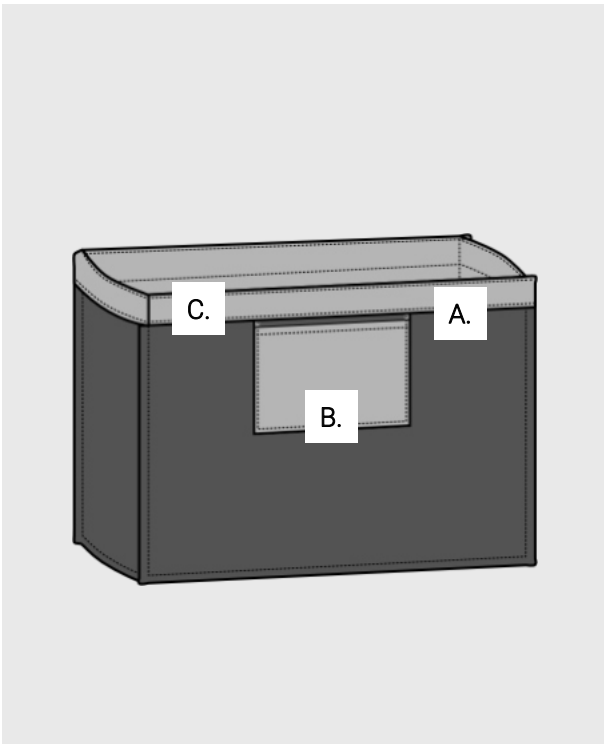
5. Bag edge
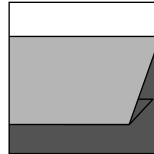
A. Edge

Press over 1 cm and
again 3 cm inwards.
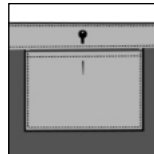
B. Inner pocket

Place it in the center of one of
the long sides under the pressed
edge and pin in place.

C. Edge

Topstitch the edge all around
and again the top edge.
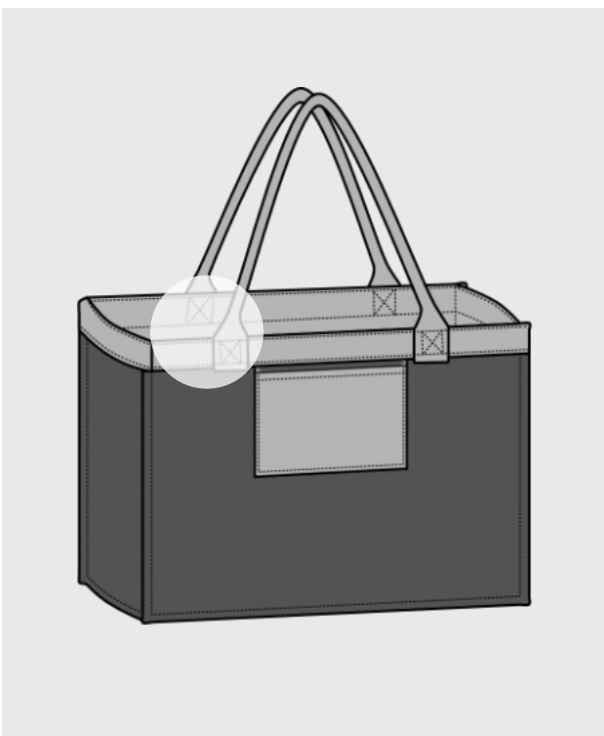
6. Handles
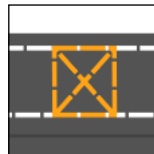
Handles

12 cm from the center,
stitch in place.
Use the seam ditch.

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Working on the right side
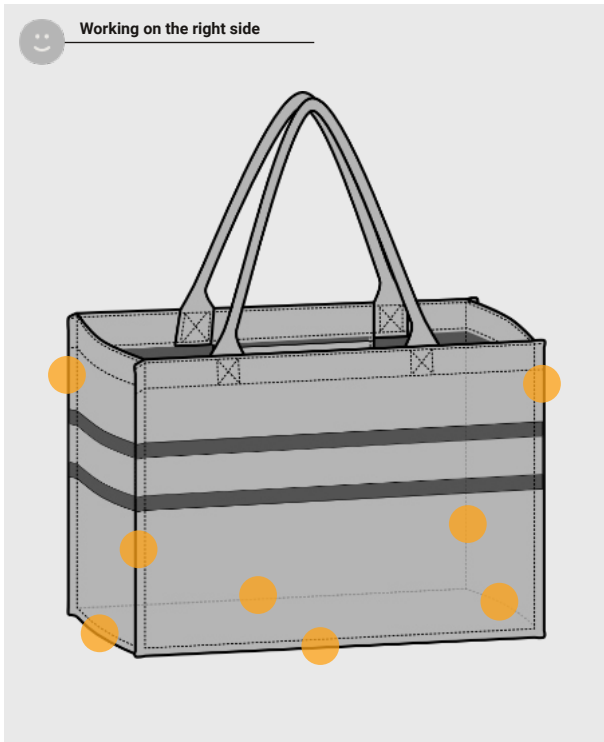
7. French seam on the outside
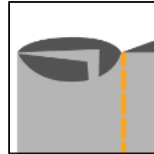
Turn pocket right side out.
Sew all remaining 8 edges at 7 mm. Enclose seam allowances.

Tip!
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Done!
Congratulations.

Glossary

	Fabric			Sewing
	Right „nice" side			Serging
	Wrong side			Pin
	Fold			Cut
	Thread			Mark
	Seam tape			Measure
	Secure seam, sew or knot			Elastic
	Iron			Tip with or without link

Things to know
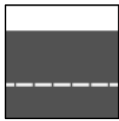
Cutting

Right "nice" fabric sides lie inside.

Measured pieces
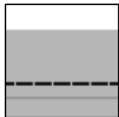
Drawing directly on the wrong
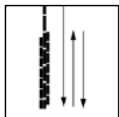side of the fabric.

Baste, sew, topstich

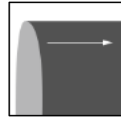Baste. Large stitches by hand or
sewing machine.

Sew, mostly on the wrong side of the fabric.

Topstitching, close to edges/seams.
For flat edges or decoration. Mostly on
the right side of the fabric.

Secure seam = start/end sew a few
stitches forward/backward.

Fold & Grainline

Fold = Edge of the folded fabric

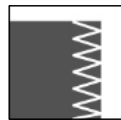Grainline = Weaving direction
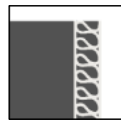= Arrow on pattern pieces.

Cutting for beautiful seams

Trimming the seam allowances.
Cut curves several times.

Serging to avoid fraying

Serging seam allowances with zigzag
stitch or overlock machine.