

Eva Bag

A simple shaped bag with countless possibilities for individualization. I named this bag 'Eva' because this pattern can be used to make endless and multi-faceted variations. Let your mind wonder and make your very own creation matching your personal style.

Materials: You can choose any kind of fabric you like (e.g. cotton, linen, canvas, corduroy). In case you choose very lightweight fabric, consider ironing some interface on it to add some sturdiness. For embellishment you can pick anything you like or go with a plain simple version. Let yourself be inspired by the 6 versions I made.

Yardage: two pieces of fabric 50cm/20inch (one for the outside and one for the inside)



1. Print the pattern on DIN A4 paper. Set your printer on 100% and turn scaling off. I have also added a little test square which should be 10 x 10 cm. But in the end it does not really matter whether your bag turns out a little bigger or smaller. Tape the pattern together and cut it.



2. In a second step copy pattern A to your fabric. Add an additional 1 cm for seam allowance and cut the fabric. After this step you should have 4 pieces.

Note: This pattern also works to make a reversible bag. In that case be sure to use two different fancy fabrics you like.



3. Now before getting started with sewing the pieces together, first make up your mind and embellish either only one side or both sides of the bag. As you could see there are endless possible variations. In this how-to I added a bow using silk and lace.

Bow: Fold a 17 x 50 cm piece of fabric in length and sew, so that you get a tube. Use some lace to make into a ring and give the tube its bow shape. Then sew the bow onto the edge of the bag's front piece.

Pattern B: You can also use pattern B to make a scalloped hem. Just cut another piece of fabric in the shape of pattern b and sew it on the fabric (pattern A).



4. Next place inner and outer fabric (right sides facing each other) on top of each other and pin the outer edges of the handle. Sew both sides (red dotted lines on the photo) with 1 cm seam allowance, but also stop sewing about 1 cm before the top of the handle.

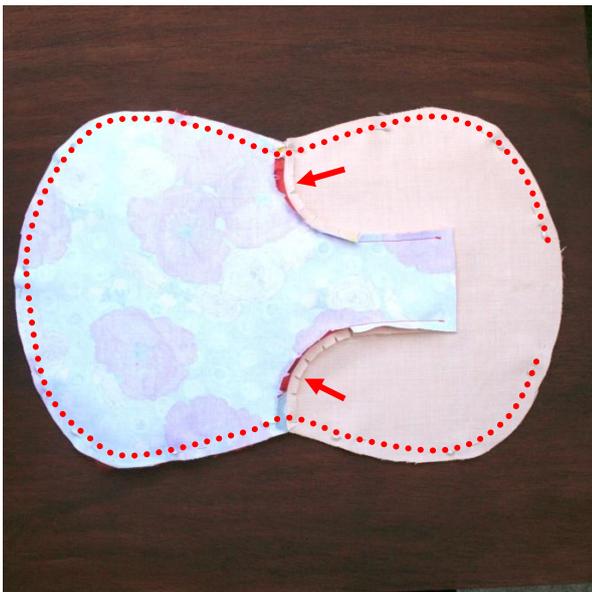
Repeat step 4 with the remaining two pieces of pattern A.



5. Using scissors clip carefully little triangles into the curve close to the seam, so that it will turn out nicely, when you are about to turn the bag inside out.

Repeat this step with the second bag piece.

6. Unfold both bag pieces like shown on this photo.



7. Then place both bag pieces onto each other (right side facing each other) and pin them. Press the seams (from step 5) apart. After that sew along the red dotted line with 1 cm seam allowance. Be cautious not to sew all around and leave a little space unsewn (preferably on the bottom of the inner bag), so that you can later turn the bag inside out.

8. Using scissors clip again several tiny triangles into all four curves.

The little red stars on the photo show the space I left open, while sewing step 7. Turn the bag carefully inside out through this hole.





9. Here the bag is already turned inside out, with the inner bag's right side facing outside. Stitch up the hole you left with a blind stitch.



10. Next, sew the outer bag's handles with 1cm seam allowance. Be careful not to sew in the inner bag's handles.



11. After that organize the inner bag's handles and blind stitch again to close the whole bag.



12. Last, but not least turn the bag inside out, so that the outer bag is outside. Seam both sides of the handle all way round, as near to the edge as possible, in order to avoid the inner bag to turn outside.

Finished! :)

Hope you liked this little how-to and if you do not mind, I would love to see your results. Please send your photos to nettevivante@hotmail.de