

# How to... MAKE A GIFT BAG

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This pretty reversible bag is an original way to present a gift - and the recipient can use it as a lunch bag in the New Year! It's easier to sew the bag if you use a thick fabric for one side and a thin fabric for the other.

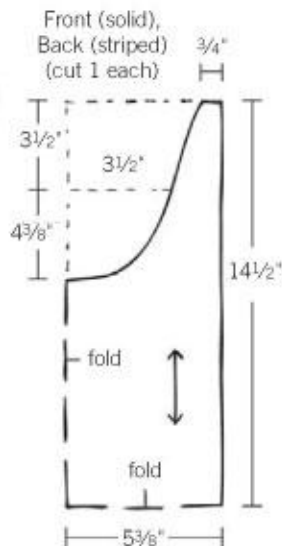
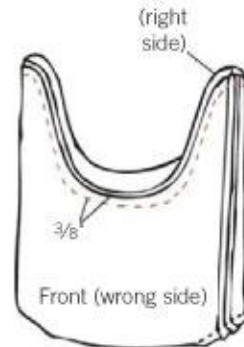
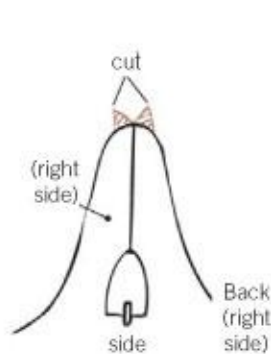
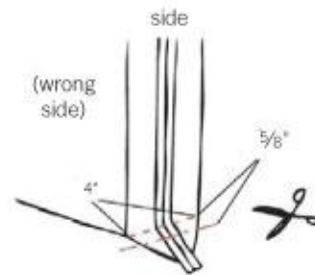
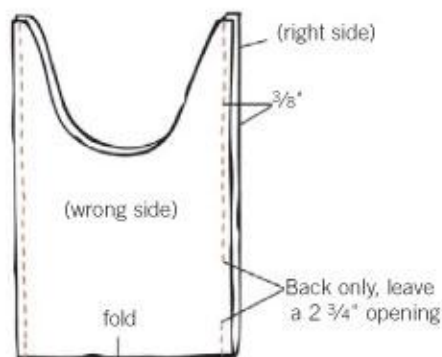
**Step 1** Fold the solid fabric in half widthwise, right sides together. Align the edges and sew  $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the edge along both sides. Repeat with other fabric, leaving a  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " opening on one side.

**Step 2** Make gussets by folding each corner up where the fabric measures 4" in width. Stitch across the corner and trim the tip, leaving a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam allowance.

**Step 3** Press open the seams on both sides and cut away any protruding fabric at the top of the handles.

**Step 4** Place the thick bag, right sides together, inside the thin bag. Sew  $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the edge all the way around the top. Trim the seam allowance to  $\frac{3}{16}$ ". Turn the bag right side out. Fold the edges of the opening in the striped fabric  $\frac{3}{8}$ " to the wrong side, press, and hand stitch the opening closed.

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**Notes**

Final measurements  
6"x14"x4"

Thick fabric: 10"x29"

Thin fabric: 10"x29"

Dimensions include the seam allowance of  $\frac{3}{8}$ " unless indicated.

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