

Fearless Makers

Folding Shopping Bag



Materials

Fabric: Woven, machine wash/dry, medium weight, tight weave
45" requires 1 1/8 yard
54"/60" requires 7/8 yard
Thread
1 Snap

Equipment

Scissors
Ruler
Pins
Hand Sewing needle
Iron
Optional: Sewing Machine

Printing

Large Format Size: 23" wide x 43" long
8.5" x 11" Size: 11 Sheets

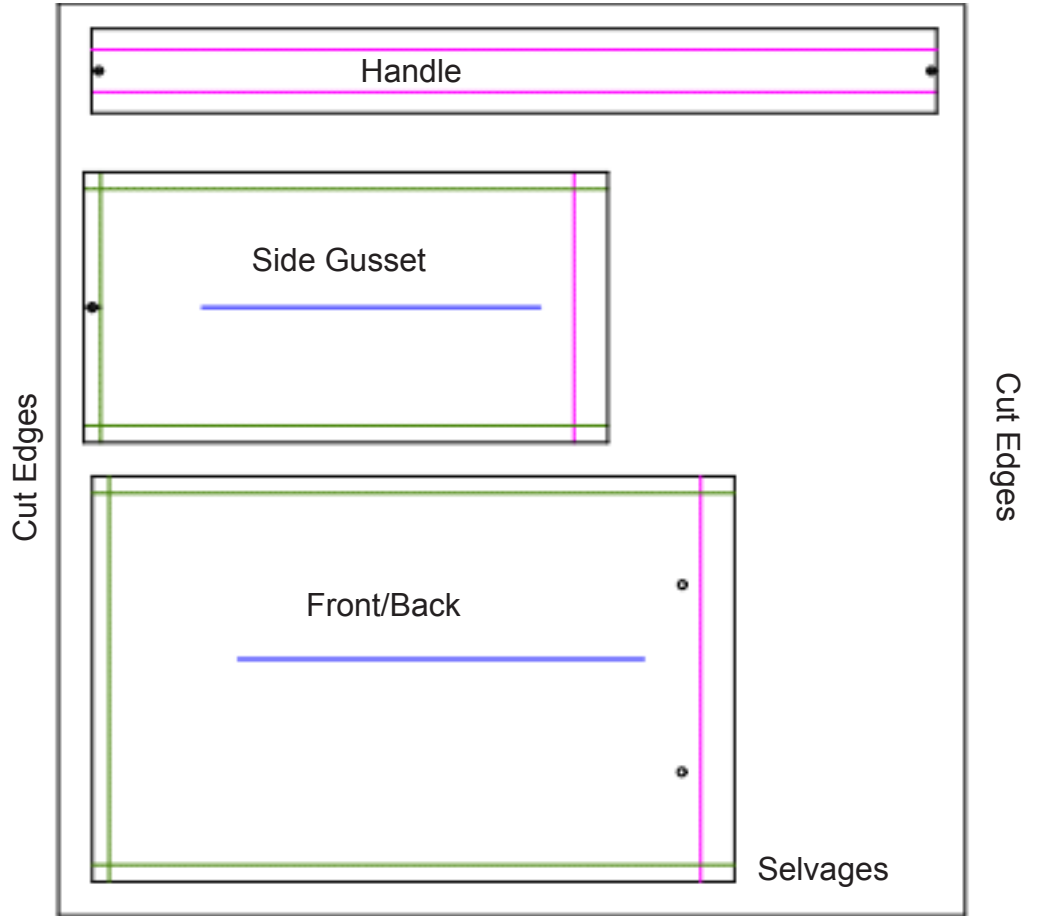
Cut Line Dimensions:
Handle: 2.5" x 25"
Front/Back: 19" x 12"
Side Gusset: 15.5" x 8"

Layouts

Cut Line - Black Solid
Seam Line - Green Dashed
Grain Line - Blue Solid
Fold Line - Magenta Dashed

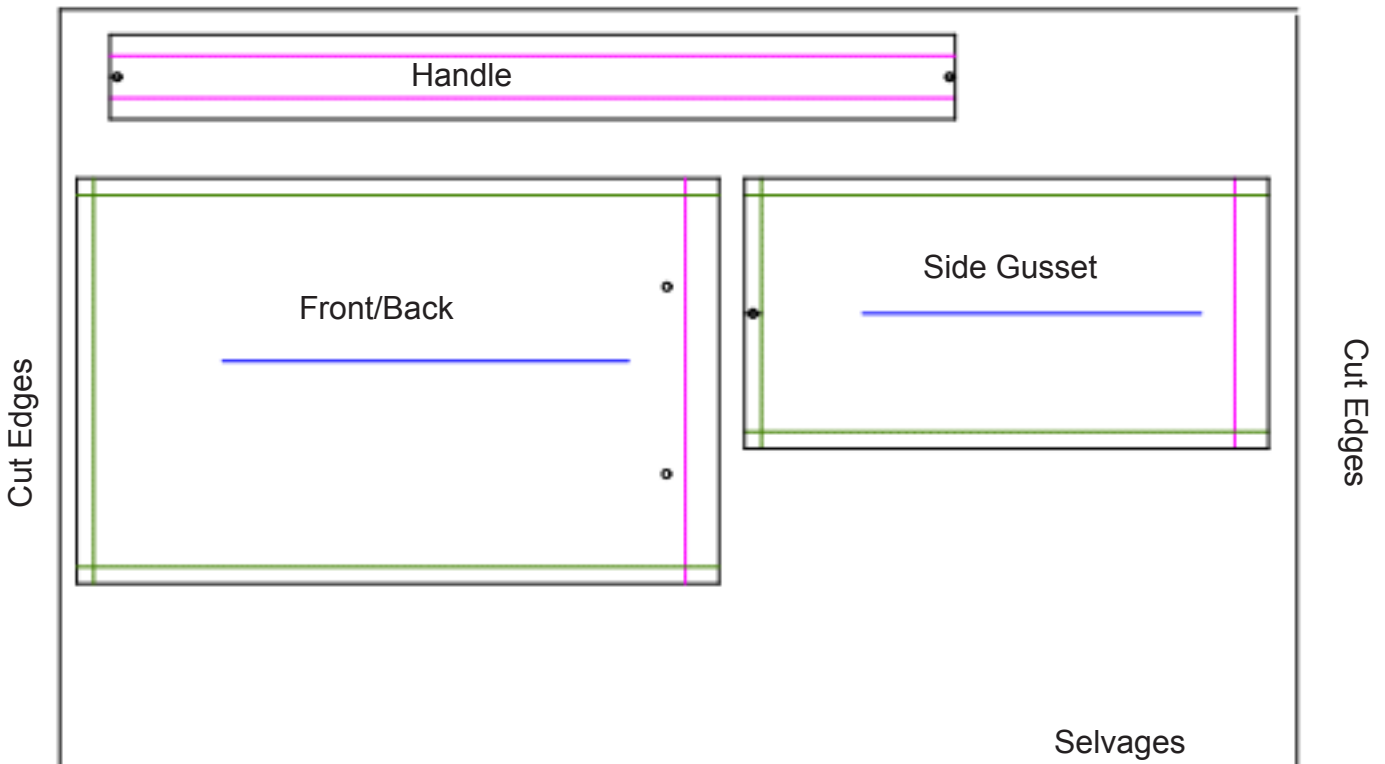
45" Fabric

Fold



54" Fabric
60" Fabric

Fold



Instructions

Prewash your fabric and iron. Pull a thread or rip the edge of your fabric to square it. Then follow the layout instructions that correspond to the width of your fabric. Layout all pieces, pin and then cut.

Handles

Press in edges on fold line (5/8").

Stitch up the middle with a zig-zag or other utility/decorative stitch catching both sides. Press flat.

Front/Back

With right sides together, sew 1/2" seam at bottom. Press.

Finish edge (pinking, zig-zag). Press.

Open up seam and press seam allowance to one side.

Top stitch 1/4" from original seam. Press.

Side Gussets

Draw out 1/2" corner squares on bottom.

With right sides together, match circle on gusset bottom to original seam of front/back (not the topstitching). Pin.

Clip corner line and pin front/back to gusset side. Repeat on other side of gusset.

Stitch using 1/2" seam with extra stitches at corners. (This is easier, if you sew with the front/back piece on top and the gusset on the bottom.) Press.

Finish edge (pinking, zig-zag). Press seam allowance to gusset piece.

Top stitch 1/4" from original seam on gusset side of seam catching seam allowance. Press.

Repeat for other gusset.

Top Edge

Finish edge (pinking, zig-zag). Turn to inside on fold line 1" and press. Sew around top.

Optional - Sew with a zig-zag or other utility/decorative stitch and skip the edge finishing.

Press.

Handles

Match circles on front/back to circles on handles. Sew handles in place following diagram.

Folding Memory

Fold the bag gussets in and bottom up. Press very well to create permanent creases.

Closing

Put one strap to inside, fold up bag and find placement for snap. Sew snap in place.

Enjoy!

Handle Stitching Diagram

