



Small Canvas Tote Bag

This is an easy tutorial and pattern for a small canvas tote bag. You can also use upholstery fabric as well. It's a request from a few readers who make items to sell at markets, but I think anyone who loves to sew bags will love this one too.

This small canvas tote bag is the perfect companion for the coming warmer weather and the right accessory to keep up with the current trend which is for small bags, crossbody wallets, and small backpacks. I made this bag so it would be small to carry with the option of having it cross over the body. There's enough room for a pair of sunglasses, phone, keys, money, and a few business cards. You can make it with very little fabric, so it becomes the perfect project to use your fabric scraps.

This small canvas tote bag is also the beginning of my exploration into alternative materials for bags. So feel free to explore this pattern with a different type of materials such as canvas, upholstery fabric, cork fabric, neoprene (wetsuit fabric), vinyl, or leather.

I had a hard time finding spring time colors for the small tote bag, so I decided to go with upholstery fabric. The print is woven, so it makes a great candidate for a bag without fusible or sewable interfacing.

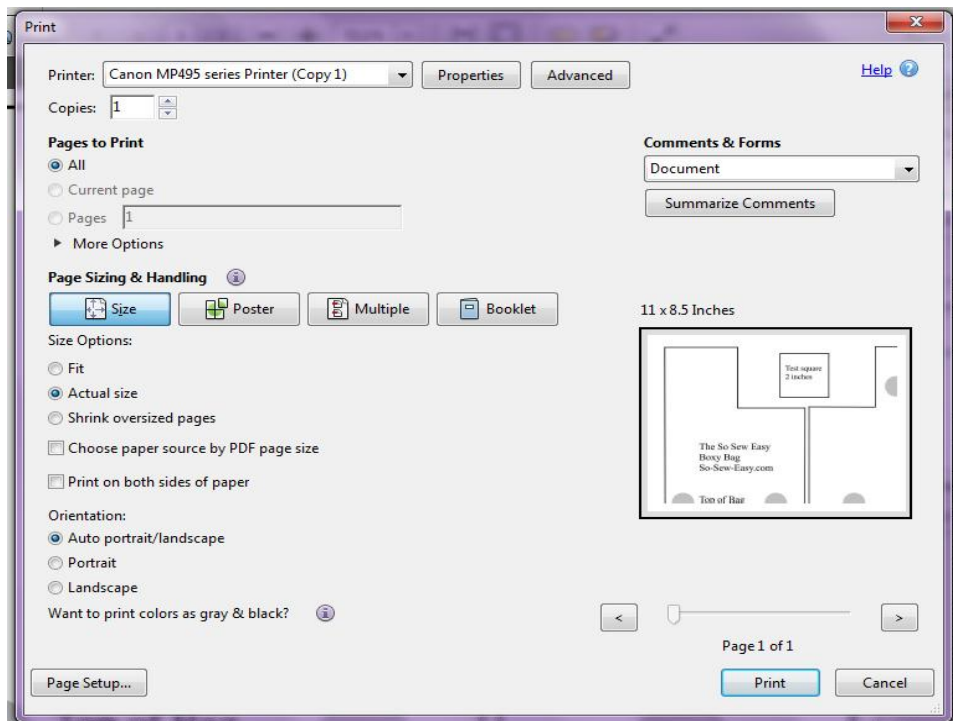
I am going to make this small canvas tote bag with the option of a cross body bag. However, I will make a separate tutorial for it. I am going to show you the way to transform any bag into a cross body bag.

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Use the grey guides on the overlap of the sheets to match up the pattern pieces, folding under or cutting off any overlaps, tape together and cut out your pattern pieces.

Also note that you will need to cut two straps at 4 inches by 22 inches, for which no pattern piece is supplied – it's just a rectangle! You can draw the straps on

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Materials:

- 1/2 yard of canvas, upholstery fabric, duck cotton, linen duck, cork fabric, neoprene, vinyl, or leather
- If your machine can take thick fabric, it's possible to self line this bag, if not use calico or quilting fabric with a light interfacing.
- Thread to match
- 24" cotton tape 1/2" wide, nylon ribbon or decorative tape
- 30" cotton tape, [cotton twill tape](#) or [light webbing 1 1/2" wide](#)

Tools:

- tailor's chalk or erasable ink pen
- zipper foot
- [circular](#) or [square bag handles](#) or of course you can use [12" bag handles](#)
- walking foot (optional)
- jeans needle or leather needle



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Thank you for downloading this pattern and tutorial. I hope you enjoyed making this project and remember that I love to see what you made so do upload your completed projects to the pattern page on Craftsy.

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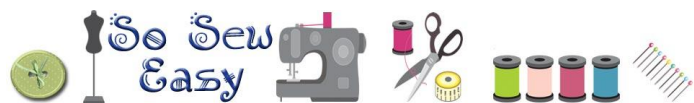
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2" x 2" square test

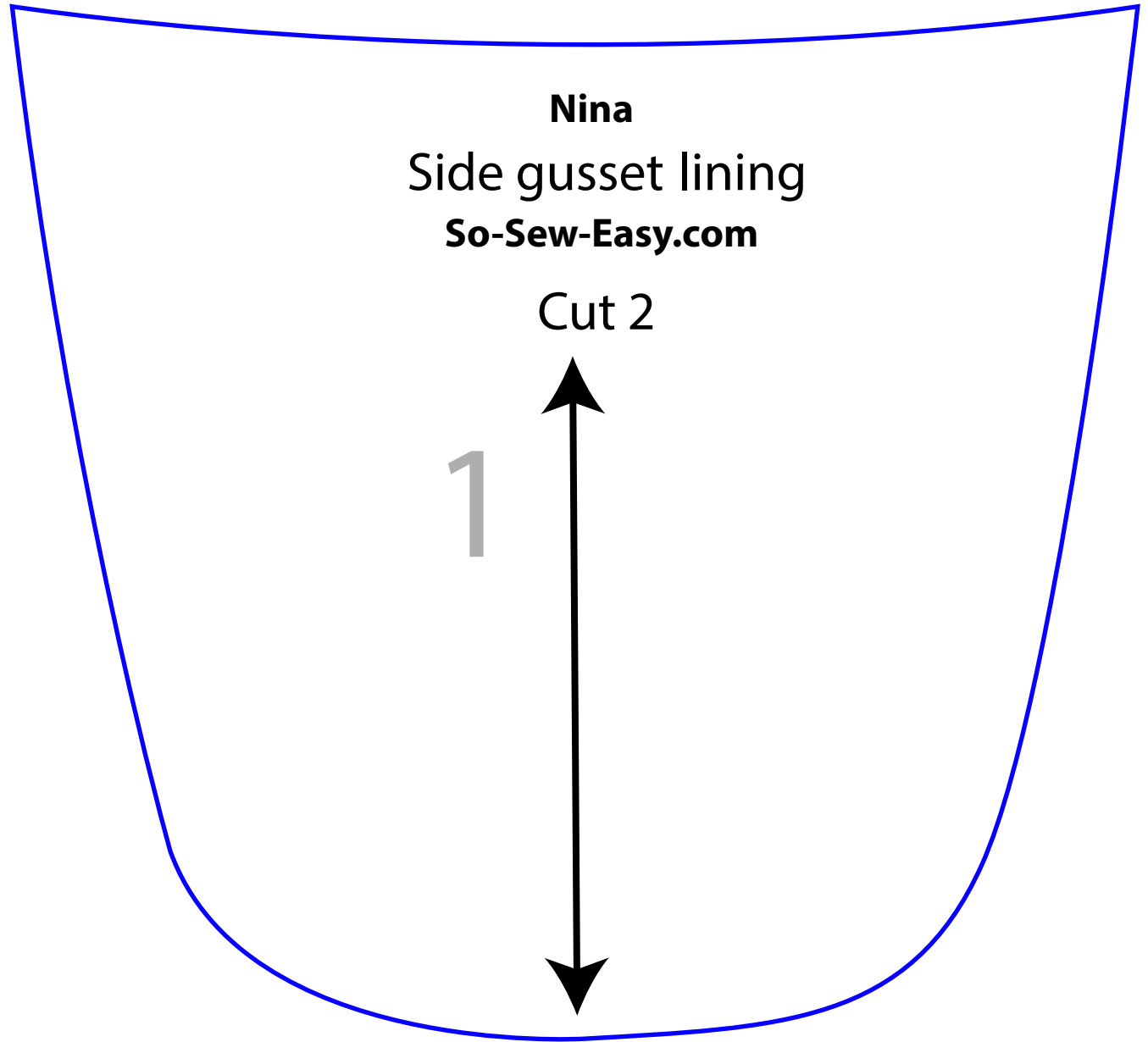
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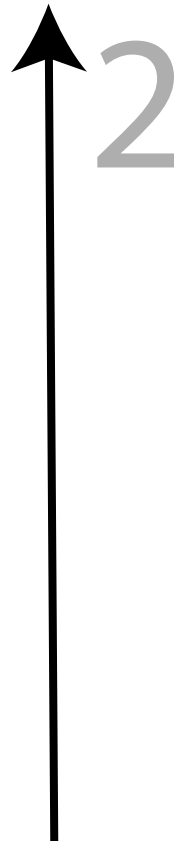


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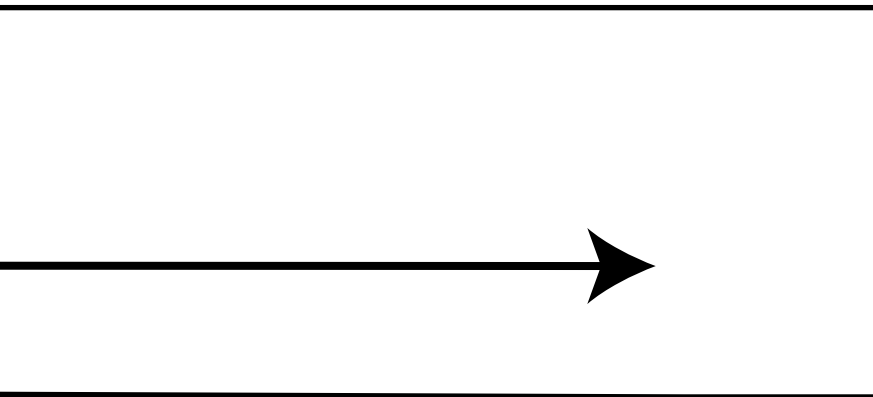
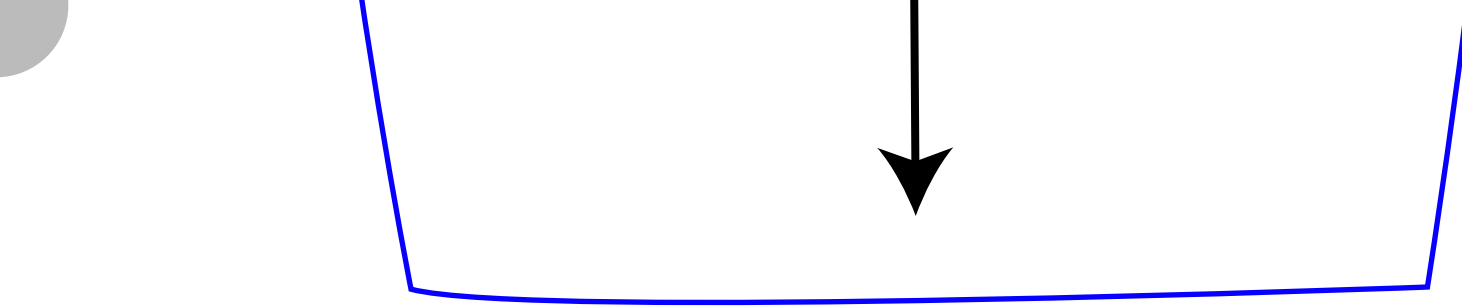
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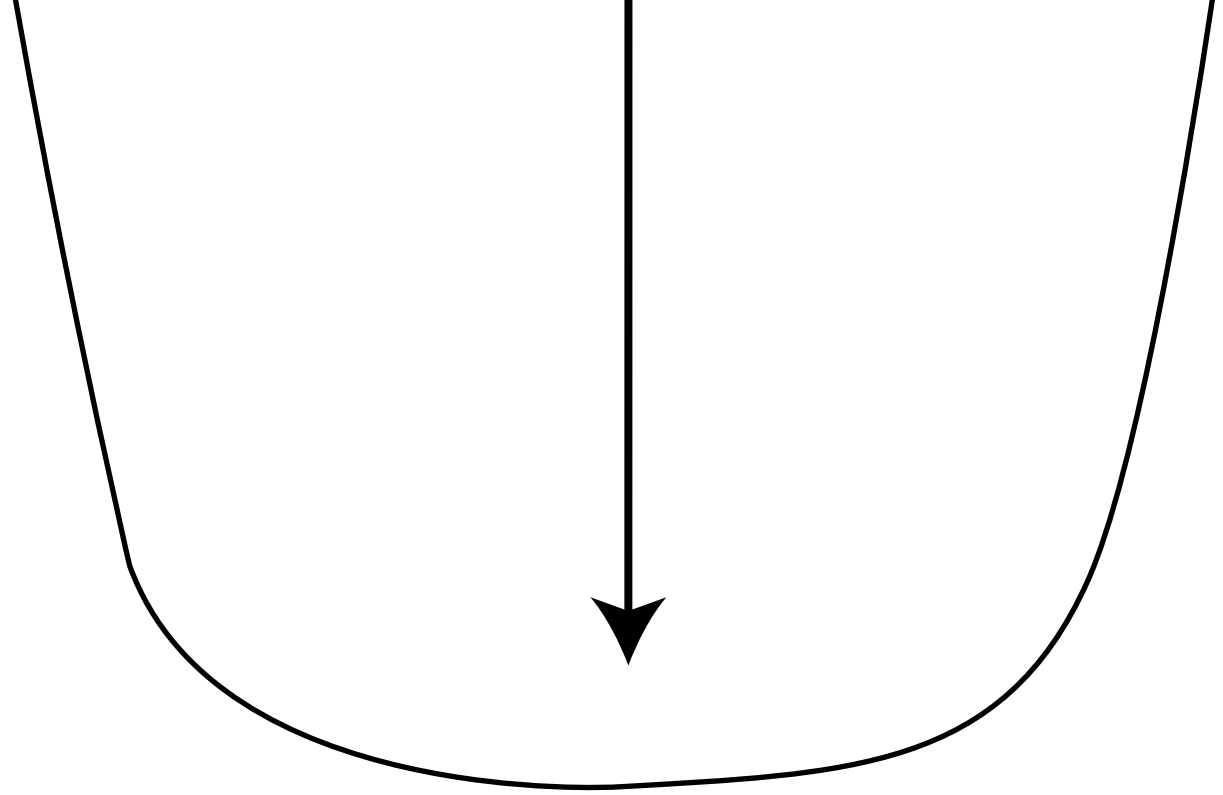




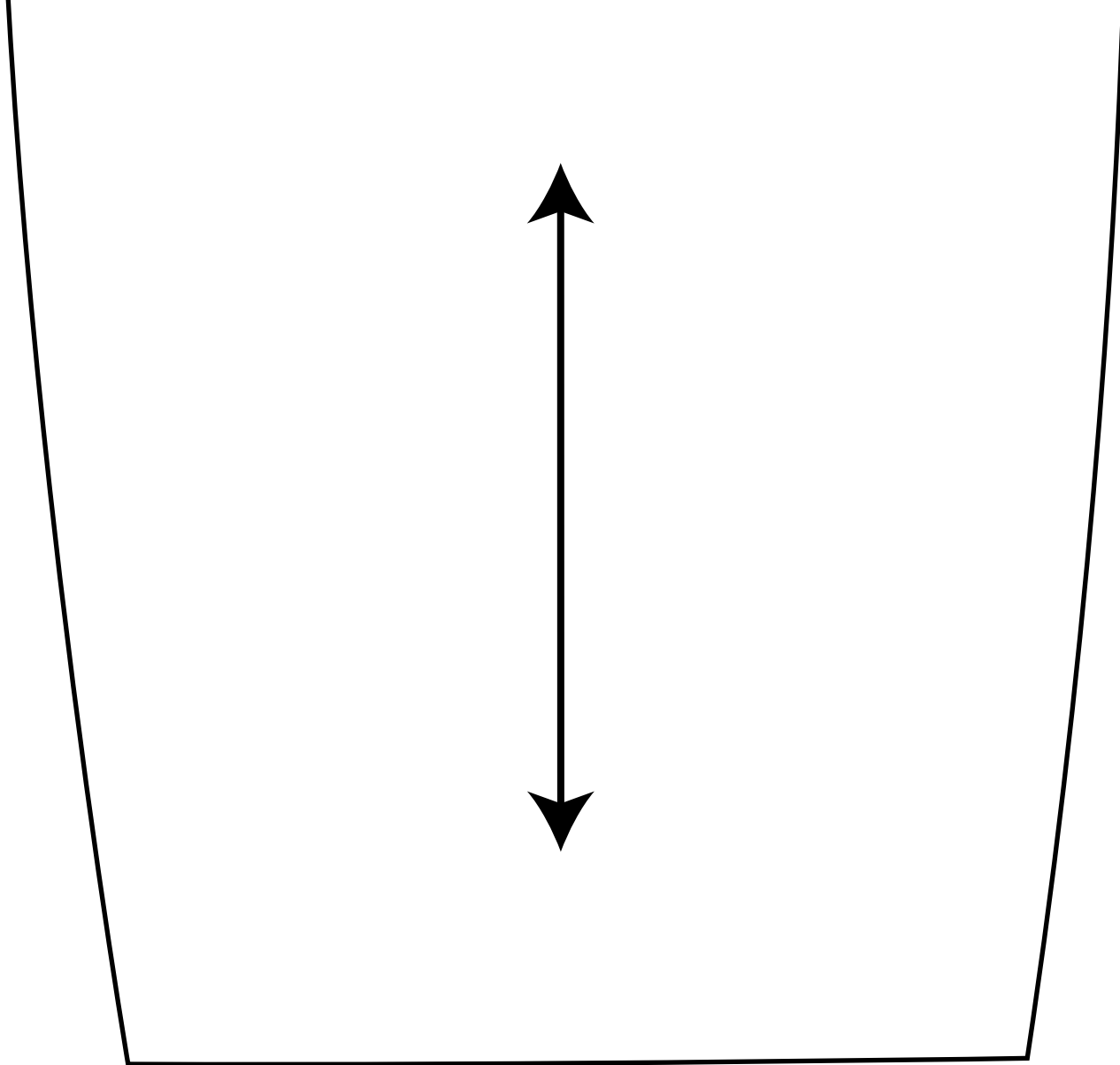
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Cut 2

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Pocket

Cut 1

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