

Blanket bag

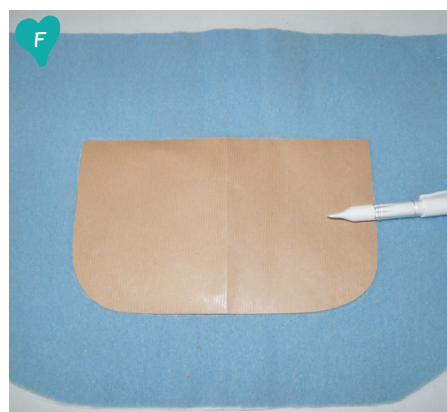
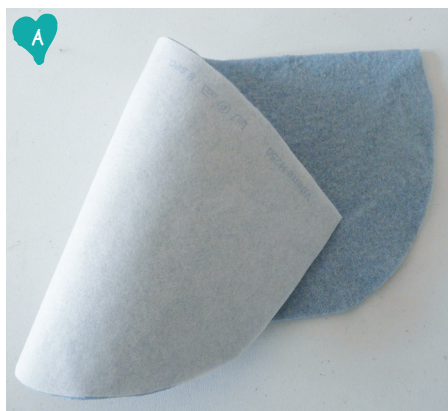
This uber-stylish and easy-to-make satchel is at the top of our to do list this issue. Follow our step-by-step guide to make it for yourself



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YOU WILL NEED

vintage Merino blanket ♥ vintage linen for lining ♥ wool felt ♥ firm fusible interlining ♥ 50cm 5mm-wide cord ♥ 2 toggles ♥ 3cm slider buckle ♥ 2 3cm D-rings ♥ 2 3cm lobster clasps ♥ templates available from www.simplyhomemademag.com/downloads

CUT THE FOLLOWING:

Bag body: Cut two in main fabric, two in lining, two in interlining

Bag gusset: Cut one in main fabric, one in lining, one in interlining

Bag flap: Cut one in main fabric, one in lining, one in interlining

Bag pocket: Cut one in main fabric, one in lining, one in interlining

Pocket gusset: Cut one in main fabric, one in lining, one in interlining

Strap: Cut one in main fabric

Strap: Cut one in lining

Use 1cm seam allowance throughout unless otherwise stated.

HOW TO MAKE

1 Fuse interlining to all the appropriate pieces. (See Pic A.)

2 Prepare the front pocket. With right sides together and starting from centre, pin and stitch the front pocket gusset to the front pocket. Do this for both the outer fabric and lining fabric. Leave a gap of approximately 10cm in this seam on the lining for turning through. (See Pic B.)

3 With right sides together, pin the lining to the outer fabric, across the top and round the sides. Stitch in place. Trim the corners and turn it through the gap in the lining. Press the seam of the gap and stitch near to the edge to close. Tack the edges of the pocket to ensure the lining sits down behind the outer fabric. (See Pic C.)

4 Prepare the satchel flap – with right sides together, stitch the curved edge, trim and clip. Turn to the outside and press. Stitch the upper edges together close to the edge. (See Pic D.)

5 Prepare the main bag, with right sides together and starting from centre, pin the gusset to one piece of the bag body. Stitch. With right sides together, stitch the flap to the upper edge of the bag body. (See Pic E.)

6 On the other bag body piece measure and mark the position for the pocket, using the pocket position template place in position and draw around with chalk. (See Pic F.)

7 Cut two 10cm-long pieces of cord (this measurement may vary depending on the style and size of toggles you use). Position the cord and the felt tabs on the pocket and pin in place. (See Pic G.)

8 Cut a further two 8cm-long pieces of cord (this measurement may vary depending on the style and size of toggles you use). Position the tabs and toggles on the flap and place the bag pieces together to check that the measurements work. Once you are happy with the position, stitch the tabs and cord to the pocket piece. Ensure the stitching is close to the edge. (See Pic H.)

9 Place the pocket on the bag front and pin the gusset edge to the chalk line, tack and stitch close to the edge. (See Pic I.)

10 Make the strap, press in 1cm along one long edge of the strap lining

and one long edge of the main fabric strap. Stitch the other edges right sides together. Press and top-stitch both sides of the strap. (See Pic J.)

11 Cut two 8cm pieces off the strap. Thread the slider bar onto the strap, zigzag-stitch both ends of the strap and thread the lobster clasps on. Turn the strap back and stitch the lobster clasp in place on one end. On the other end, thread the strap through slider and stitch in place. (See pics K and L.)

12 Place the front bag piece right sides together with the bag gusset, and pin and stitch. (See Pic M.)

13 Make the bag lining, with right sides together join front and back either side of the gusset. Leave a gap approximately 15cm at the lower edge for turning through. (See Pic N.)

14 Thread the short pieces of strap onto the D-rings and fold in half, stitch to upper edge of gusset. (See Pic O.)

15 With right sides together and the flap folded into the bag, pin and stitch the lining to the opening edge. Turn right side out. (See Pic P.)

16 Using the opening in the lining, position the bag on the machine and under-stitch around the bag opening edge on the lining. (See Pic Q.)

17 Pull the lining out of the bag and press and stitch the gap closed. (See Pic R.)

18 Stitch the tabs and toggles to the upper edge of the flap. Attach the lobster clasps to the D-rings. (See Pic S.)



Where to buy

The vintage blanket featured
here was purchased from
www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Merrimans

Bag hardware is available from
www.textilegarden.com

