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MAKING HANDBAGS Pattern Notes

BASIC HANDBAG PATTERN

Print the pattern file for the basic handbag before you begin. The main purse body is 12 inches wide by 18 inches long. Notches are cut at the center of the purse, 2 inches long and 1 ½ inches deep.

If you are making a purse out of a directional fabric such as toile, add 2 inches to the length on the purse body and do not cut out notches. You will be cutting out a purse pattern 12 inches wide by 20 inches long. Cut through your pattern at the center (10 inches) and stitch the two cut pieces together with a 1 inch seam allowance. Make sure you stitch correctly – you want the direction of the fabric to run top to bottom on both sides of the purse. Pin it before stitching and fold it in half – do the sides look right? After you stitch the seam, press and then cut out your notches. This is demonstrated in the video.

Make sure you transfer your pattern pieces to sturdy paper. Even a good brown paper bag will work.

TULIP HANDBAG PATTERN

The Tulip evening Handbag project is simple and quick to make. This is a great project for the beginning sewer.

Print the pattern file for the tulip handbag before you begin. The main purse body is 12 inches wide by 17 inches long. At the center of the purse body (8 ½ inches) you make a mark 2 inches in toward the center on each side. Now, draw a straight line from this mark to the outside corner of the width, achieving the tulip shape. There are no notches to cut. How easy is this?!?! Just imagine the shapes you can create yourself using our basic instruction! When you master the fundamentals, you can create something unexpected!

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