



Create a Shopping bag

In this project you will - learn how to make a really pretty multipurpose sling bag. When you have a pretty bag to flaunt and put all your shopping knick-knacks in, it's so easy to say 'NO' to Plastic, isn't it?



So let's get cracking. To make a comfortably sized bag, you will need

A colorful piece of hardy fabric that is 18 inches in height and 34 inches in width
A sling-handle that is both pretty and strong, so it can bear the weight of all your shopping.
And lots of beaded pins.

Let's start –
Turn the fabric widthwise with right sides



face-to-face, align the edges and use the beaded pins to secure the two sides as shown in the video. Remember to leave the top open.

Take the fabric to the sewing machine and start to sew.
Ensure you lock the both ends by using the reverse stitch lever. Sew along the pinned side and continue till the end.

Trim the threads and remove the pins of the sewn side.

Repeat the same to sew the opposite side.



Now secure the raw edges of the sides you just stitched with over-edge stitch.

To do this go to the stitch pattern selector and set it on C and move the stitch length selector to 1.

Align the fabric under the foot at the center so that the needle hole is visible. Turn the balance wheel manually to check that the needle moves from the fabric and over the edge. Sew carefully to lock in the raw edges and give it a strong and finished edge.

Take out the fabric and trim off all excess thread on both sides. If there are any frayed edges peeping out, you can trim that too for a better finish.



Now to get on to folding the top edge and attaching the handle simultaneously. Start at one of the seams and fold the top edge with double fold with quarter inch and then half inch. Take the end of the sling handle and insert it into the fold. Use a bead pin to secure all the layers together within the fold.

Continue pinning along the fold of the fabric till you reach the opposite seam. Make sure there are no twists in the bag handle. Attach the other end of the bag handle, fold and pin it in place. Once the fold and handle is pinned securely, get stitching

Turn the stitch pattern selector to A and set the stitch length selector at 2 and a half.

Start sewing the edge along the fold – and yes of course don't forget to remove the beaded pins as you come to them

To ensure the handle is stronger and give it a neater finish stitch just along where the fold is, starting from the seam as you can see in the video.

Turn the bag inside out to the right side. Adjust the corners to make it sharp.

You are now all set for shopping using your brand new guilt-free, environment-friendly shopping bag!





So now go on and make more of these and pass them around to friends and loved ones and do your bit to save planet earth in the process. And be assured, they will love you all the more for it.