

X-RAY BAG INSTRUCTIONS

THE BAG

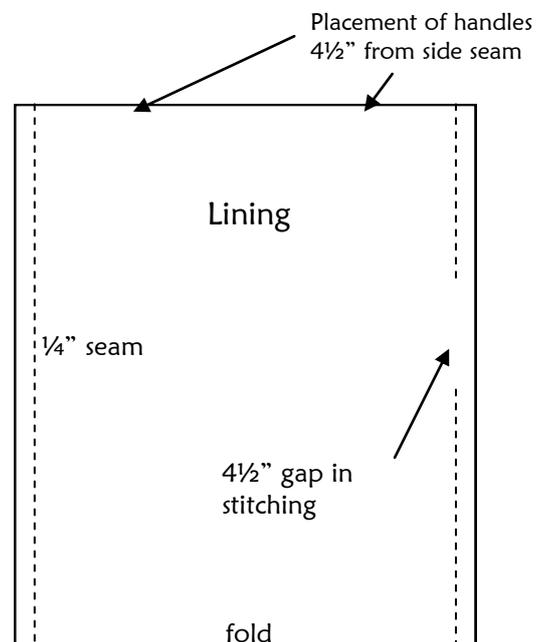
- ✂ The finished size of the bag is 17" x 19" created from a fabric size of 18" x 40". This includes an allowance for ¼" seams.
- ✂ Decorate one side of the bag, by cutting a decorative strip of fabric 7" wide and sewing it to the front of the bag from top to bottom.
- ✂ Complete the bag by folding the fabric in half and sewing up the two sides.
- ✂ Make the lining the same dimensions as the bag, leaving a gap of 4½" in the stitching on one side. (*See below for attaching lining to the bag*)

THE HANDLES

- ✂ Use a piece of fabric 20" long by 4" wide.
- ✂ Turn down ¼" along one side and press.
- ✂ Cut wadding (or non-stick Pellon if desired) 2" wide by the length of the strap.
- ✂ Place the Pellon down the centre of the fabric.
- ✂ Turn the raw edge over the Pellon, then place the folded edge over the top of the raw edge so that it comes to the centre.
- ✂ Top stitch (*in matching colour thread*) down the folded edge.
- ✂ Top stitch two more rows on each side of the centre stitching.

ATTACHING HANDLES AND LINING TO BAG

- ✂ Sew bag and lining as above, leaving a 4½" opening in one of the side seams of the lining.
- ✂ Place lining in the bag with right sides together and seams matching.
- ✂ Checking that both handles are the same length, pin them into position 4½" from the side seam, tucking them between the two layers of fabric. Check that they are not twisted.
- ✂ Taking care that all but the ends of the handles are out of the way, pin, then stitch around top of bag. (If one is a little larger, put a small pleat in so they match in size.)
- ✂ Turn out through the opening in the lining, and stitch closed.
Top stitch ½" from the top edge of the bag and press.



Hand embroidery, machine embroidery or appliqué in gentle colours to co-ordinate with the handles and decorative band on the top of bag, are always appreciated. Please be aware of the designs - we have to be politically correct these days!!

HAPPY SEWING as you make these gifts for some very special ladies at a difficult time in their lives.