



LINED CARRY BAG

perfect for your SAORI handwoven fabric

This pattern results in a finished bag **30cm wide x 43cm high x 10cm deep**. The inclusion of an inner pocket fits your mobile phone and other small essentials. The strong handles, reinforced lower section and base (optional metal feet, protects the bag from abrasion) make it strong enough to carry a serious load!

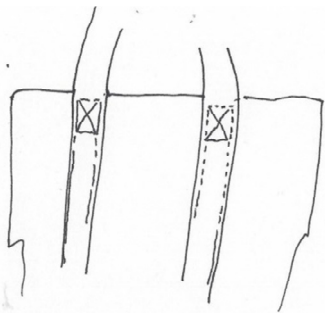
Materials: (these measurements include seam allowance of 1.5cm)

- **Hand-woven cloth for Bag Exterior** (cut 2 pieces 42cm x 37cm) *Note: Can join narrow width hand woven cloth to make up dimensions. Example bag in photos was made from indigo hand-dyed warp, woven at 24cm wide, joined with flat overlap seam for front & back exterior. Lined with hand-dyed indigo shibori cotton. Vintage denim used for lower/base panel & interior pocket.*
- **Strong Cotton cloth** (eg denim, canvas etc) for Lower Panel and Base (cut 1 piece 42cm x 26cm)
- **Heavy duty Interfacing** to stiffen lower panel & base. (cut 1 piece 42cm x 26cm)
- **Herringbone Cotton Tape** (or similar) for handles (140cm x 2 lengths) . This length allows for easy shoulder carrying, but can be shortened to suit. Recommend tape width approx. 2.5cm.
- **Fabric for Lining** (cut 1 piece 96cm x 43cm) Vintage cottons, hand-dyed fabric or patchwork cottons all make good linings. Your own choice!
- **Interior Pocket** (cut 1 piece 19cm x 19cm) Same fabric as lining
- **Coordinating thread** and heavy-duty machine needle.



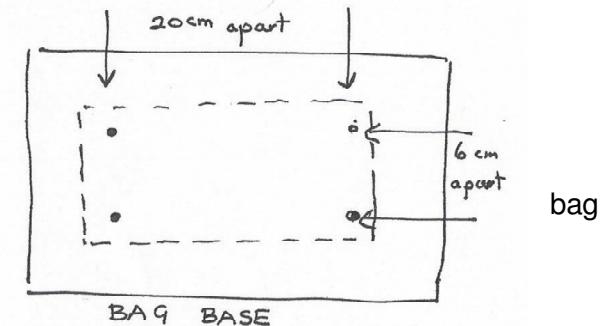
A. ATTACH HANDLES

1. Place one length of handle tape on the front exterior cloth, centred **16cm** apart, aligning the raw ends with the raw bottom edge of the cloth. Be careful not to twist the handle where it extends over the top of the cloth. Pin in place.
2. Mark lines on the handle **4cm** from the raw top edge of the cloth, and again **3cm** down from the first lines.
3. Sew handle to the front exterior cloth one side at a time; stop stitching on your marked line, **4cm** from the top. Begin at the bottom edge, stitch over previous top-stitching on the handle, and create X patterns (*see pic at left*) using your marked lines as guides.
4. Repeat above steps **A1 – 4** to attach second handle to the back exterior cloth.



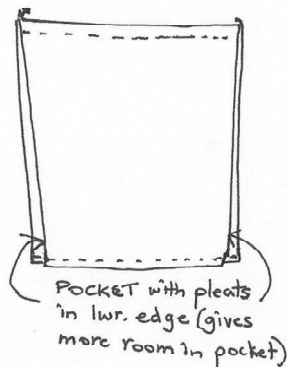
B. PREPARE LOWER/BASE PANEL & FIT OPTIONAL METAL BAG FEET

1. Pin interfacing to wrong side of lower/base panel fabric
2. Mark equidistant **11cm** from both short ends; **10cm** in from long side (marks will be **20cm** apart) *see pic at right*
3. Machine stitch between these marks, making a rectangle. This will stabilise the interfacing. If NOT adding bag feet, move to next section to attach lower/base panel to exterior.
4. **Optional** 4 metal bag feet
5. Mark position with pen on base interfacing (reinforcement) – just inside each corner of stitched rectangle.
6. Punch small hole through both cloth and interfacing
7. Insert bag feet (through right side of base cloth) and fold back metal to sit flat on wrong side.



C. ATTACH LOWER/BASE PANEL

1. Take the front exterior cloth, and with lower/base panel upside down (the bottom edge lying towards the top raw edge of one outer cloth), **right** sides together, align raw edges and pin in place.
2. Sew together with a 1.5cm seam allowance.
3. Flip the Bottom Panel into place. Press. Top-stitch along edge on cloth exterior.
4. Repeat all above steps **C1-4** to attach lower/base panel to back exterior cloth.

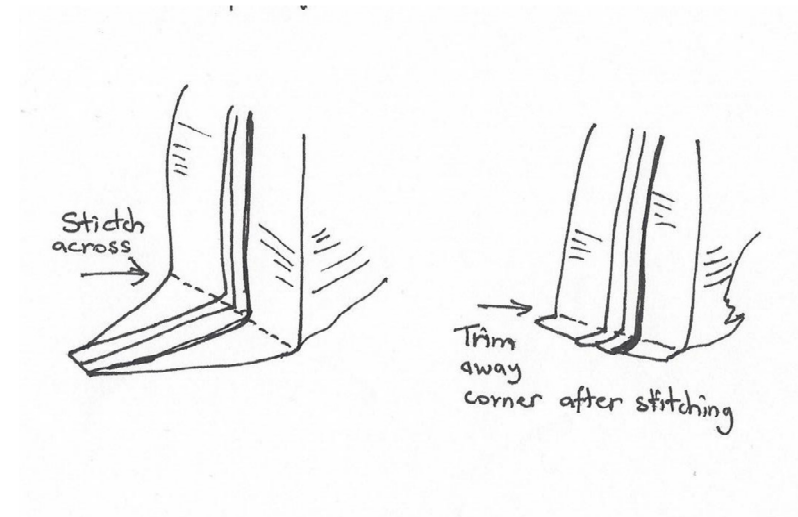


D. ADD INTERIOR POCKET

1. Prepare pocket by turning top edge, sides and bottom edge and sewing 1cm in from edge.
2. Create small pleat in lower edge and stay stitch.
3. Pin to **RIGHT** side of lining, approx. **10cm** down from top edge.
4. Stitch sides and lower edge of pocket to lining.

E. CONSTRUCT BAG EXTERIOR & LINING

1. With right sides together, place the both front & back exterior cloth together, being sure to align the handles and the tops of the lower/base panel.
2. Sew along the side seams using a 1.5cm seam allowance.
3. Pinch one bottom corner together so that the side seam and the bottom seam touch. Mark up **5cm** from the corner point and draw a **10cm** line across the corner. Stitch on the line. Stitch again to reinforce. Trim the seam allowance. Repeat on the second bottom corner (*see pic at right*)
4. Repeat Steps **E1-4** with the Lining Fabric.



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F. JOIN OUTER SHELL & LINING

1. Pin the Handles down onto the bag exterior so they are out of the way.
2. With the bag exterior right side out, and the lining right side in, place the bag exterior into the lining so that the right sides are together and the top, raw edges align.
3. Pin in place, matching the side seams and avoiding the handles.
4. Sew together with a 1.5cm seam-allowance, leaving **10cm** opening for turning.
5. Reach into the opening and turn the bag right side out. Position the lining in place and press
6. Edge-stitch the top-seam, closing the opening for turning as you do so. Then top-stitch **1.5cm** down from the edge-stitching (on the bag exterior).
7. Admire your handiwork and enjoy using your bag!