

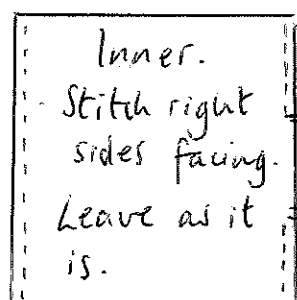
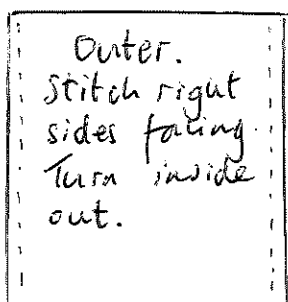
FABRIC BAGS

These are useful ways of using smaller/thicker/thinner fabric. They also provide something suitable for boys.

You will need:

- 2 rectangles of fabric the same size for the bag.
- 2 strips of fabric 8-10 cm wide and 20-25cm long for the handles.

Bag:



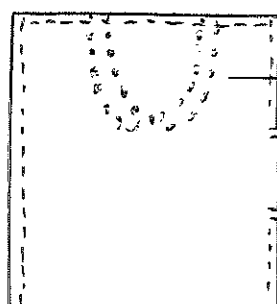
leave gap
unsewn.

- Fold rectangles in half with right side inside.
- Sew down both sides of the outer fabric.
- Sew down both sides of the inside fabric **leaving a 10cm gap** in one side.
- Turn and iron the outer bag so that the right side is on the outside.
- Place this inside the inner bag. You will find that the right sides of each are now facing each other. A knitting needle is useful for aligning the bottom and corners.

Handles:

- Turn in a narrow edge along both long sides of each handle.
- Fold each handle lengthways with right sides outside. Sew along the length.
- **Or** with right sides inside sew a seam along the length and one end of the handle. Turn inside out. (Can be tricky! I use a knitting needle.)

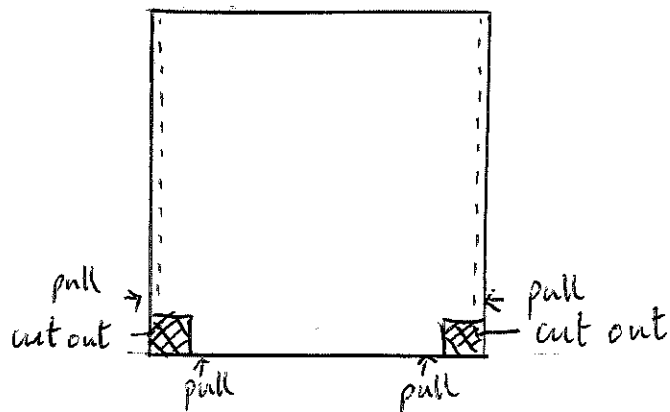
Making up:



position handles
downwards between
inner + outer bags.
Stitch all round top.

- Insert handles between the outer and inner bag on each side and pin/tack in place. **They should be placed inside the bag** not outside – seems counter intuitive but it will come right!
- Edge sew all round the top of the bag.
- Pull the outer bag through the gap in the inner bag and straighten out. Iron.
- Sew up the open part of the lining seam. Put lining inside.
- An edge seam around the top of bag will hold everything firmly together. If you omit this the bag is reversable which you might want if the fabric is suitable.

Structured bag:



- With a larger bag it is easy to make shaped bottom corners.
- As soon as you have sewn the side seams cut out a small square of fabric at each lower corner of inner and outer bags.
- Pull the bag so that the 2 inner sides of the square become a straight line.
- Sew a seam along this straight line.
- Continue with the pattern as above.