

Make This Beautiful Evening Bag!



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The Japanese Evening Bag

This beautiful evening bag was inspired by my recent visit to a fantastic fabric shop in Barcelona called 'Nunoya'. They stock the widest range of Japanese fabrics in Europe, and they also sell online via their website www.nunoya.com.

This compact Japanese evening bag is perfect for those essentials you need to take with you on an evening out, and it takes very little fabric. I plan to make these bags as presents for my friends and family. I am sure they will love them.

You will need the following supplies for the project –

Main bag fabric –
fabric piece 55cm x
30 cm

Lining Fabric– fabric
piece 55cm x 30 cm

A 10 inch Zip (25cm)

Fusible interfacing if
you want to make
the bag a little stiffer
and give it some
body – 55cm x 30
cm (Optional)

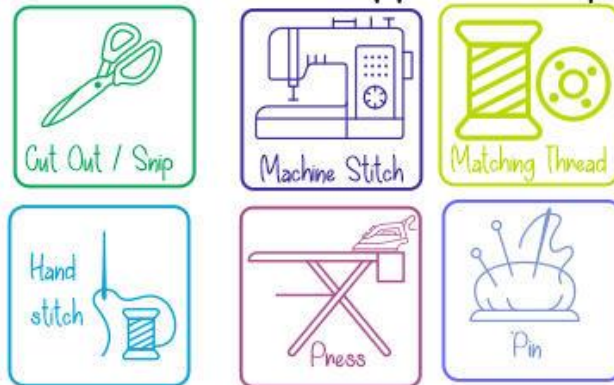
Matching thread



Choose a beautiful bag fabric!

Equipment — you will need access to:

You will need - Supplies & Equipment



Plus your pattern printed out

CUTTING OUT

Cut out 1

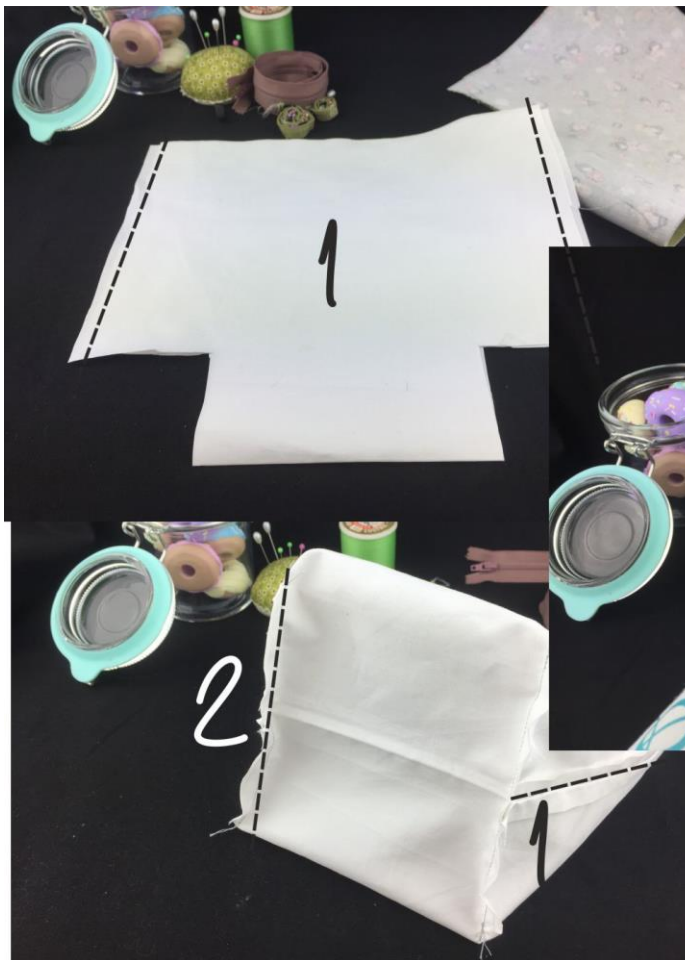
pattern piece on the fold of the fabric in the main bag fabric, do the same for the lining fabric and also the fusing if you have chosen to use it.

You can use pins to secure your pattern, but I love to use these 'doughnut' shaped pattern weights!



Sewing your bag

Step 1 – let's start with the lining – place the lining piece with RST (Right Sides Together) and sew the side seams. If you press the side seam as shown, you will see how to 'pinch' the base seams together for sewing. If you are unsure, a good idea is to pin the seams first to work it out. This is a little tricky to work out at first but take a little time to make sure you have it worked out correctly.



1. First stitch the lining side seams.

2. Sew the base seams.

Step 2. If you are applying a fusible interfacing to your main bag fabric, then do this now, the shiny side of the fusing should be placed down onto the wrong side of the fabric and apply pressure to fuse. If you need more help with this then take a look

at my blog article 'the best way to apply fusible interfacing at home'.

Sew the zip to the main bag fabric as shown, don't worry if your zip is slightly too long, it can be trimmed down after sewing. Press the zip gently into position.

Place the zip with the right side of the zip (the side you would see when the bag is finished) down onto the right side of the fabric. Use a zipper foot to sew the zip tape to the bag seam allowance as shown below.



Step 3. Making the bag straps – you can choose to make your own straps by cutting strips of fabric as shown below or use a pretty ribbon or trim.

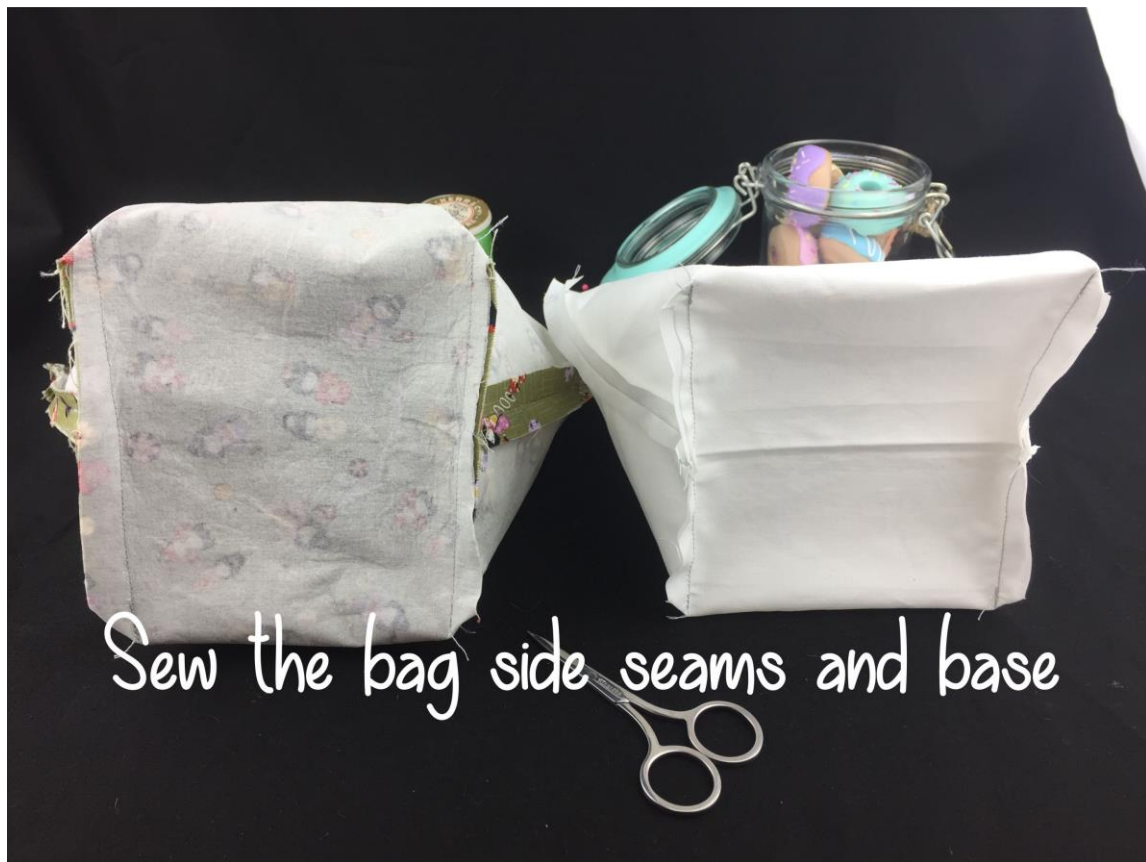
Make one small strap loop and one longer strap loop. I chose to make straps in the main bag fabric out of strips that I folded in half, stitched and turned through and pressed. If you started with a piece of fabric 55cm x 30cm there is enough fabric left over to cut straps! (See the cutting guide above).



Now pin the bag straps to the zip ends, you can hand tack the bag straps into position if you need to so that they don't slip when you move to the next step..



Step 4. Now sew the main bag in the same way you sewed the bag lining in step 1, sandwiching the strap loops as you sew. Give the bag a good press and turn it through.



Step 5. Turn the main bag so that the main fabric is to the outside. The bag lining can now be slipped inside the main bag and handstitched neatly in place around the top edge.



You are finished... or are you - why not experiment with adding some decorative buttons, bows, or decorative trims!



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