

TOILETRY BAG

Skill level: Familiarity with sewing terminology needed

(Sample bags are available from Roundabout at Holt)



CHOOSE YOUR MATERIALS

Fabric

Fabric should be good quality, clean and similar weight to patchwork or polycotton (heavier weight fabrics such as corduroy or upholstery fabrics are too thick for the required snap closures).

Please make sure any patterns or images are suitable for either children or adults.

Side Loop

The easiest way to make the loop is to use a good quality ribbon at least 2.5cm/1" wide.

You can also make a fabric loop, using the same or contrasting fabric as the bag.

CUT YOUR PIECES



Toiletry bags are a single rectangle of fabric along with either a ribbon or a fabric loop.

Bags can be made in any of three sizes - small, large or extra large. The following table lists the **sizes to cut your fabric** for each

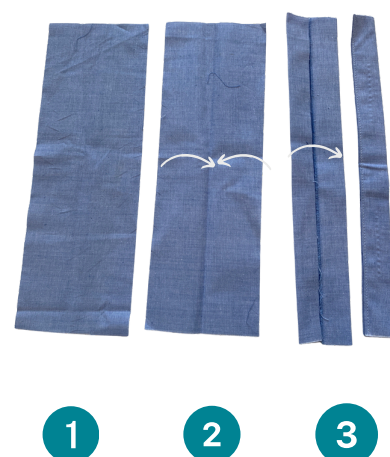
	Width	Height
SMALL BAG	48CM / 19"	34CM / 13.5"
LARGE BAG	63CM / 19"	43CM / 17"
EXTRA LARGE BAG	84CM / 33"	51CM / 20"
RIBBON LOOP	20CM / 8"	2.5CM / 1"
FABRIC LOOP	20CM / 8"	10CM / 4"

FOLD, IRON & STITCH



If Making a Fabric Loop

1. With the wrong side of the fabric facing up, fold each handle in half along the long sides and press to create the centre fold.
2. Open out and fold the raw edges of the long side to the centre fold and press again.
3. Fold once more along the centre fold and press well. This gives you four layers of fabric with no raw edges along the long side of the handle.
4. Bring the two short ends together and pin to form loop.

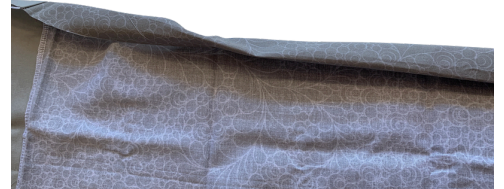


FOLD, IRON & STITCH CONTINUED



Body of the Bag

1. Sew the top hem before the side seams to help to get the correct placement of the loop.
2. Fold the top (long) edge over 2.5cm. Press.
3. Fold over 2.5cm again. Press.
4. Sew along the folded edge.

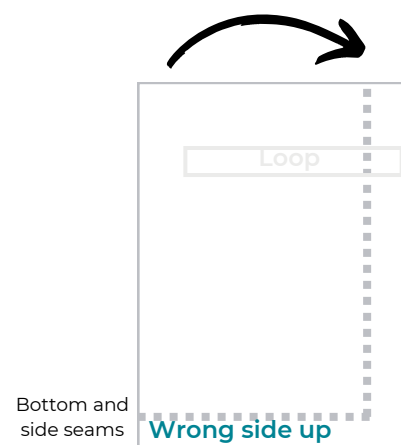


5. Lay your bag piece horizontally and right side up.

6. Place the loop on top of the bag with the open ends of the loop (fabric or ribbon) along the short edge, below the finished top hem and pin (this ensures the loop is on the outside of the bag once finished and turned right side out).



7. Bring the two short edges of the bag piece together, right sides together and with the loop now in between the two layers.
 8. Sew the bottom and side seams together in one go, passing over the loop ends.
 9. Finish your seam with a zig zag stitch.
- Turn the bag the right side out.



FINISHING



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Give your bag a final press, trim any stray or uncut threads and check you have removed all pins.

Closures

Please don't add any closures - we will attach plastic snaps when you bring the otherwise finished bag back to Roundabout Canberra.

Returning to Roundabout

Bring your finished bags back to Roundabout and hand to staff or drop them in the donation trolley at the door.

THANK YOU!

The bag or bags you have sewn bring such delight to our volunteers when they pack essential items into them, and the recipients of these packs will be delighted to receive a pack made with such care and love.

Did you know?

In 2023, Roundabout Canberra gifted more than 4000 cloth bags!