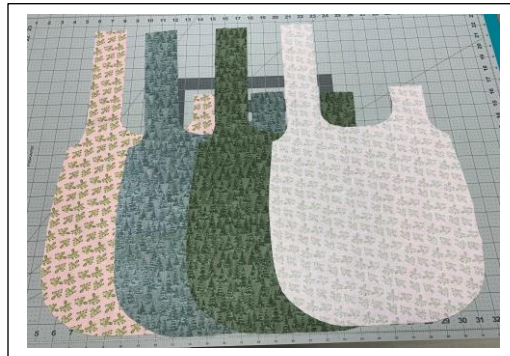


How to Make a Japanese Knot Bag

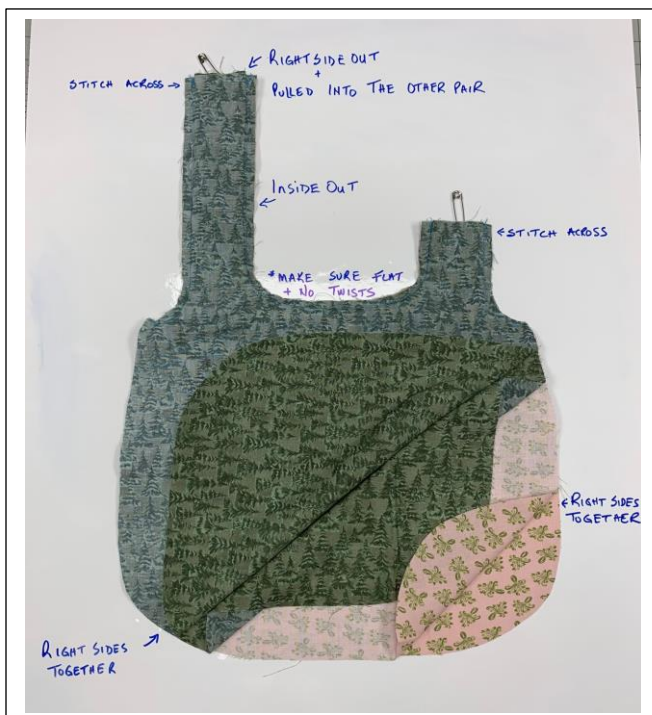
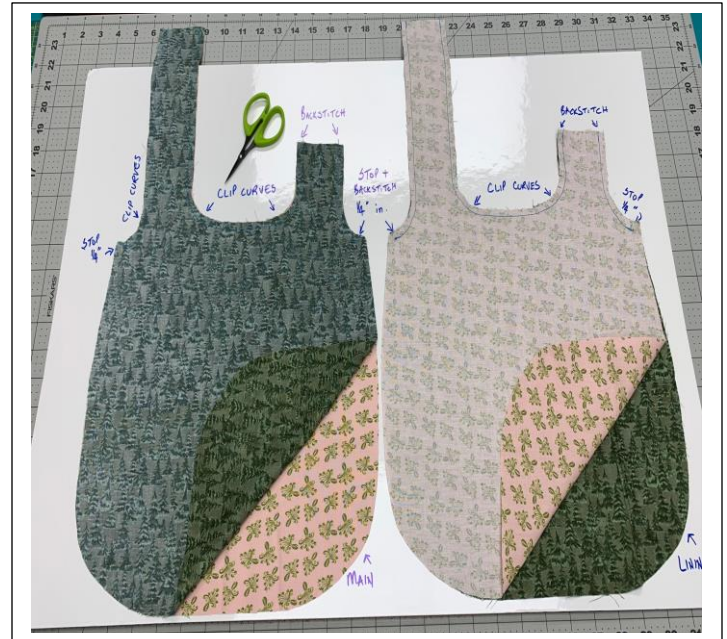
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1. With right sides of fabric together fold fabric so that you can cut on the fold from the template, cut 2 pieces for exterior of bag and 2 pieces for lining of bag. Open fabric and cut one side of handle shorter to match template.

2. Lay your fabric out as follows:
 - Outside of bag right side up
 - Lining of bag right side down
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 - Outside of bag right side down



3. Mark $\frac{1}{4}$ " on bottom edge of handle, sew right sides together of top 2 pieces, sew up side of handles on both sides and around the centre using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam backstitching at beginning and end, snip curves. Repeat for 2nd 2 pieces. Turn and press handles and centre of bag.



4. Turn one piece to the wrong side, slide the other piece into the bag matching top of handles, lay out flat, make sure it's not twisted, match raw edges, right sides touching each other, stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " across top (long tweezers help with turning).

5. Pull handles apart, press and topstitch all around inside circle.



6. Put right side of outer fabric and right side of lining fabric together, make sure it lays flat, stitch all the way around outer edge leaving space in lining to turn. Be careful not to stitch your handles to the sides.

7. Turn and stitch space in lining. Topstitch outside of both handles and press.



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