

HANDBAG PROJECT

Materials

- cotton fabric black, red, patterned and a small piece in pale green
- 1 button (approx. 15mm)
- 1 zipper (16 cm)
- 9 cm cotton ribbon (2 cm wide)
- red and black sewing thread
- multicoloured embroidery thread
- fusible webbing
- tear away stabilizer
- adhesive spray
- small embroidery scissors, fabric scissors
- a compass

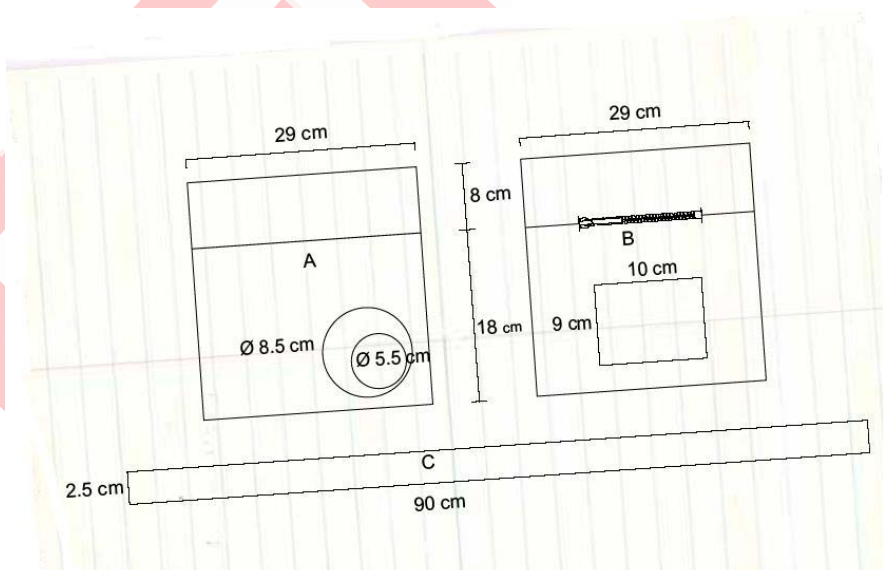


Cut out to size

Cut the pieces according to the plan, adding 1.5 cm seam allowances. The patterned border piece at the bag opening is folded towards the inside and therefore needs to be cut out 16 x 29 cm.

Cut the handle double, so that the finished width is 2.5 cm.

In addition, cut out one black rectangular piece, 19 x 25 cm for the inner zipper pocket and one piece, 13.5 x 12.5 cm (seam allowances included) for the outside pocket.



Finished measurements

(all seam allowances have to be added)

A= Front piece

B= Back piece

C= Handle

Sewing

Edges

- Neaten all edges (except handle) with zig-zag No. 2 and Foot No. 2 (or No. 1).

Border

- Sew the 'flower' border fabric right-sides together to the front piece. As the zipper will be inserted at the back piece, sew this seam as follows: begin sewing at both edges for 8 cm and secure the ends. Close the 16 cm in the middle with the longest possible straight stitch (basting). Insert zipper.
- Attach the inner bag to the seam allowance of the zipper.

Appliqué:

- Prepare the two circles with the fusable webbing. Sew the green circle (Foot No. 20) with the blanket stitch (stitch length: basic setting, stitch width: 5), then sew the flowered circle with the feather stitch (stitch length and width: basic setting) a little staggered.



Set up of outer pocket:

Decorate the lower right corner with decorative stitches (Foot No. 20, using functions as pattern end and mirror). Make a hem at the opening edge of the bag with the blind hem stitch No. 7 and Foot No. 5. Iron all seam allowances to the inside, pin the pocket onto the back side and edge stitch it with the straight stitch (Foot No. 10). Be careful not to catch onto the inner zipper pocket.

TIP: Use function 'needle down', so the needle remains in the fabric and the project can be turned without it moving.

Handle:

- Fold the fabric-strip lengthwise in half (right sides inwards), sew the long and one short side of the handle and turn it. Topstitch all sides. Starting at the closed edge, work two buttonholes in a distance of 2 and 6 cm.
- Sew on the button with the button sew on programme, approximately 3 cm under the border and 6 cm from the left edge. Use Foot No. 1 or No. 18 (optional).
- Sew handle onto the back side of the bag with the Darning programme approximately 3 cm above the border line and near the zipper.

Construction of the bag:

- Put the bag's front and back side onto each other (right side inwards) and close the seams. Do not fold the borders yet and pay attention that the lines match. Turn the bag to the outside.
- Iron the allowances of the border and fold it to the inside. The border must cover the seam a little. Now sew it in the seam lines (between bag and border), starting at the end of the zipper and ending at the beginning of the zipper. Sew the part where the zipper is by hand (invisible).

