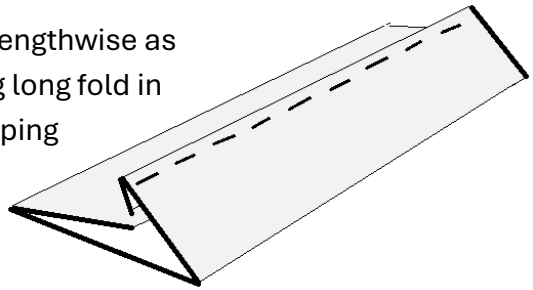
Lined Tote.

Size is flexible but allow ½ inch or 1.2cm for seams. Generally, work around a finished size of approx. 17" sq or 43cm sq or– give or take a few inches! Easier to do in batches. Instructions below are for bags this size but can be adapted to suit the fabric you have available

Preparation

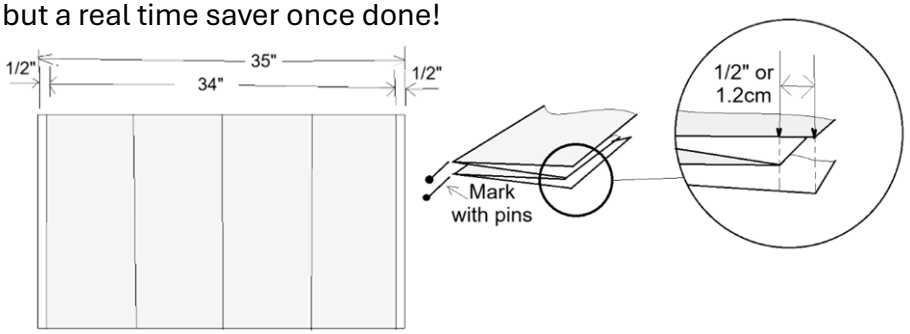
Create

1) **1 x Outer Piece** in medium to heavy weight fabric – **35"x 21"** (or 88cm x 52cm)
    a. This outer piece can also be made by sewing right side to right side together **two pieces 18" x 21" (**or 45cm x 52cm) along one short edge allowing a half inch or 1.2cm seam Press seam open after sewing
2) **1 x Lining** in medium to light fabric – 15cm or 6" shorter than piece 1) but same width. **35"x 15" or** (88cm x 37cm)
    a. This lining can also be made by sewing right side to right side together **two pieces 18" x 15" (**or 45cm x 37cm) along one short edge, Press seam open after sewing
3) **2 Straps** in medium to heavy weight fabric – NB – best make long lengths of strap and cut to length as needed.
    a. Cut long strips **2½"** (or 7cm) wide. A **16"** (or 40cm) length of strap will do 1 handle, make longer for over the shoulder if you wish
    b. Fold and press straps lengthwise as shown then stich along long fold in middle, as shown, trapping rough edge under the folded edge

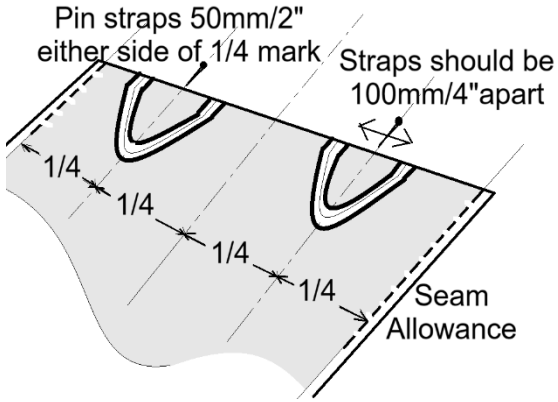


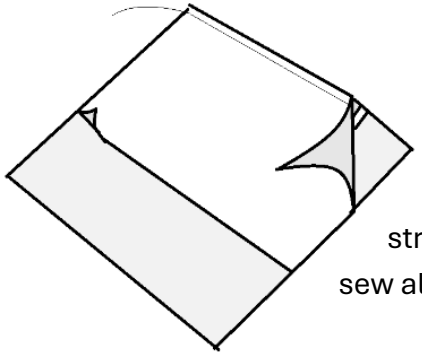
Assembly

4) Adjusting for seam allowances divide top long edge of outer piece into 4. A "no -measure" way involves folding fabric in half, then fold back again but with outside edges over sailing the first fold edge by ½" or 1.2cm(seam allowance). Tricky to visualise but a real time saver once done!



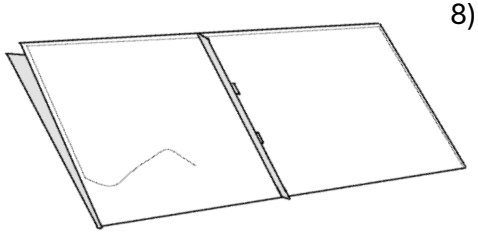
5) Pin the straps smooth side to right side of outer fabric as shown about 2" or 50mm either side of centres marked with pins.





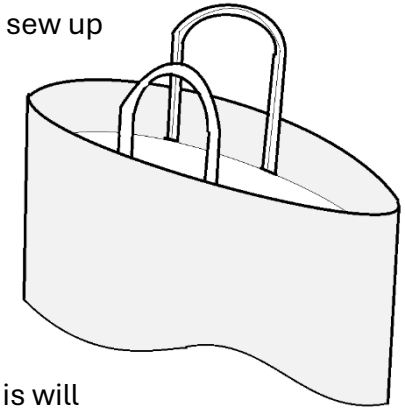
6) Right side to right side, pin lining to outer layer, sandwiching straps between lining and outer and sew along strap edge.

7) Open out then press the new seams up over the outer layer.



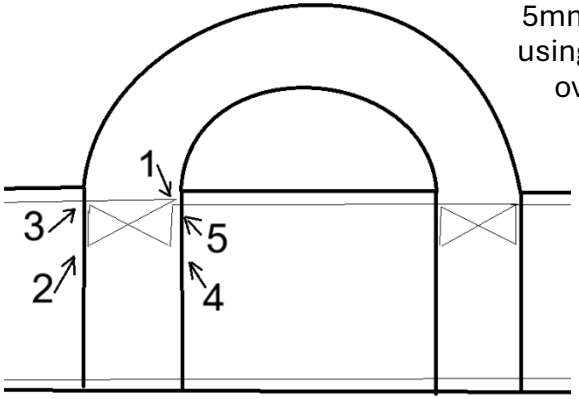
8) Fold as shown, right side to right side, and sew all round leaving a 100mm/4” gap in the lining piece to allow to turn inside out.

9) Turn right side out through hole in lining, sew up gap in lining and push lining into bag.



10) Even up the ‘cuff’ and press round top edge – pin straps to keep them in place sew all round 5mm / ¼” above the lining/outer shell seam. This will help strengthen the straps and join between the layers of the bag

11) Sew around top edge, about 5mm/1/4” in from top edge using diagonal reinforcement over the straps as shown,



The Harleston Re-User Pattern



Top bag is with ‘outer layer’ showing, lower bag has been turned inside out so the lining is the show side with the ‘outer layer’ forming the cuff