

You will need:

- ◇ 1 metre Main bag fabric (medium or heavy weight fabrics)
- ◇ 1 metre fabric suitable for the lining
- ◇ Sewing threads to match your chosen fabric(s)
- ◇ The usual tools: Scissors, pins, sewing needle

Sewing machine is recommended.

Optional: Small amount of wadding or stuffing

COMFY SHOULDER TOTE

pcbangles sewing pattern

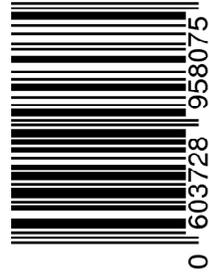
✦ *Suitable for beginners*



Comfy shoulder
padding

Handy apron-style pocket

Comfortable shoulder tote bag
with apron-style pocket
(soft toys not included :)



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This is a quick and easy bag to sew - fully lined with handy pocket and a comfortable padded shoulder strap.

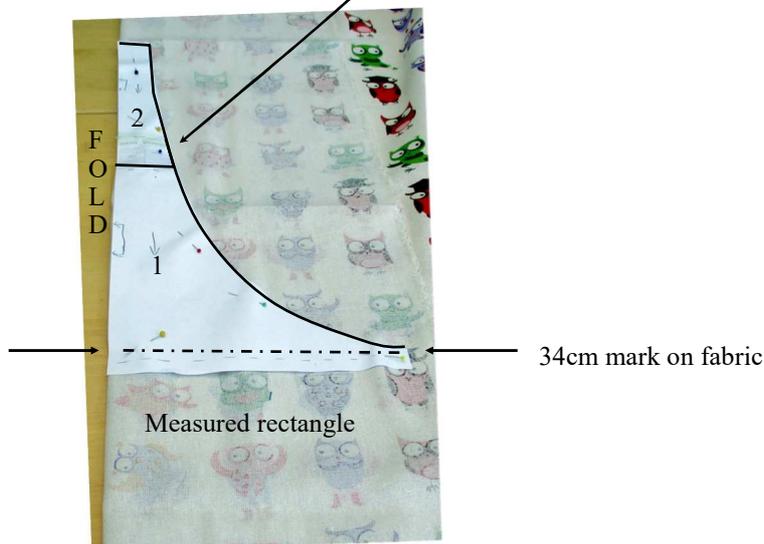
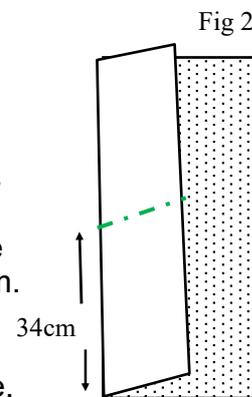
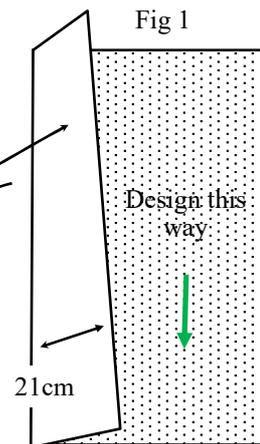
Hope you enjoy making (and using) your bag :)

All pieces include a seam allowance of 1cm

CUTTING OUT :

If you used one of my patterns before, you'll know that I never use pattern pieces that need cellotaping together. Hmm ... this bag looked like it would prove the exception, but we found a way around this :) Get your fabrics and cuppas together and here goes

- 1 Start by folding your main fabric lengthways to give you a 21cm width. Fold against the right side of your fabric (to work on the back) See Fig 1. *Make sure any design or pattern any patterned fabric follows the length too.*
- 2 Double check that you have 21cm from the fold to edge.
- 3 Now measure 34cm along the fold, from the bottom edge (you can make this longer for a deeper bag, or shorter and it will not affect the make-up of our bag. Very lightly mark across the back of the fabric with dressmakers chalk, or coloured pencil. See fig 2. This will form the "bag end" of our tote ... eventually :)
- 4 Now take pattern piece no 1 and place this against the fold, with it overlapping your drawn line by approx 1cm. See Fig 3 below
- 5 Next place pattern piece no 2 against the fold and sit it above pattern No 1 (both pieces can align this time, no need for any overlap)



CUTTING OUT CONT :

- 6 Use as many pins as you need to keep the pieces and bag end in place, then cut the whole piece. That's first half of our bag - no more jigsawing pieces, you'll be glad to hear :)
- 7 Use this piece folded, or open, as your template to cut out the other half of the bag all in one this time :)
- 8 Use one of your main fabric bag pieces as a template and cut two lining pieces next.
- 9 Lastly, we need to cut the pockets out. One in main fabric and one in lining fabric.

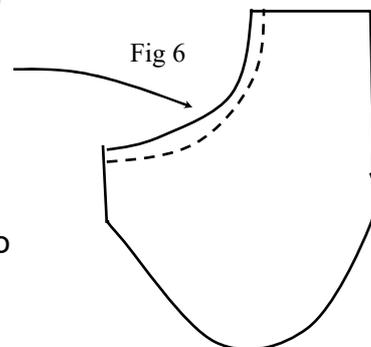
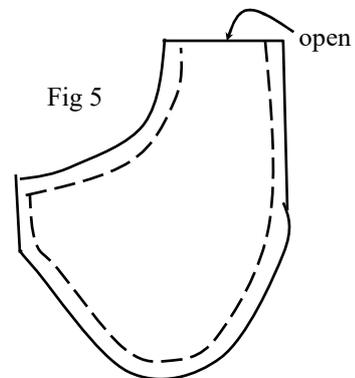


Using our first piece to cut out the linings. I'm working on the fold again but you can open the template if you find that easier.

Simple ! We are ready to stitch

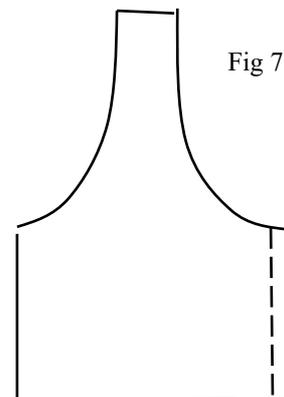
MAKING UP THE POCKET :

- 1 Pair up the main and lining pocket pieces. Pin them, right sides together all around the edges.
- 2 Sew around the pocket, keeping to 1cm seam allowance, but leave the top straight edge open for turning. See fig 5.
- 3 Carefully clip around the curved edges, keeping inside your seam allowance - do not clip your stitching !
- 4 Turn the pocket through the opening at the top and press.
- 5 Pin stitch along the curved opening edge only. (ie keeping close to the edge, stitching 2 or 3mm away from this). This stitching can be in a decorative contrast colour if you wish.
- 6 Next, turn the raw opened edges at the top to the inside (approximately 1cm) . Pin or tack to hold this in place and press again.
- 7 Put the pocket to one side for now—and go grab a cuppa x



TIME TO MAKE UP OUR BAG :

- 1 Begin with our bags outer pieces. Pin these (right sides together) down one edge only and sew - keeping to our 1cm seam. (see fig 7)
- 2 Press the seam open. *You can neaten the raw edges if you wish (although these will be hidden by the lining on the finished bag).*



THE SHOULDER STRAP :

- 1 Our bag does not look quite bag-like yet - no straps we can use ! On the outer of the bag, pin the top straight edges (right sides together) and sew a 1cm seam. This forms the top of our shoulder strap. See Fig 11.
- 2 Do the same on the lining. Remember to sew your seam on the wrong side (seamed side).
- 3 Press open the seam on both the lining and outer. *Optional; you can sew down either side of the open seam 3 or 4mm as before if you wish.*
- 4 Check the edges shown red in Fig 12. Start with the outer, we need to turn both these edges 1cm towards the wrong side of the fabric. Pin (or possibly tacking will be easier) and press. *If you find it difficult to turn the bottom of the curve, try clipping this a few times (very carefully) no more than our 1cm turned edge please.*
- 5 Tack to hold the turning in place.
- 6 Do exactly the same to the lining, turning the edges to the wrong side (seamed side :) and press. Tacking will help hold the turning in place again.

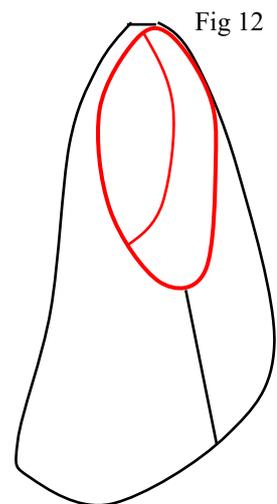
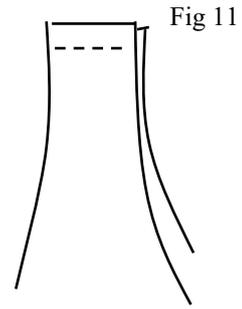
Now we're looking more bag—like (I hope :)

PUTTING THE BAG TOGETHER :

We've already turned and pressed the raw edges around our strap to the wrong side on both outer and lining and this will make the next part so much easier.

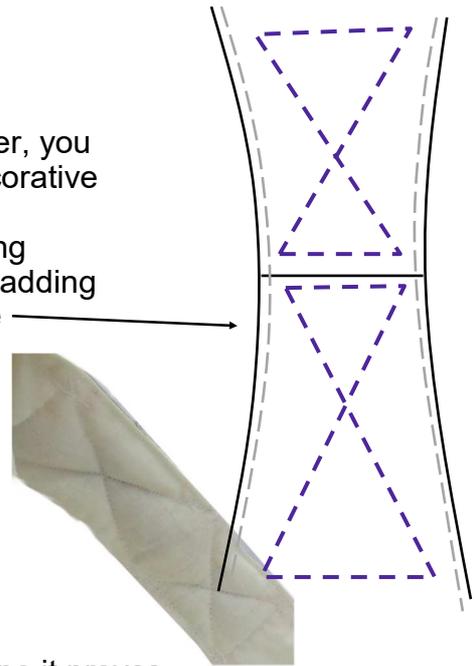
- 1 With the bag turned through to the right side, put the bag lining inside (the lining will be inside-out so that the seams are hidden) .
- 2 Working on the right side of the strap, pin the shoulder seams of both outer and lining (wrong sides against each other) and continue pinning edge to edge on both sides, all around the strap.
- 3 If you are adding wadding or a small amount of stuffing over the shoulder (makes the bag nice and comfy) push this inside now and pin or tack to hold this in place, ready for stitching. I lightly stuff about 7cm each side of the shoulder seam, but go for it if you want more as the quilting on top can add some nice textured interest :) *Just to add not to over-stuff, or you will not get any stitching over the top !*

- 4 Pin stitch around both edges (just 2 or 3mm away from the edge. See the edges marked in red Fig 12 again) Keep the turned edges lined up neatly as possible. Sew a second row of stitching 5 or 6mm from the first. See photo above.



PUTTING THE BAG TOGETHER CONT :

- 5 If you have added the padding on the shoulder, you can now add some simple quilting this is decorative but will also hold the wadding in position :)
- 6 Mine is just very simple - two rows of stitching crossed and a top and bottom to help keep wadding in place :) shown blue on the diagram here



And that's it :) Away you go

Thank you for joining me in making this bag - hope it proves useful - and fun to make :)



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line this up with
pattern piece 2

CUT ALL THE CROSSED
SECTION AWAY

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INCHES

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Place to fold

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1cm seam allowance included

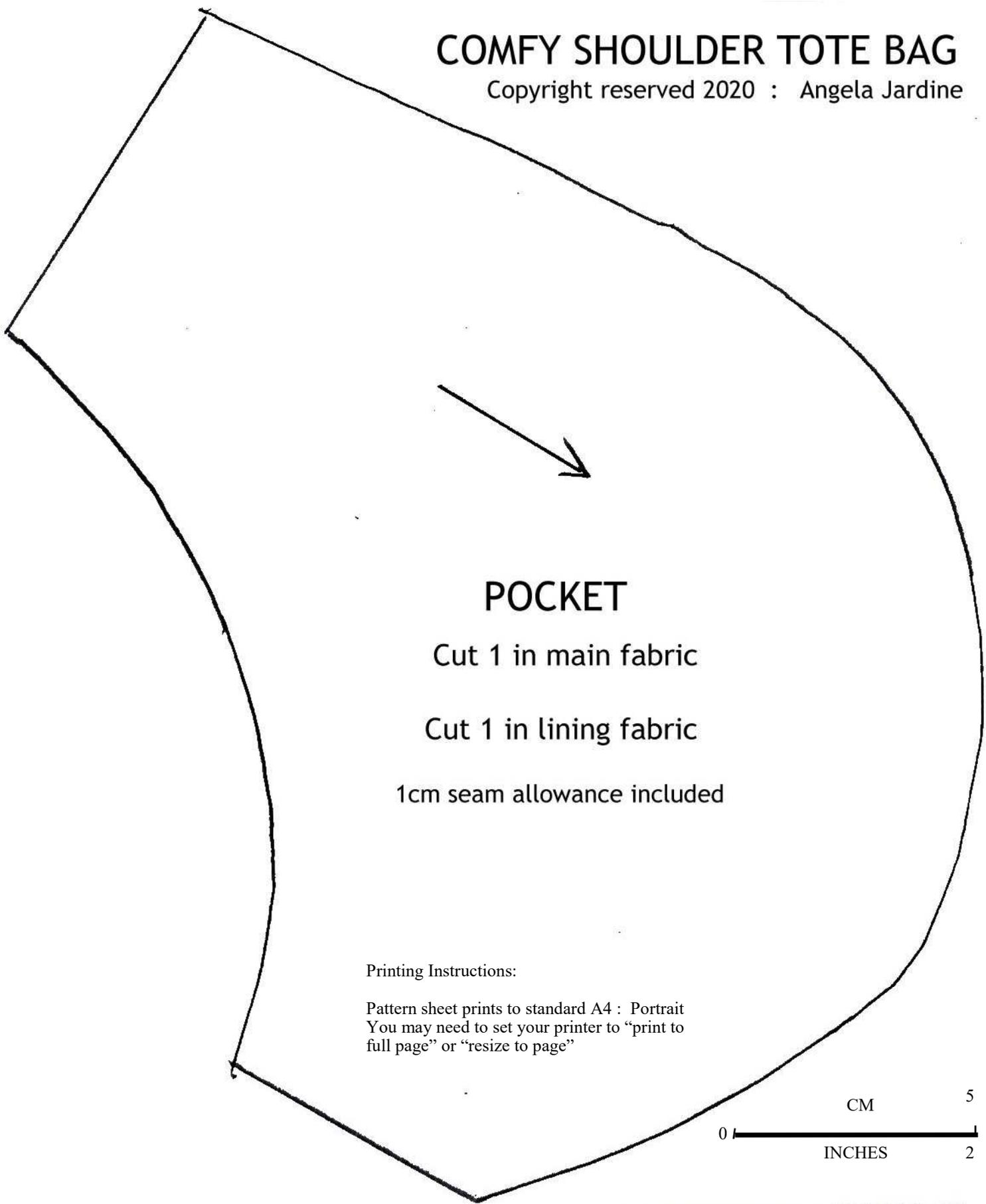
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POCKET

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Cut 1 in lining fabric

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