

## Vintage Fabric Handbag

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Create the perfect fashion accent with this simple vintage-look handbag! Make several in colors to match any ensemble!

### Materials

- 1 yard [vintage-look fabric](#)
- 1 yard [coordinating lining fabric](#)
- 2 3"x18" strips vintage-look fabric for handles
- 4 round 1" wooden beads with 1/2" hole
- Pattern paper

### Tools

- [Ruler](#)
- [Marking pen](#)
- [Basic sewing supplies](#)

### Directions

1. Cut two 13" x 15-1/2" pieces each of outside and lining fabrics.
2. Make a pattern piece that is 7-3/4" wide x 13" deep. Place the pattern on the fabric to cut on the fold. The scoop in the bag then is 1/4 of a circle. These measurements allow for a 1/2" seam allowance and 1-1/2" gussets. Scoop on top side of back is a 1/4 circle beginning 2" in from the sides, and the deepest section is 2-3/4".
3. To make handles, turn one handle piece under 1/2" and stitch 1/4" from folded edge. Fold raw edge under 3/4", and fold sewn edge over. Stitch

using decorative stitch down center of handle. Repeat for second handle.

4. Thread two wooden beads on each handle and slide to the middle.
5. Place one lining piece and one outside fabric piece, right sides together. Place one handle 1/4" from raw edge, centered in the section on each side of the scoop and sandwiched between lining and outside fabric.
6. Stitch handle and top section together.
7. Repeat with second pieces of lining, outside fabric and handle.
8. Open each of the above sections and place right sides together, like sides together.
9. Stitch using 1/2" seam allowance, around the scoop, and around the outside of the bag, leaving a 5" opening in the lining for turning. Clip and press all edges. To square off bottom corners of bag and lining, at each corner, pull seam flat to form a triangle with the seam in the middle. Stitch straight across the triangle 1-1/2" in from the point. Repeat on each corner. Clip close to seam.
10. Turn bag right side out, gently pushing corners in place. Press seams. Stitch lining opening closed.
11. Before putting lining inside bag, top stitch around outside of bag, squaring off both side and bottom gussets.
12. Turn lining into bag. Slide wooden beads in place on handles.

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