

12 Fun To Make Bags For All Occasions

Bags are a great way to add style and functionality to any outfit. They can be used to carry everything from your essentials to your groceries. And the best part is, they're easy to make yourself!



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In this article, we'll show you how to make 12 different types of bags, from tote bags to backpacks to clutches and more. So whether you're looking for a new everyday bag or a special occasion bag, we've got you covered.

1. Tote bag

Tote bags are one of the most versatile bags you can make. They're perfect for carrying everything from your groceries to your laptop. And they're easy to make, too.

To make a tote bag, you'll need:

- 1 yard of fabric

- 2 straps of fabric, each 24 inches long
- A sewing machine
- Thread

Instructions:

1. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise and stitch the sides together, leaving a 4-inch opening at the top for the straps.
2. Turn the bag right side out and press the seams.
3. Fold the top edge of the bag down by 1 inch and press.
4. Fold the top edge down again by 1 inch and press.
5. Stitch the top edge of the bag down, close to the folded edge.
6. Insert the straps into the opening at the top of the bag and stitch them in place.

2. Backpack

Backpacks are a great option for carrying your belongings around hands-free. They're perfect for school, work, or travel.

To make a backpack, you'll need:

- 1 yard of fabric
- 2 yards of cording or ribbon
- A sewing machine
- Thread

Instructions:

1. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise and stitch the sides together, leaving a 4-inch opening at the top for the straps.
2. Turn the bag right side out and press the seams.
3. Cut two pieces of cording or ribbon, each 36 inches long.
4. Thread the cording or ribbon through the opening at the top of the bag and tie the ends together.
5. Repeat on the other side of the bag.
6. Fold the top edge of the bag down by 1 inch and press.
7. Fold the top edge down again by 1 inch and press.
8. Stitch the top edge of the bag down, close to the folded edge.

3. Clutch

Clutches are a stylish and elegant option for carrying your essentials. They're perfect for a night out or a special occasion.

To make a clutch, you'll need:

- 1/2 yard of fabric
- A zipper, 6 inches long
- A sewing machine
- Thread

Instructions:

1. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise and stitch the sides together, leaving a 2-inch opening at the top for the zipper.
2. Turn the bag right side out and press the seams.
3. Insert the zipper into the opening at the top of the bag and stitch it in place.
4. Fold the top edge of the bag down by 1 inch and press.
5. Fold the top edge down again by 1 inch and press.
6. Stitch the top edge of the bag down, close to the folded edge.

4. Drawstring bag

Drawstring bags are a great option for carrying your gym clothes, groceries, or other bulky items. They're easy to make and can be customized to your own style.

To make a drawstring bag, you'll need:

- 1 yard of fabric
- 2 yards of cording or ribbon
- A sewing machine
- Thread

Instructions:

1. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise and stitch the sides together, leaving a 4-inch opening at the top for the cording.

2. Turn the bag right side out and press the seams.
3. Cut two pieces of cording or ribbon, each 36 inches long.
4. Thread the cording or ribbon through the opening at the top of the bag and tie the ends together.
5. Repeat on the other side of the bag.
6. Fold the top edge of the bag down by 1 inch and press.
7. Fold the top edge down again by 1 inch and press.
8. Stitch the top edge of the bag down, close to the folded edge.

5. Bucket bag

Bucket bags are a stylish and practical option for carrying your belongings. They're perfect for a day at the beach, a hike, or a day of shopping.

To make a bucket bag, you'll need:

- 1 yard of fabric
- 1 yard of cording or ribbon
- A sewing machine
- Thread

Instructions:

1. Cut two circles out of the fabric, each 12 inches in diameter.
2. Fold the circles in half and stitch the sides together, leaving a 4-inch opening at the top for the cording.

3. Turn the bag right side out and press the seams.
4. Cut two pieces of cording or ribbon, each 36 inches long.
5. Thread the cording or ribbon through the opening at the top of the bag and tie the ends together.
6. Repeat on the other side of the bag.
7. Fold the top edge of the bag down by 1 inch and press.
8. Fold the top edge down again by 1 inch and press.
9. Stitch the top edge of the bag down, close to the folded edge.

6. Crossbody bag

Crossbody bags are a great option for carrying your essentials hands-free. They're perfect for a day of sightseeing, shopping, or running errands.

To make a crossbody bag, you'll need:

- 1 yard of fabric
- 1 yard of webbing or ribbon
- A sewing machine
- Thread

Instructions:

1. Cut two rectangles out of the fabric, each 12 inches by 18 inches.
2. Fold the rectangles in half lengthwise and stitch the sides together, leaving a 4-inch opening at the top for the strap.

3. Turn the bag right side out and press the seams.

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