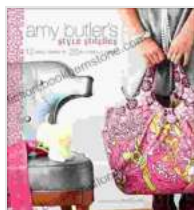


12 Easy Ways to Make 26 Wonderful Bags

Bags are a great way to add style and functionality to your wardrobe. And they're surprisingly easy to make yourself! With just a few basic sewing skills, you can create a variety of bags to suit your needs, from simple totes to stylish backpacks.



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In this article, we'll show you 12 easy ways to make 26 wonderful bags. These patterns are perfect for beginners and experienced sewers alike, and they'll help you create bags for every occasion.

1. Simple Tote Bag

This simple tote bag is perfect for everyday use. It's roomy enough to hold all your essentials, but it's also lightweight and easy to carry.

To make this bag, you'll need:

- 1 yard of fabric
- 1/2 yard of lining fabric
- 2 straps

Instructions:

1. Cut two pieces of fabric that are 18" x 15".
2. Cut two pieces of lining fabric that are 17" x 14".
3. Place the right sides of the fabric pieces together and sew around the edges, leaving a 4" opening at the bottom for turning.
4. Turn the bag right side out and press.
5. Fold the bottom of the bag up by 4" and press.
6. Sew the bottom of the bag closed.
7. Insert the lining into the bag and sew around the top edge.
8. Attach the straps to the sides of the bag.

2. Drawstring Backpack

This drawstring backpack is perfect for carrying your gym clothes, school books, or anything else you need to keep close at hand.

To make this bag, you'll need:

- 1 yard of fabric
- 1/2 yard of lining fabric

- 1/4 yard of cord

Instructions:

1. Cut two pieces of fabric that are 18" x 15".
2. Cut two pieces of lining fabric that are 17" x 14".
3. Place the right sides of the fabric pieces together and sew around the edges, leaving a 4" opening at the bottom for turning.
4. Turn the bag right side out and press.
5. Fold the top of the bag down by 2" and press.
6. Sew the top of the bag closed.
7. Insert the lining into the bag and sew around the top edge.
8. Thread the cord through the casing at the top of the bag.

3. Messenger Bag

This messenger bag is perfect for carrying your laptop, tablet, or other essentials. It's stylish and functional, and it's easy to make.

To make this bag, you'll need:

- 1 yard of fabric
- 1/2 yard of lining fabric
- 1/2 yard of interfacing
- 1 strap

Instructions:

1. Cut two pieces of fabric that are 18" x 15".
2. Cut two pieces of lining fabric that are 17" x 14".
3. Cut two pieces of interfacing that are 17" x 14".
4. Place the interfacing on the wrong side of one of the fabric pieces.
5. Place the right sides of the fabric pieces together and sew around the edges, leaving a 4" opening at the bottom for turning.
6. Turn the bag right side out and press.
7. Fold the top of the bag down by 2" and press.
8. Sew the top of the bag closed.
9. Insert the lining into the bag and sew around the top edge.
10. Attach the strap to the sides of the bag.

4. Crossbody Bag

This crossbody bag is perfect for carrying your phone, wallet, and keys. It's small and lightweight, and it's easy to make.

To make this bag, you'll need:

- 1/2 yard of fabric
- 1/4 yard of lining fabric
- 1/4 yard of interfacing
- 1 strap

Instructions:

1. Cut two pieces of fabric that are 12" x 9".
2. Cut two pieces of lining fabric that are 11" x 8".
3. Cut two pieces of interfacing that are 11" x 8".
4. Place the interfacing on the wrong side of one of the fabric pieces.
5. Place the right sides of the fabric pieces together and sew around the edges, leaving a 4" opening at the bottom for turning.
6. Turn the bag right side out and press.
7. Fold the top of the bag down by 2" and press.
8. Sew the top of the bag closed.
9. Insert the lining into the bag and sew around the top edge.
10. Attach the strap to the sides of the bag.

5. Tote Bag with Zipper

This tote bag with zipper is perfect for carrying all your essentials, and the zipper closure keeps your belongings safe and secure.

To make this bag, you'll need:

- 1 yard of fabric
- 1/2 yard of lining fabric
- 1 zipper

Instructions:

1. Cut two pieces of fabric that are 18" x 15".
2. Cut two pieces of lining fabric that are 17" x 14".
3. Place the right sides of the fabric pieces together and sew around the edges, leaving a 4" opening at the bottom for turning.
4. Turn the bag right side out and press.
5. Fold the top of the bag down by 2" and press.
6. Sew the top of the bag closed, leaving a 6" opening for the zipper.
7. Insert the zipper into the opening and sew it in place.
8. Insert the lining into the bag and sew around the top edge.

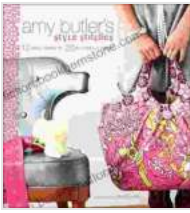
6. Backpack with Multiple Pockets

This backpack with multiple pockets is perfect for carrying your laptop, books, and other school supplies. It's also great for traveling, as the multiple pockets help you stay organized.

To make this bag, you'll need:

- 1 yard of fabric
- 1/2 yard of lining fabric
- 1/2 yard of interfacing
- 2 straps

Instructions:

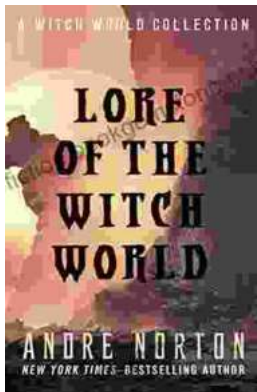


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