



Blue Daisy Bag

This fun over-the-shoulder-handbag will be a simple but elegant addition to your everyday bags. Featuring a curved zippered top and side seams, this bag also has both zippered and elastic topped pockets inside. There's plenty of room inside to hold all your everyday essentials – just sling it over your shoulder and you're good to go!



Bag Dimensions are 11 inches wide at the base x 12 inches high and 3 inches deep.

You Will Need:

1 metre (1 yard) fabric for bag outer

$\frac{3}{4}$ metre ($\frac{3}{4}$ yard) fabric for lining

1½ metres (1½ yards) medium-weight fusible interfacing

$\frac{1}{2}$ metre ($\frac{1}{2}$ yard) light-weight fusible pellon



1 x 7 inch length zip for inner pocket

1 x 20 inch length zip for top of bag

Piece template plastic measuring 3 inches x 11 inches

11 inch length of $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide elastic for inner pocket

Bag Construction:

Please read all instructions fully before beginning. All measurements are in inches, and unless stated otherwise, a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance has been used.

Referring to the attached Cutting Guide, carefully cut the required bag pieces from the bag fabrics, interfacing and pellon as required. Fuse the interfacing and pellon to the wrong side of the bag pieces as indicated in the Cutting Guide. The lining is just interfaced.

Handles:

Start with the two handles. Fuse the pellon strips down the centre of each handle, on top of the interfacing. Use your iron to fold up and press the $\frac{1}{2}$ seam allowances down the length of each strip.

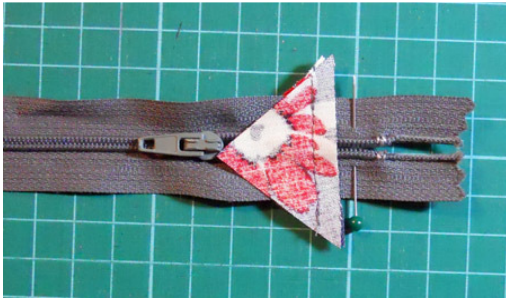
Fold in half lengthways with right sides together and sew across both short ends on each handle. Clip the bottom corner and turn right sides out. Tuck in seam allowances, pin and topstitch the two sides of the handle together. Also sew around all three other sides to finish.

Fold the top curve of your two bag outer pieces in half to find the centre point. Measure down 4 inches from the top, and then across 3 inches to mark the placement of your handles on the bag outer sides.

Pin the handle ends in place on both halves of the bag outer and topstitch a small square on the end of each to secure it to the bag side pieces.



Construction:



As shown, with right sides together and the triangle pointing towards the length of the top zip, pin and sew the triangle tabs to the zip end where the zipper pull is. The zip is sandwiched between the two triangles.

Fold back the triangles towards the end of the zip.

The other end of the zip has a tab folded over it too. Using your iron, fold up and press the seam allowances around all four sides of the zip tab piece. Fold in half over the end of the zip and pin and topstitch around all sides.

Now, with right sides together, curve and pin the zip around the top of one of the bag outer sides. Pull the end of the triangle to meet the side of the bag panel, so the zip is sewn smoothly to the top of the bag side panel. Use your zipper foot and starting and finishing a $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from each edge, sew the zip to the bag side panel. Fold the seam allowance under the bag side and topstitch along that seam to flatten it.

Repeat to sew the other half of the zip to the remaining bag side panel, taking care to align the ends of the bag halves together. Topstitch that seam also.

Open the zip, and with right sides together, pin the bag sides together. Sew the sides and base together.

To make the bag base, pinch together the bottom corners – align the side seam on top of the bottom seam, mark down $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches from the sewn corner point (so the width of the seam is 3 inches) and sew across that line at right angles to the other seams. Repeat for the other corner.

Next, make a sleeve from the template plastic cover panel. With right sides together, fold the panel in half around the piece of template plastic. Pin so it fits snugly, then remove the plastic and sew together. Turn the tube right sides out. Round the corners of the template plastic and slide it into the fabric cover.



As shown, pin and sew the cover to the folded bag base.

With the seam facing towards the bottom of the bag, pin one end of the template plastic tube to one of the sewn triangle ends at the base.

Sew on the same seam you made to form the base, and join the covered template plastic slip to the bag.

Make sure the base is firmly pulled to fit the bag base, and repeat with the other end. Trim away the excess fabric at each end once that's done.

Carefully clip the seam allowance around the curved sides, and turn bag right sides out.

Lining:

To make the elastic topped pocket, fold that pocket piece in half along the 12 inch side, so it measures 11 x 6 inches when folded.

Starting 1 inch from the top folded edge, sew down the side and across about 4 inches of the bottom. Do this for the other side too – sew about 4 inches across the bottom to the corner, then sew up the side, stopping about 1 inch from the top.

Clip the bottom corners, and turn right sides out through the gap left in the bottom seam. Press, making sure to tuck in the seam allowances at the top gaps.

Thread the elastic through the gaps at the top so it sits right under the fold. Pin and topstitch one side to secure it, and pin the other end. Topstitch a seam under the elastic to hold it in place at the top of the pocket. Pull the elastic from the pinned end and gather the pocket so that it measures 6 inches wide across the top. Pin and sew the elastic at that end to secure. Trim away any excess elastic.



Pin and topstitch to close the gap in the bottom edge.



Fold the bottom edge to mark the centre point and mark with a pin as shown (blue).

Use pins to mark the points 1 inch and 2 inches from that point, to either side.



As shown (this is wrong side up), bring in the 2 inch points to meet in the centre, to form a box pleat.

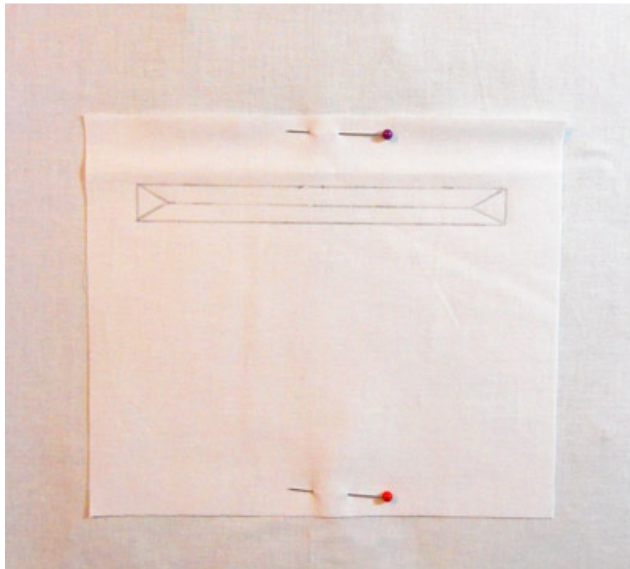
Topstitch on the right side to hold in place.

Position the pocket on one bag lining side, centred and about 4 inches down from the top.

Pin in place and topstitch down both sides and across the bottom to finish.



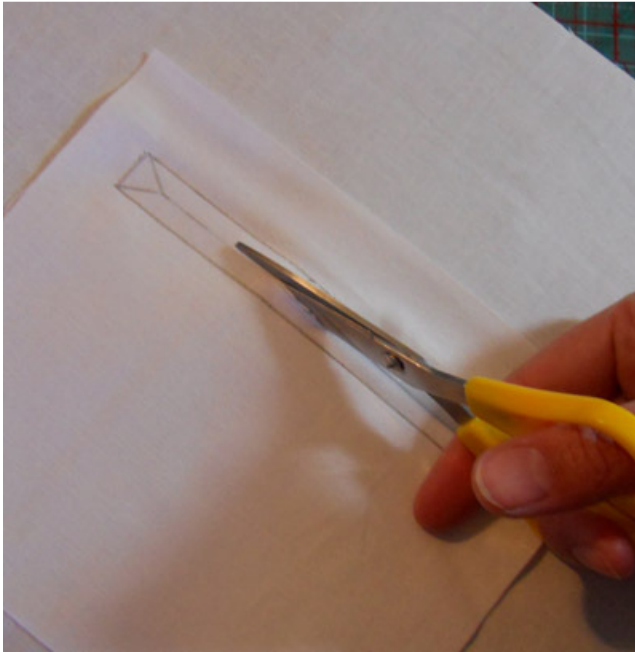
The zippered pocket is on the remaining bag side lining panel.



To start, mark and make a hole for the zip. To do this, use a fabric marking pen or lead pencil on the wrong side of one zip pocket piece and draw a rectangle 6 inches long and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch (1cm) high as shown. This rectangle needs to be drawn at least 1 inch (2.5 cm) down from the top of your pocket piece. (This example is on white to make it easier to see.)

Then draw a centre line along the rectangle, with a 'V' shape at each end as shown.

Position the pocket piece on the lining panel with right sides together. The pocket piece needs to be centred and the top edge 3 inches down from the top of the lining side panel.



Sew the pocket to the side panel along the marked outside lines of the rectangle.

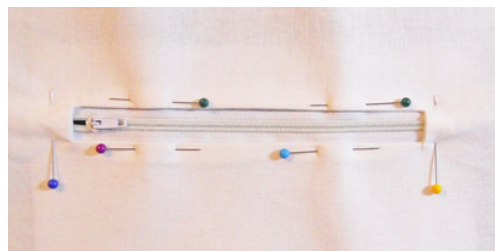
Taking care not to cut the stitching, then cut along the marked centre line and along the 'V' shapes to the corners of the rectangle.



Pull the pocket piece through the hole to the wrong side of the bag panel and carefully press seams on both sides to flatten.

With right sides up, then position the zip carefully under the hole, (so that the zip is also facing up), and pin in place. Using your zipper foot, topstitch around all four edges of the rectangular hole to secure the zip in position.

(Note – the zip is slightly longer than the hole, so you will need to centre the zip and trim the ends after sewing in place.)






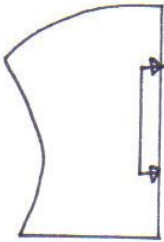
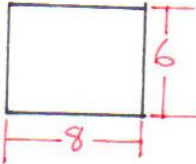
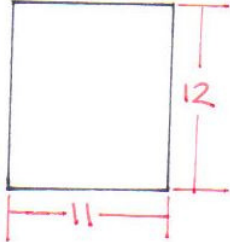
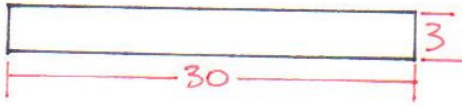
To finish the pocket, turn the panel over so that the wrong sides are facing up, and lay the remaining pocket piece face down on top of the first. Pin all edges together and carefully sew all sides of the pocket together, taking care not to catch the bag panel as you go.

Pin the two lining panels together as you did for the bag outer and sew down the sides and across the bottom. Pinch and sew the bag base exactly as you did for the bag outer. Clip the curved side seams also.

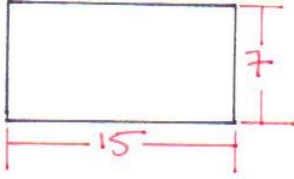
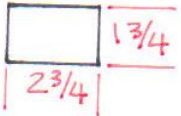

As this is a drop in lining, place the lining into the bag outer. Tuck under the seam allowances and pin the lining to the bag outer on the zip tape. Using matching thread, hand sew in place to finish.

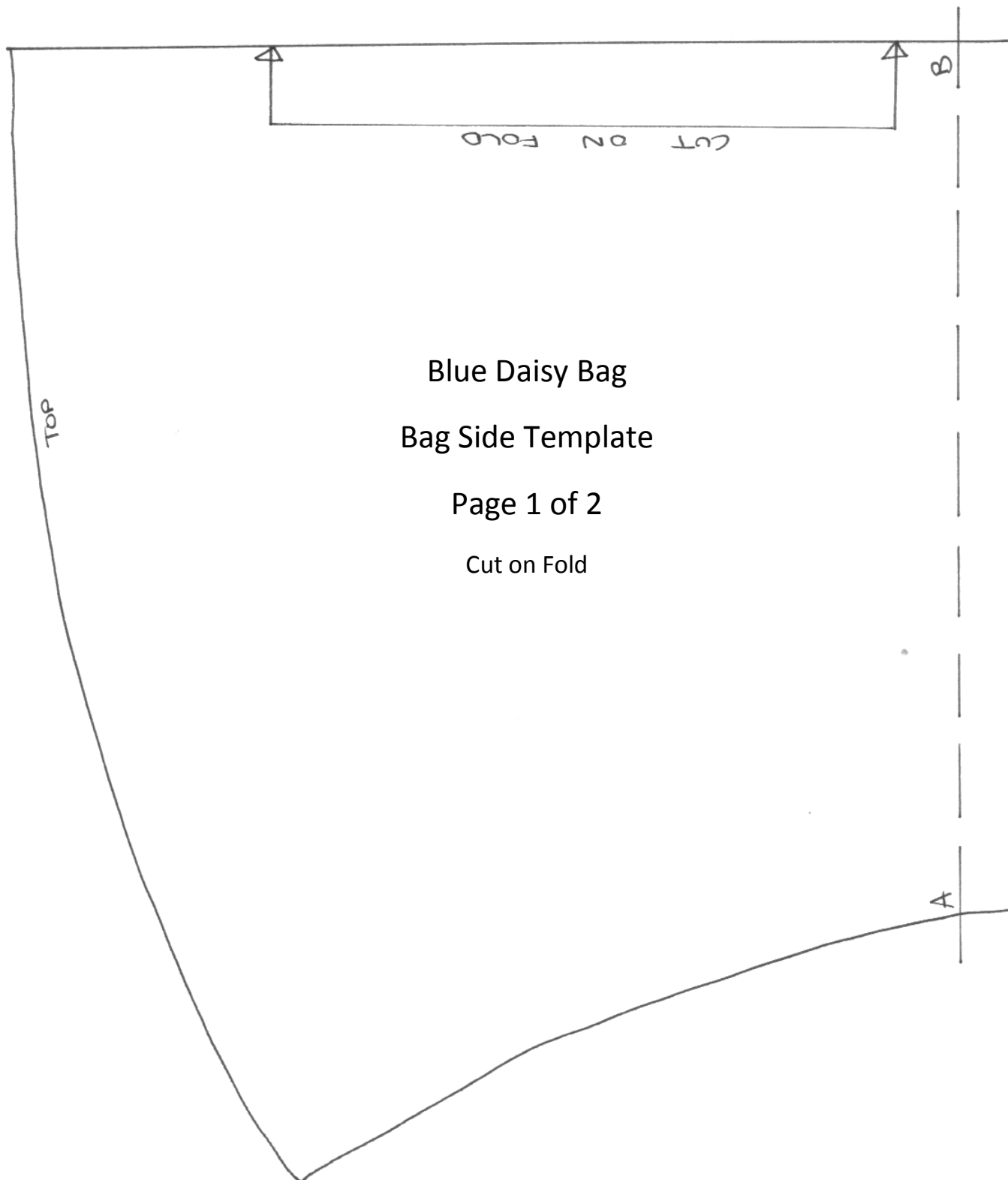


Blue Daisy Bag Cutting Guide

	<p>Cut the required number of each piece according to the measurements on each diagram.</p> <p>* Please note – all measurements are in inches.</p>
 <p>Bag Side Template</p>	<p>Cut 2 outer fabric</p> <p>Cut 2 lining fabric</p> <p>Cut 2 pellon</p> <p>Cut 4 medium-weight interfacing</p> <p>* CUT ON FOLD</p>
 <p>Inner Zip Pocket</p>	<p>Cut 2 lining fabric</p>
 <p>Elastic Top Pocket</p>	<p>Cut 1 outer fabric</p> <p>Cut 1 medium-weight interfacing</p>
<p>Handle</p> 	<p>Cut 2 outer fabric</p> <p>Cut 2 pellon (2 inches wide)</p> <p>Cut 2 medium-weight interfacing</p>



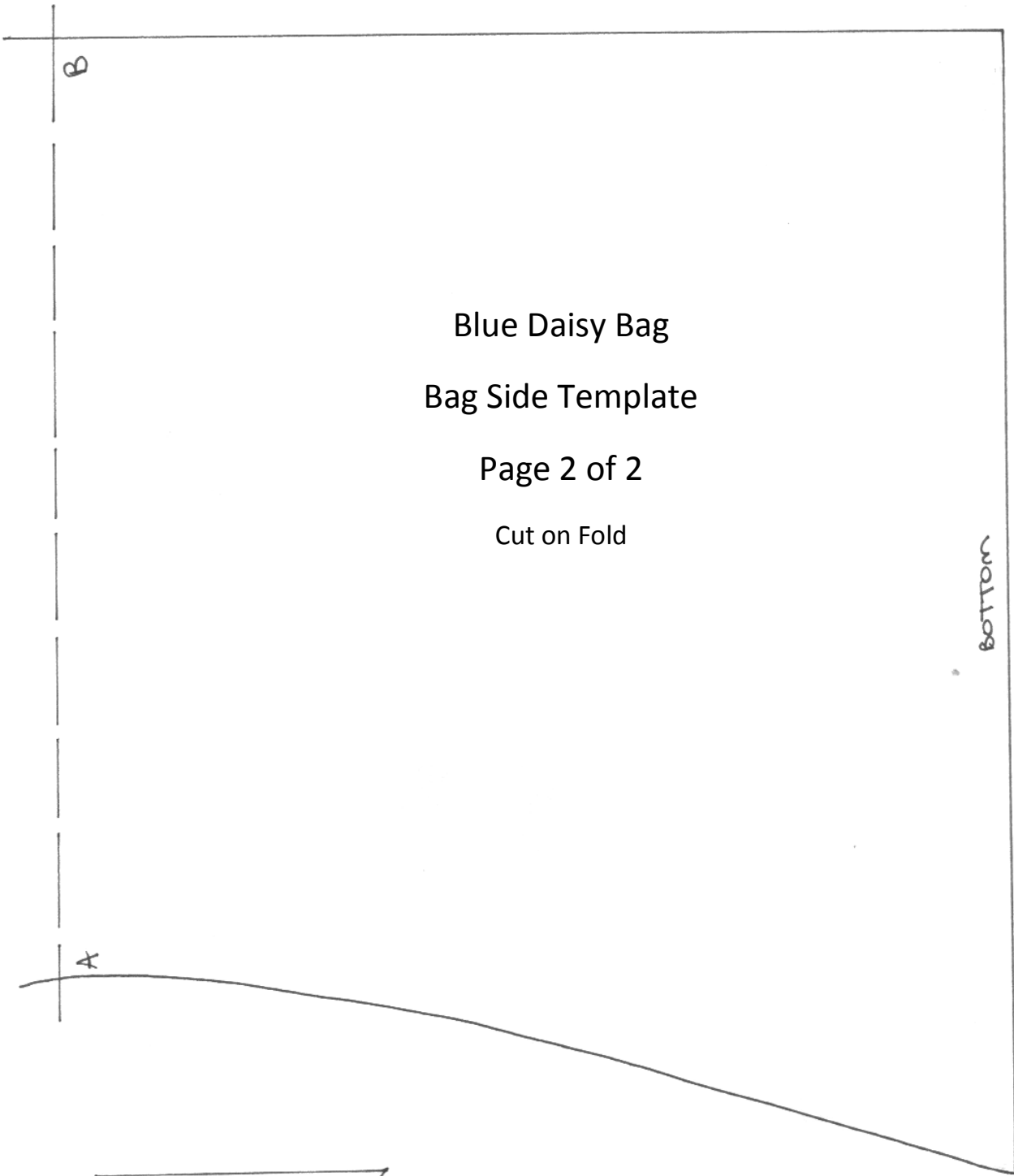
 A rectangular template with a width of 15 and a height of 7, indicated by red dimension lines and handwritten numbers. <p>Template Plastic Cover</p>	Cut 1 lining fabric
 A small rectangular template with a width of 2 3/4 and a height of 1 3/4, indicated by red dimension lines and handwritten numbers. <p>Zip Tab</p>	Cut 1 outer fabric
 A simple isosceles triangle template. <p>Zip End Template</p>	Cut 2 outer fabric



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Bag Side Template

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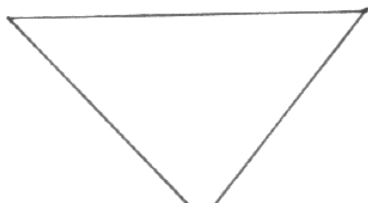
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Zip End
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