Anna Boho Bag

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Are you still schlepping around town with that old bag marked-up with stains, ink blots and tears? We thought so. That's why we've created our very own Boho bag for you to customize this summer. With a compartment large enough for a towel, swimsuit & a book, you'll be all set for a day at the beach. It even has side pockets for your house keys and cell phone. Not enough pleasure? We even show you how to make your very own tasseled straps!

Materials

Heavy-weight cotton, linen, or denim. Cotton or similar lining. Plastic or cardboard reinforcement for bottom of bag. 2 steel or plastic rings for straps. Cord for bag closure. Fusible interfacing. Leather or craft glue. 3/4" wide elastic.

Step 1

Begin by cutting out all of the pattern pieces. Take the pocket pieces (Piece 1) and create a tunnel by flipping over the top.

Step 2

Place 5â' (12.7 cm.) of elastic through the tunnel and gather. Tack down the ends of the elastic.

Step 3

Fold the pleats on the pocket bottom and fix them down.

Step 4

Place the pocket on top of the side panel and attach it by basting it on.

Step 5

Take the cut out leather triangles and sew them onto the bottom corners of the front and back panels.

Step 6

For Ring Stays:

Fold the ring stays in half the long way, right sides together, and sew along the edge to create a tunnel. Turn right sides out. Press.

Place ring stays around the rings youâ've chosen for your bag (2 on each side) and baste the ends of the ring stays on to either side on the side panels as marked.

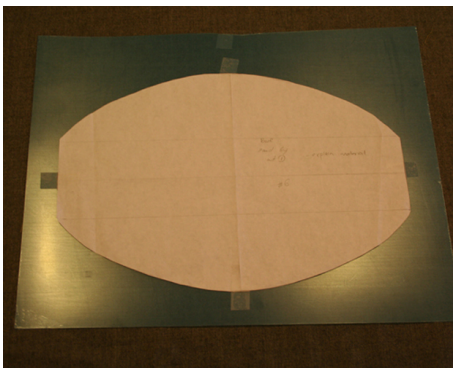
Step 7

Create buttonholes on either side of the front and the back panels as marked. This is where the cord will come out of the tunnel.

Step 8

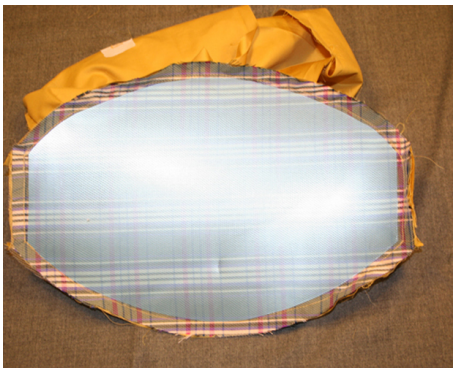
Sew the front and back pieces to the side panel pieces. Top-stitch pocket to edge of panel.

Step 9



To strengthen the bottom of the bag, we placed a piece of thin plastic between the bottom and the lining. Our bottom is made of leather. Cut the plastic sheet at the same size of the bottom but without seam allowance.

Step 10



Place the plastic sheet on top of the bag bottom. Cut another bottom piece out of a lightweight and somewhat stretchy piece of fabric (we used tulle) and place it on top of the plastic. Attach the two fabrics onto the seam allowance, leaving the plastic sheet in between held in place. Attach the bottom to the bag.

Step 11

Sew up the lining, Front, Back, Side Panels and Bottom.

Step 12

Place the lining inside and hand-stitch it into place in the bottom seam and side seams. You can either just create strong tacks or go all around, depending on how sturdy you want it to be.

Step 13

Fold the top part (facing) of the bag down, as marked. Press. Fold the seam allowance up. Now straighten the lining up and cover it with the facing. Pin into place (image left).

Fix the side panel to lining with a hand-stitch (image right).

Step 14

To attach the lining and the facing of the bag, sew a tunnel along the two marks depicted on pattern.

Step 15

Attach an 8â' (20.3 cm.) cord to elastic and pull through the tunnel that youâ've just created, making sure the cord hangs out at either end.

Gather the bag as much as you like and fix it in place by knotting the cord into place.

Step 16

For Tassels:

Cut (2) tassel pattern pieces out of leather or like fabric. Slash upward along the lines as marked on the pattern to create the slashed tassels. Place the knot of the cord in one corner at the top of the tassel, so all the slashed pieces are hanging down.

Fix the knot onto the corner of the rectangle with glue.

Step 17

Carefully roll fabric around the knot, making sure that the fabric sits as tight as possible around the knot. Place a small dot of glue every couple of centimeters.

Step 18

For Shoulder Strap(Piece 9):

With the pattern pieces for shoulder strap press fusible onto the â'wrongâ' side of each of the pieces. Sew them together, right sides together, leaving a little opening on one side (see suggested marks on the pattern) to have room to turn it inside out at the end.

Step 19

Turn shoulder strap inside out. Press and hand-stitch the opening closed.

Step 20

Pull the shoulder strap through the rings, test out how long you want it. Shorten or lengthen by folding the ends up and baste onto strap.

To cover your baste stitch, sew up a spaghetti strap, whichever width suits your taste and attach it around the strap over the baste stitch.