Charlie Reusable Grocery Bag

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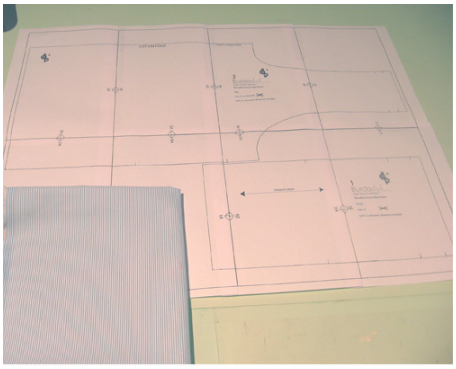
Use the BurdaStyle Reusable Grocery Bag pattern to reduce the use of plastic bags which are cluttering up the environment! It's easy to make, and even easier to tote with you, since it folds into its own pouch!

Materials

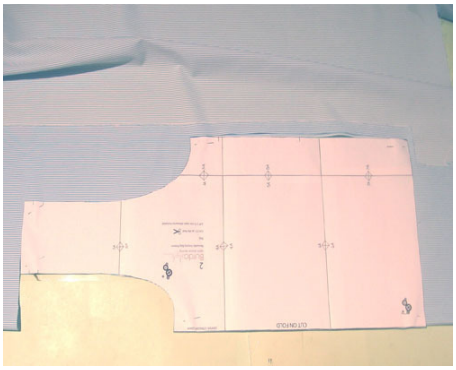
3/4 yards fabric

Step 1



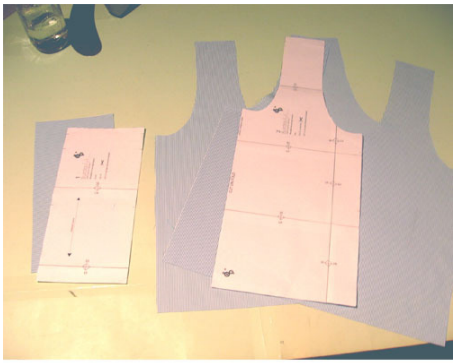
Assemble pattern.

Step 2



Separate pattern pieces. Cut bag pattern down “CUT ON FOLD” line. Lay on (folded, when needed) fabric, pin, and cut.

Step 3



You should have two bag pieces which have been cut on the fold, and one smaller piece for the bag’s pouch.

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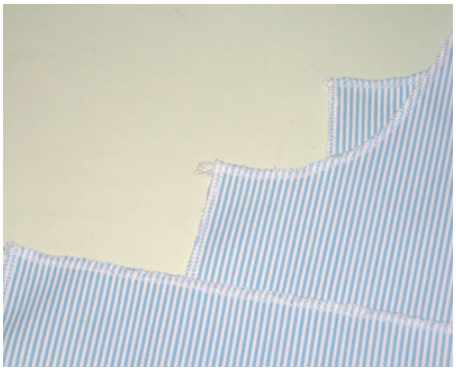

Overlock all edges. Do not trim any off of the straight edges. On the handles’ curved edges, trim off the 5/8’’ seam allowance.

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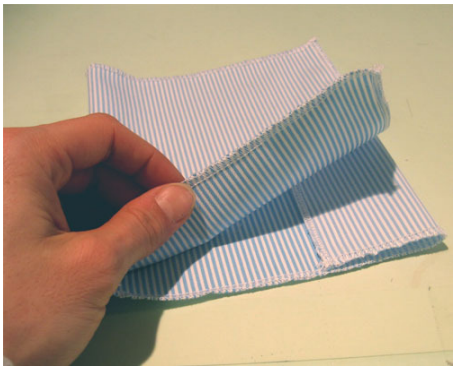
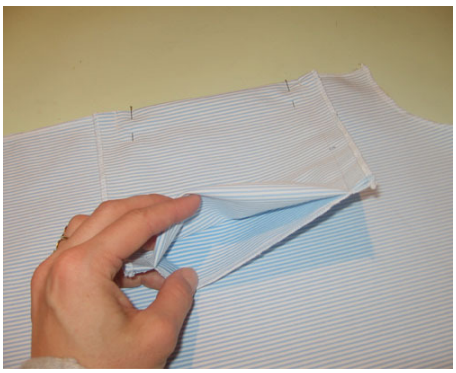


Sew the pouch. Fold at notches; the shortest flap goes in the center, the longest on the top. Stitch the sides.

Step 6

Sew the tops of the handles together. These are flat felled seams (see related techniques).

Step 7



Sew side seams, wrong side together. On one seam, place the pouch according to the notches. The pouch's opening should face toward bag's center, away from the seam allowance.

Step 8

Fold outer bottom corners in at notches, then sew bag bottom.

Step 9

Turn bag right side out and admire your pretty handiwork.

Step 10

Now, fold bag into its pouch, throw it in your purse, and say goodbye to all those pesky plastic bags.

Step 11

Advanced method:â¨For advanced sewers and a sturdier, prettier bag, you can make this bag with a facing and french seams all around. Just use the main pattern piece for the facing pieces, cutting a couple of inches down the side seam. Skip the overlocking.