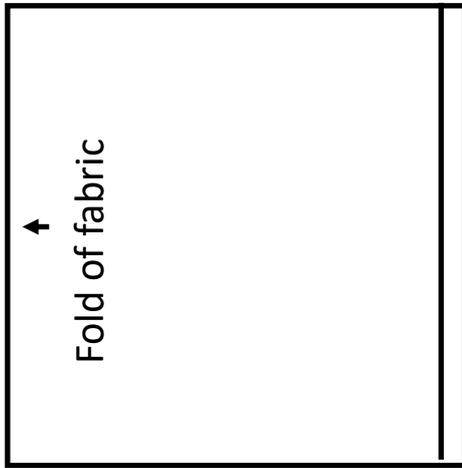


Bucket Corner French Seam

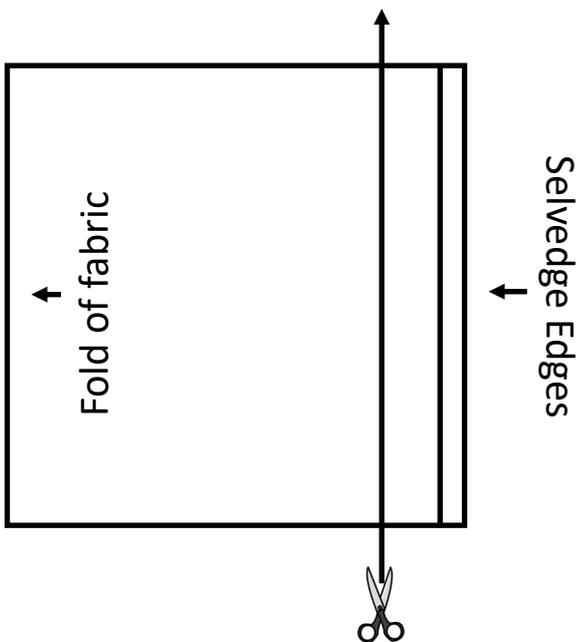
Reusable Shopping Bag Tutorial

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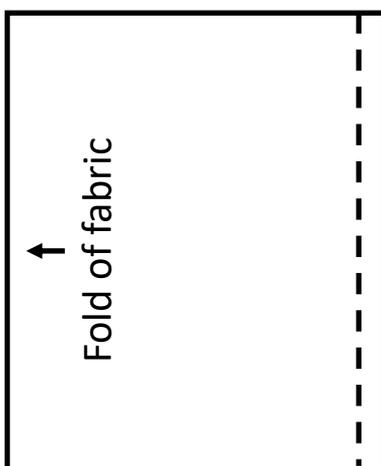


Fabric required: 1/2 Yard of fabric 45" wide

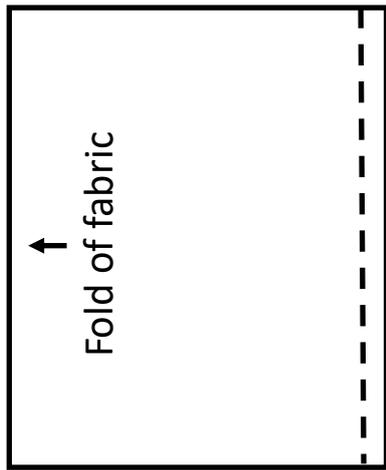
Step 1. Fold the fabric in half



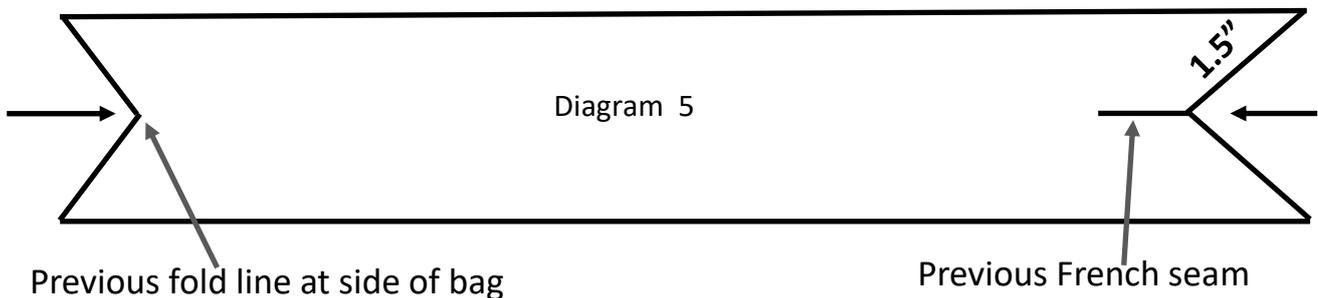
Step 2. Cut 2 strips 4" x 1/2 yard from the selvedge edges for bag handles



Step 3. Fabric **right sides out** stitch a 1/4" seam along the side opposite the fold .

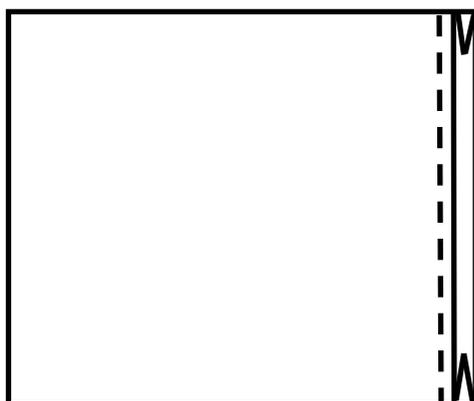


Step 4. **Turn the bag inside out**, press the seam edge flat and sew a 1/2" seam along the edge that has already been stitched in step 3. This completely envelopes the prior seam inside the seam allowance so you have no raw edges!



Step 5. **Turn the bag right side out.** To create the bucket corners push the fold line of the fabric in towards the body of the bag 1.5" creating an M shape as seen here →

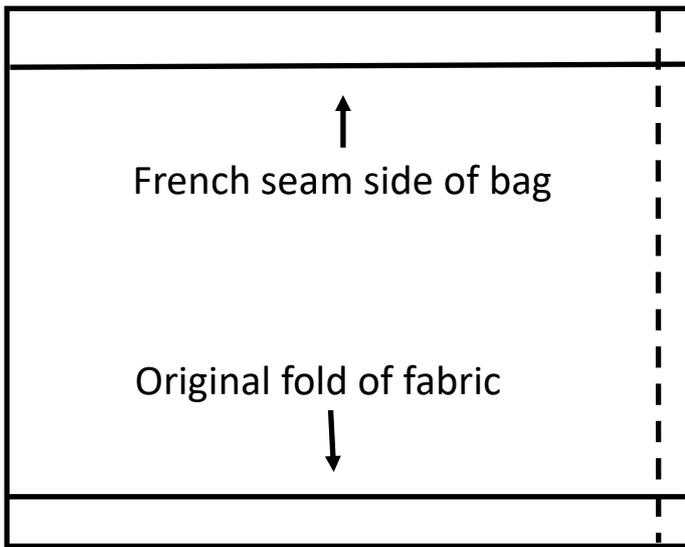
Do the same with the French seam you have created in step 4. Looking up from the bottom of the bag it should look like diagram 5 above. Press flat.



Step 6. **With the bag still right side out.** Stitch a seam 1/4" from the bottom of the bag

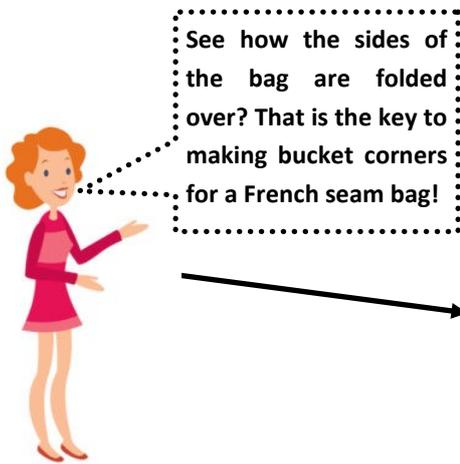


Step 7. **Turn the bag inside out.** To lay the bag completely flat you will need to push the corners out.

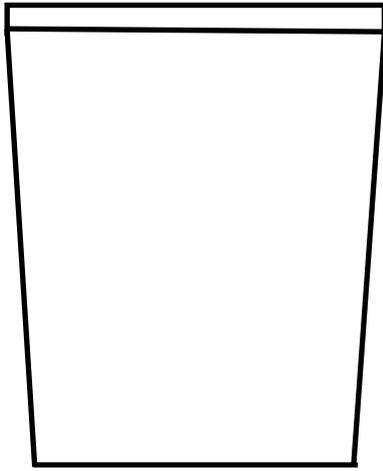


Step 8. You will need to have the sides of your bag bucket folded in over the bag 1.5" on both sides.

The bottom of your bag should look like this when it is ready to stitch.

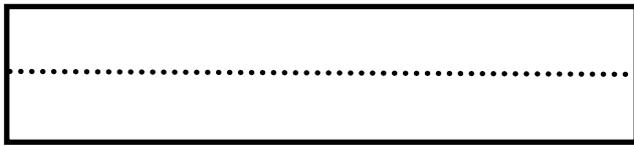


Step 9. Stitch a seam 1/2" from the bottom of your bag to complete the bottom seam of your bag bucket.

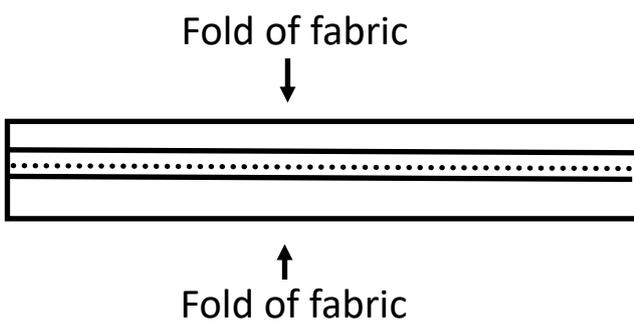


Step 10. Fold over 1/2" of the top of the bag, press.

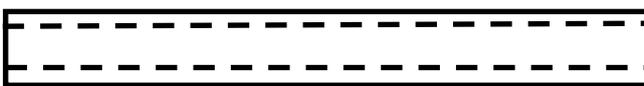
Step 11. Fold over 1" of the top of the bag and press to create what will be the top hem of your bag. Steps 5 & 6 completely envelope all raw edges.



Step 12. Fold each handle in half lengthwise press to create a crease and unfold.

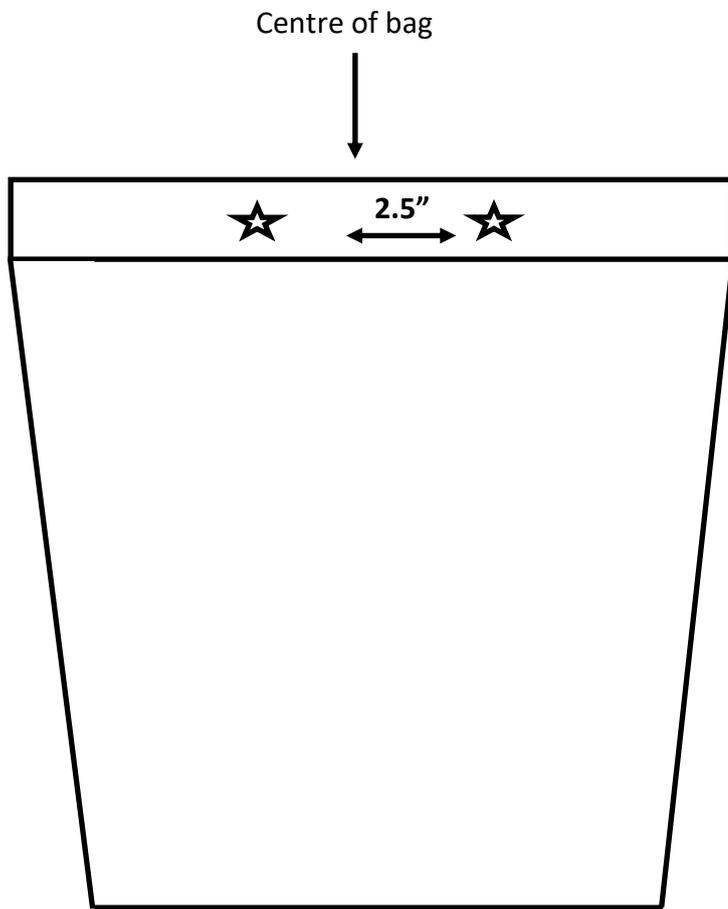


Step 13. Fold the lengthwise raw edges in towards that fold line.



Step 14. Fold the handle in half along the crease to completely envelope the raw edges inside your bag handle and topstitch along both sides to finish handles.





Step 15. Whilst the bag is still inside out, using tailors chalk mark 2 points ☆ along the folded over hem, 2.5" from the centre of the bag. Repeat on the other side of the bag. You now have 4 marked points to attached the handles whilst hemming.



Step 16. Whilst the bag is still inside out, sew along the bottom of the hem adding handles as you get to the marked points so that they are stitched on at the same time as you hem the bag. Stitch a second row towards the top of the hem also stitching handles down as you go for double the strength

Turn the bag right sides out and your bucket corner French seam reusable bag is complete!