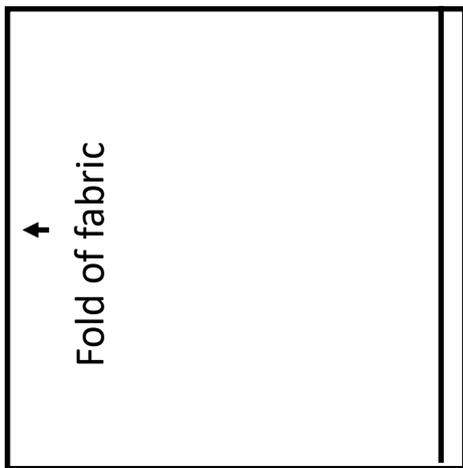


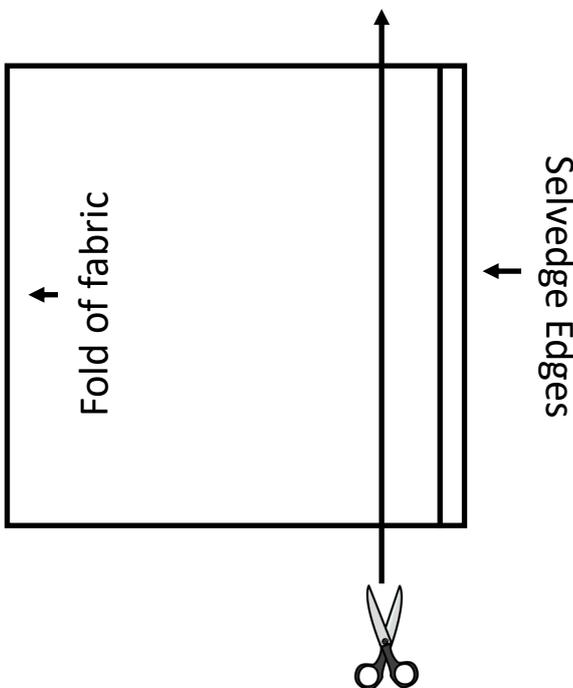
# Simple French Seam Reusable Shopping Bag Tutorial

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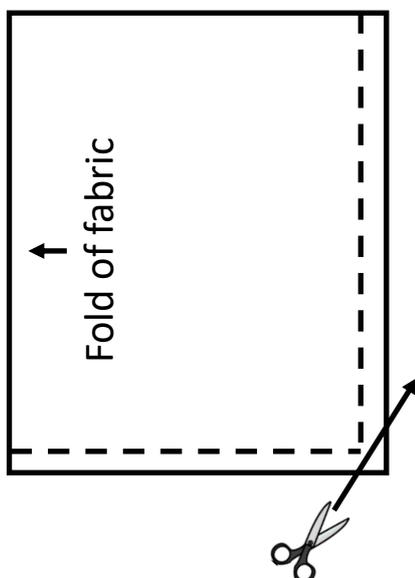
Fabric required: 1/2 Yard of fabric 45" wide



Step 1. Fold the fabric in half

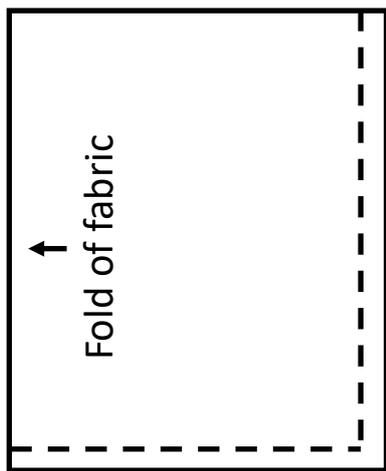


Step 2. Cut 2 strips 4" x 1/2 yard from the selvedge edges for bag handles

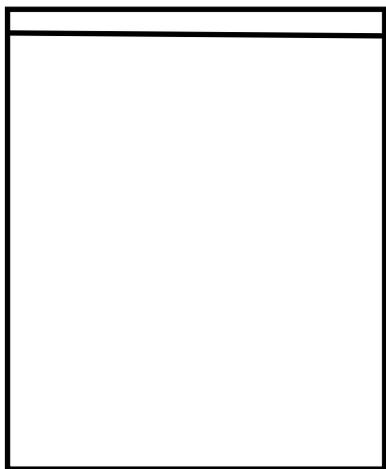


Step 3. Fabric **right sides out** stitch a 1/4" seam along the side opposite the fold and across the bottom of your bag.

Trim the corner away close to the stitching line.



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



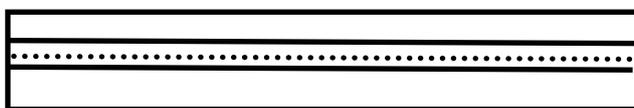
Step 5. Fold over 1/2" of the top of the bag, press.

Step 6. 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.



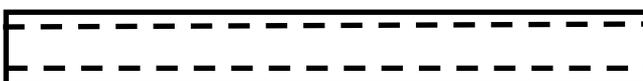
Step 7. Fold each handle in half lengthwise press to create a crease and unfold.

Fold of fabric

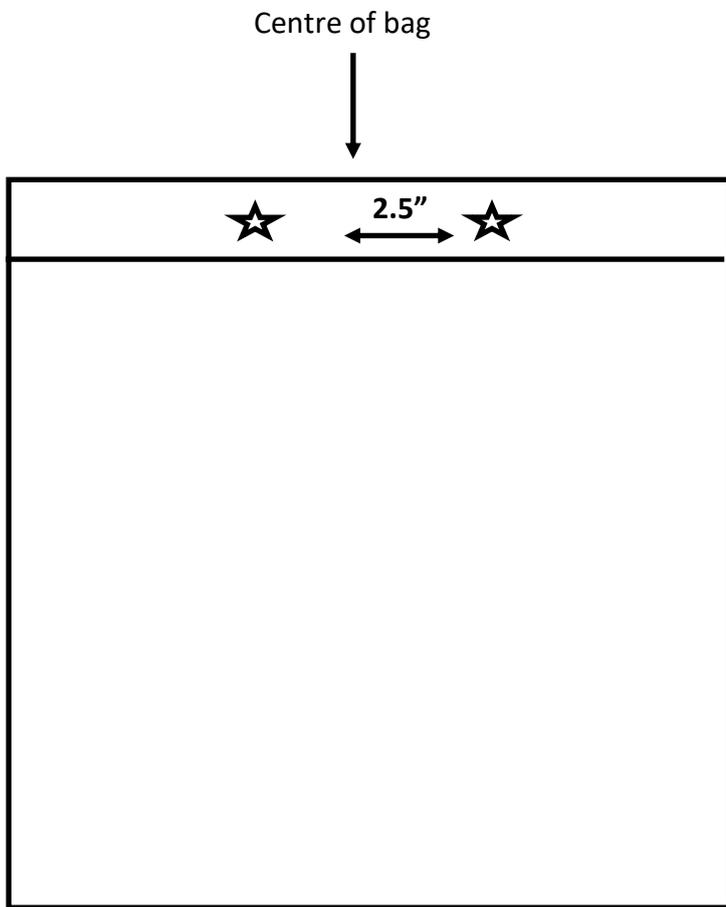


Step 8. Fold the lengthwise raw edges in towards that fold line.

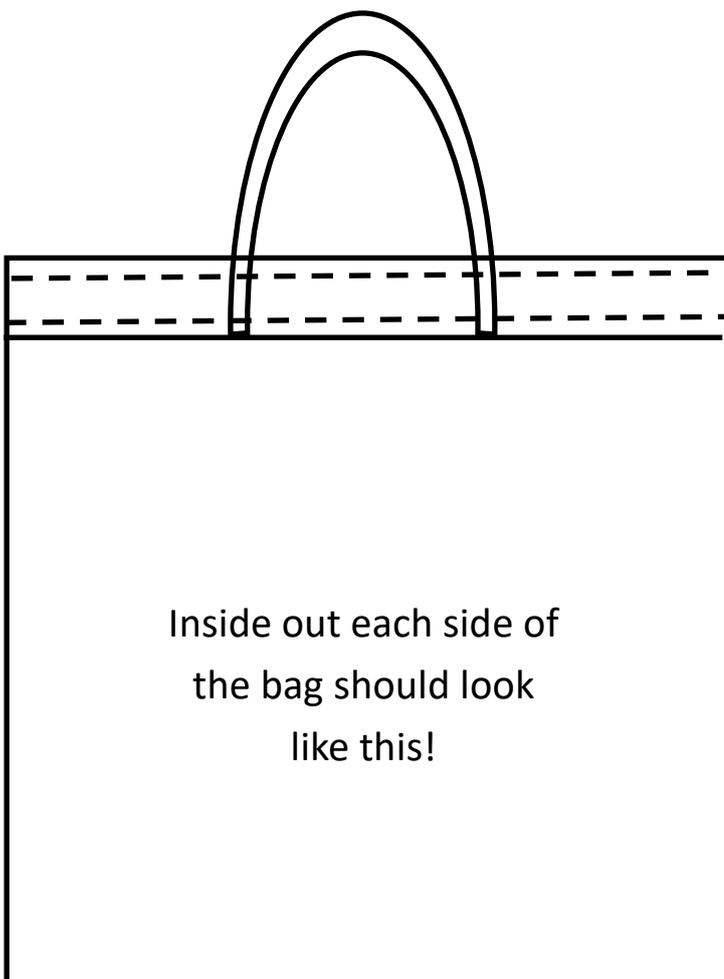
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Step 9. Fold the handle in half along the crease to completely envelope the raw edges inside your bag handle and topstitch along both sides to finish handles.



Step 10. 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 11. 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 reusable bag is complete!**