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Bag Tips part 1

Tip 1

If you want to have nice straight and sturdy handles on your bag, this is the best and easiest way to do it. It is a stabilizer that is normally used in pants for making a good waist-band. But it works even better for bags. You just iron it on the fabric, fold it and put it under the machine:



Tip 2

If you would like your bag to have a bottom that doesn't sag you can use this method:

Take a piece of cardboard. Say the bottom of your bag is 15 inch long and 10 inch wide. You will need a piece of cardboard that is 15 inch long and 20 inch wide. Fold the cardboard in half (lengthwise) and put it in your bag to see if it fits. Adjust it if you need too. Take a piece of fabric (taking a piece in the same fabric as the inside of the bag looks nicest) put the cardboard on it and just cut around it...about one inch around it.

Take some glue and just glue the edges of the fabric to the "inside" of the cardboard. As you can see you don't have to be so precise when doing this:



Then fold it and take it too your sewing machine and sew around the edges and you have a nice bottom.

Most sewing machines won't have a problem with sewing this, but be careful, let the machine do the work so don't pull the cardboard or your needle will break, just gently help the cardboard in the sewing machine.

One thing I like about this method it that you can take this bottom out of your bag...put your bag into the washing machine and put the bottom back in again.



So these are my best tips. Let me know if you used them and you were happy with the result. It is always nice to know that if you write these things down that people actually read and use them ;-)))

Enjoy!

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