### **PDF SEWING PATTERN**



## ABOUT THE PATTERN

We live in a world full of plastic, which a lot of it is single use. Fortunately we are realizing that it is causing a problem for our environment and ourselves. The eco friendly movement has been showing us multiple ways to replace single use items with reusable ones.

The Dee Dee Grocery Bag pattern is an alternative to single use plastic grocery bags that take hundreds of years to degrade.

This is a simple sewing pattern, perfect for a beginner's first project, and even for kids. In only a few minutes you can have a new reusable grocery bag that you can take with you anywhere.



**SUPPLIES** 

#### **RECOMMENDED FABRIC:**

Medium-weight fabric (cotton is best)

\*REMEMBER: The best fabric is always the one you already have in your stash!

#### FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

The small Dee Dee grocery bag requires 48 cm (0.53 yards) that is 76 cm wide (0.84 yards). The medium Dee Dee grocery bag requires 53 cm (0.58 yards) that is 94 cm wide (1 yard). The large Dee Dee grocery bag requires 58 cm (0.64 yards) that is 116 cm wide (1.27 yards).

NOTIONS & TOOLS:

Matching thread Pins Marking tools Fabric and paper scissors Iron Sewing machine Serger (optional)

### PRINTING

This pattern can be printed in US letter or A4 paper.

Before printing the whole pattern, print page 1 of the pattern and measure the test square to make sure your printer is printing at the correct scale.

Set your printer at 100% / actual size / no scaling to print the pattern at the correct size. Remember to check every time you print your pattern since some printers turn on the page scaling by default.

### ASSEMBLY

Cut the sheet margins along the dotted edges. A rotary cutter or craft knife and a metal ruler are recomended for a more accurate cutting.

Tape the edges of the corresponding pages overlaping one cut side with one uncut side, making sure all the lines are aligned. Each page is identified with a number and a letter.

Follow the layout diagram below to asemble the pages.





### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut the fabric. Transfer all markings such as notches before removing the pattern. If the fabric is too wrinkled or has too many fold lines it is better to iron first.

2. Serge/zig zag the edges of the top opening or finish them with bias tape or zig zag stitch and a simple fold hem.

3. Pin and sew the side seam and handle tops with a straight stitch, with righ sides facing. Serge or zig zag the raw edges.

4. Fold the bag in half with the seam on the side, with right sides facing. The two notches should be touching on each side. Fold the sides at the notches towards the center. Pin and sew the bottom. Serge or zig zag the raw edge.

5. Turn inside out and fold the handles in half, wrong sides facing. Stitch together at the seam to keep it in place.

6. Go grocery shopping with your new bag! Keep it always in your purse/backpack so you always have where to carry your goodies and say no to single use bags.



