

In Town Bags

New! Instructions for interfacing the "Smart Handbag" from the "In Town Bags" pattern if you are using a lighter weight fabric.

The Drawstring Purse looks great out of either weight fabric. If you choose a light to mid-weight fabric to make the Drawstring Purse, there are no added materials you would need.

Below is the Materials List to give you the option of using a lighter weight fabric for the **Smart Handbag**. I recommend using a Heavyweight Sew-in Interfacing to interface the bag. For the Bottom Panel, I prefer to use Timtex™ for added support. It is a thick, heavyweight sew-in interfacing that gives the bottom of the bag support and helps hold the shape of the bag.

Materials List

For the Handbag:

- 1/2 yard of a light to mid-weight cotton fabric for the Exterior.
- 1/2 yard of a light to mid-weight cotton fabric for the Lining.
- 1/2 yard of Heavyweight Sew-in Interfacing

Option: Add Timtex™ to the Bottom Panel for added support.

- 1/8 yard of Timtex™ for the Bottom Panel (Timtex™ is a thick, heavyweight sew-in interfacing that will give support to the bag).

Please click here to purchase Timtex™ on-line at www.timtexstore.com

Optional Closure:

- 1 mid-size decorative button for the Handbag front.
 - 1 small decorative button for the Handbag back.
 - 6" of 1/4" wide ribbon for the Handbag closure.
- OR simply accessorize your bag with a vintage Broach!

Finished size: 10 1/2" wide x 10" tall with the Handles and 2 5/8" deep

The instructions below are for the option of using a light to mid-weight cotton fabric for PROJECT TWO-Handbag. Follow the instructions to cut out and attach the Heavyweight Sew-in Interfacing to the Exterior Panels and Handles of your Handbag, along with the option of using the Timtex™ for added support for the bottom of your bag. Have fun!

"In Town Bags"

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NOTE: All seams are 1/2"

unless stated otherwise

(The 1/2" seam allowances are included on each pattern piece.)

Project Two

Smart Handbag

Step 2. – Follow the instructions below after completing Step 2 on your printed instruction page for the In Town Bags.

From the Heavyweight Sew-in Interfacing for the Handbag:

- Cut 2 Main Panels
- Cut 2 Side Panels
- Cut 1 Bottom Panel
- Cut 2 Handles

Option:

From the Timtex™ for the Handbag:

- Cut 1 Bottom Panel

Step 2 1/2 - For the Handbag

PREPARE THE EXTERIOR PANELS AND HANDLES

A. Attach the Interfacing to the Exterior Main Panels – Place the first Interfacing Main Panel onto the **WRONG** side of the first Exterior Main Panel and pin it in place. Then, machine-baste the interfacing to the Main Panel by stitching a **1/4"** seam completely around the panel. Repeat this step to attach the other Interfacing Main Panel to the other Exterior Main Panel.

B. Repeat Step 2 1/2 A to attach the Interfacing to both of the Exterior Side Panels, the Bottom Panel* and the Handles.

*If you choose to add the Timtex™ to the Bottom Panel then, you would not need to add the heavyweight sew-in Interfacing to the Bottom Panel.

Follow the steps below for adding Timtex™ to the bottom of your bag.

If you choose not to use the Timtex™ then, continue with Step 3 - PROJECT TWO on the printed instruction pages.

Option: Follow Steps 2 1/2 E and F to add Timtex™ to the bottom of your bag.

E. Attach the Timtex™ Bottom Panel to the Exterior Bottom Panel– Place the Timtex™ Bottom Panel onto the **WRONG** side of the Exterior Bottom Panel and pin it in place. Then, machine-baste the Timtex™ to the Exterior Bottom Panel by stitching a **3/8"** seam completely around the panel.

F. Trim the Timtex™ seam allowances - Trim ONLY the Timtex™ seam allowances close to the stitch line, making sure not to cut the seam allowance of the Exterior Bottom Panel.

Continue with Step 3 on your printed instruction pages for PROJECT TWO to make your In Town Bag, Smart Handbag.