

Simple bags (continued)



METHOD

- Iron thin interfacing onto pieces 1 and 2 (**front and back, fabric 1**). Do not put any interfacing on the flap as this is thick (depending on which fabric is used).

MAKING A SIMPLE POCKET

step by step

PREPARING THE POCKET

- Hem along the upper edge of piece No. 4 as follows: fold in 1cm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in) all along the edge, then iron. Fold in 1cm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in) for a second time all along then iron. Stitch 1mm ($\frac{1}{32}$ in) from the edge.
- Turn in the other three sides 1cm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in) and iron in the folds. (1)



- Clip the corners of the **pocket**. (2)



- Place the pocket in the centre of the back lining in the position marked on the pattern and pin into place. Stitch around three sides of the pocket, 1mm ($\frac{1}{32}$ in) from the edge. Stitch round again, 5mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ in) from the first seam. (3)



SEWING THE MAIN BODY OF THE BAG TOGETHER

- Align the flap (piece No. 3) with the back (piece No. 2), right sides together and stitch along this edge. Press the seam up, then topstitch 1mm ($\frac{1}{32}$ in) from the seam to hold the seam allowance in place.
- Place the zip on the back panel, right sides together.
- Lie the back lining on top, right sides together, sandwiching the zip between the two pieces of fabric.
- Secure with pins then stitch. Repeat for the front panel (**see step by step Putting in a zip**).

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- Push the zip to the top (flat-mounted zip) and open it a little way.
- Sew together the front and back panels of the bag, right sides together.

SEWING THE LINING

- Sew together the front and back of the lining, right sides together, leaving an opening of around 10cm (4in) in the seam at the bottom.
- Sew up the bottom of the bag by hand using slipstitch or by topstitching on the machine.