

BERNINA T-BAG

This take anywhere bag is quick and easy to make and a great way to use up old T-shirts.

Method

1. Turn black T-shirt inside out and insert it into the coloured t-shirt. The labels on both t-shirts should be facing each other.
2. Pin the two T-shirts together along the bottom edge so that all four hems are together.
3. Select straight stitch, with a stitch length of 3 and sew along the bottom edge of the T-shirts to form the base of the bag using a 1cm seam allowance. Secure at the beginning and the end.
4. To give the bag some depth, you will need to create a gusset. This can easily be done by grabbing the corner of your bag by the tip and match up the side and bottom seams together. This will form a triangle. Sew across corner of the T-shirts approx 5cm in from the point. Do the same to the other side.
5. Turn the T-shirts inside out so that the black T-shirt is now on the outside.
6. Lay the T-shirts down on a flat surface with right sides facing you. Smooth out any bumps and make sure all side seams, shoulders and necklines are matching.
7. Create a plunging neckline so that the bag has nice long handles. To do this, measure down from the top of the back neck approx 30cm and mark with chalk. Measure out from neckline along shoulder seam approx 3cm and mark with chalk. Measure out a further 8cm to mark the thickness of the handles. See diagram 1 over.
8. Draw a line from the new shoulder marking closest to the neck, down towards the 30cm mark. Form a curve at the bottom similar to that of the original neckline. See Diagram 2.
9. Draw a line from the second shoulder marking down to the same level of the new neckline then curve it out to the side seam. Do the same on both sides. See Diagram 3.
10. Cut along the chalk lines to form the handles for your T-Bag.
11. Set machine on zig-zag, W-3 and L-3. Sew approx 1cm in from the cut edge around both armholes and neck.
12. Cut t-shirt at the shoulders on both sides, trim away the bulky seam. See Diagram 4.
13. Join shoulders back together, this time join the two fronts together and the two backs together by overlapping the seams and sewing down the middle with zig-zag stitch.
14. Use the cut away pieces of the T-shirt to add a little attitude to your T-Shirt bag. Use your imagination to cut, slash, sew or manipulate the fabric in lots of different ways for a truly unique look.
15. Enjoy!



Materials List

- 1 x black T-shirt (outside of bag)
- 1 coloured T-shirt (inside of bag)
- 2 x reels of thread, one black and one to match coloured T-shirt
- Tailors chalk
- Scissors

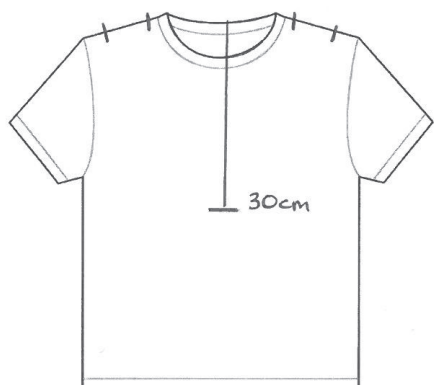


Diagram 1

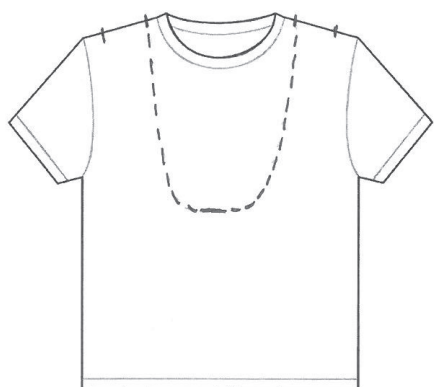


Diagram 2

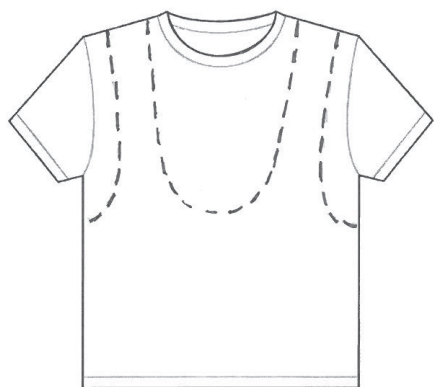


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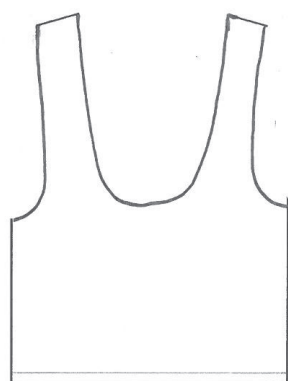
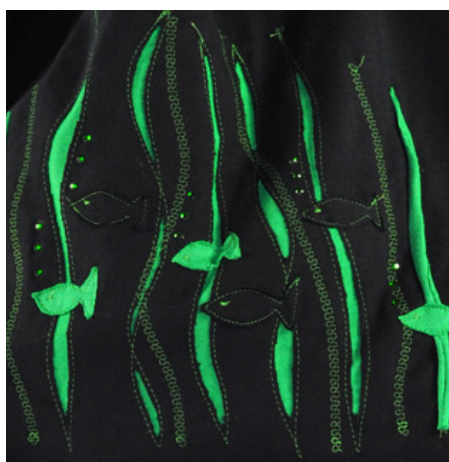


Diagram 4

