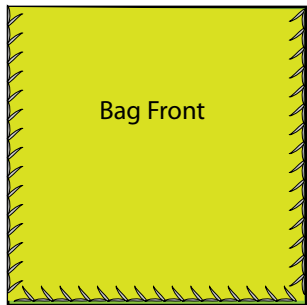


Serger Shopping Bag

Takes less than an hour to complete

What you need: 1 yard of fabric or 1/2 yard for bag and 1/2 yard for lining. Timtex interfacing

Cut Fabric: Bag, 2 pieces 16" x 16"
 Lining, 2 pieces 16" x 16" Lining
 Straps, 4 pieces 2" x 20" can be two pieces from each lining and bag fabric
 Optional: Timtex firm interfacing, 4" x 13". This will stiffen the bottom of the bag.



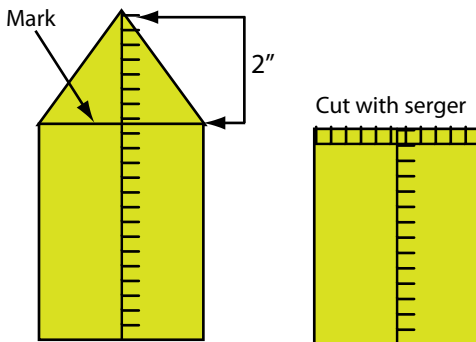
Place bag fabric right sides together and serge around 3 sides, leaving the top open. **You can use either a three or four thread stitch for this.**



Place lining fabric right sides together and serge down 2 sides, leaving the top and bottom open. You can use either a three or four thread stitch for this.



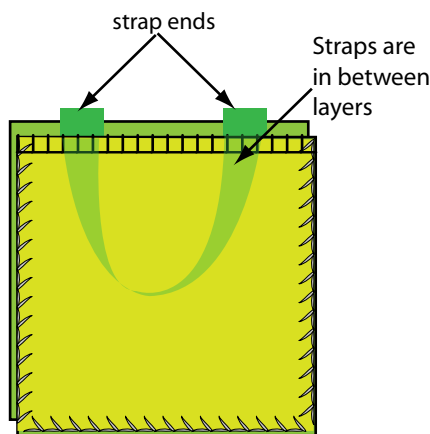
Straps:
 Place the straps wrong sides together. Set up serger for a **Three-Thread wide stitch, or three thread narrow if desired.** Use a decorative thread in upper and lower loopers and matching thread in the needle. Use a short stitch length for a more satin stitched edge. (around 0.5 or 1 stitch length)
 Tip: for the best finish, trim about 1/4" off each side



Boxed corner: Outside of bag only

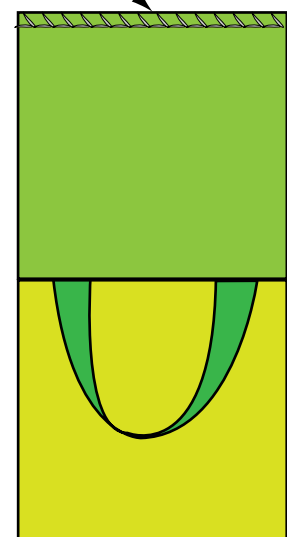
To make a boxed corner on the bottom of the bag, turn the bag inside out. Match the bottom seam and the side seam together. You will now have a triangle shape. Measure two (2") inches from the point and mark it across as shown. Sew with the serger across the mark cutting off the triangle end.

If you have decided to use the optional Timtex interfacing to reinforce the bottom of the bag, place the timtex on the boxed ends of each side and serge to finish cutting the excess off with the serger.



Turn the outside of the bag inside out and place the lining (right sides out) inside the bag, put them right sides together. Place the straps in between the outside of the bag and the lining about 2" from each edge. Do this for both sides of the bag. Serge around the edge, catching the ends of the straps while sewing.

Serge edges of the lining on the right side to finish.



Pull the lining out of the bag. Serge the bottom edge with wrong sides together. Box the Corners on the lining the same As you did in a earlier step. You are now finished. Push the lining back to the inside and press. if you would like, you can top sew the top edge of the bag with a regular sewing machine. This will also reinforce the bag straps.