

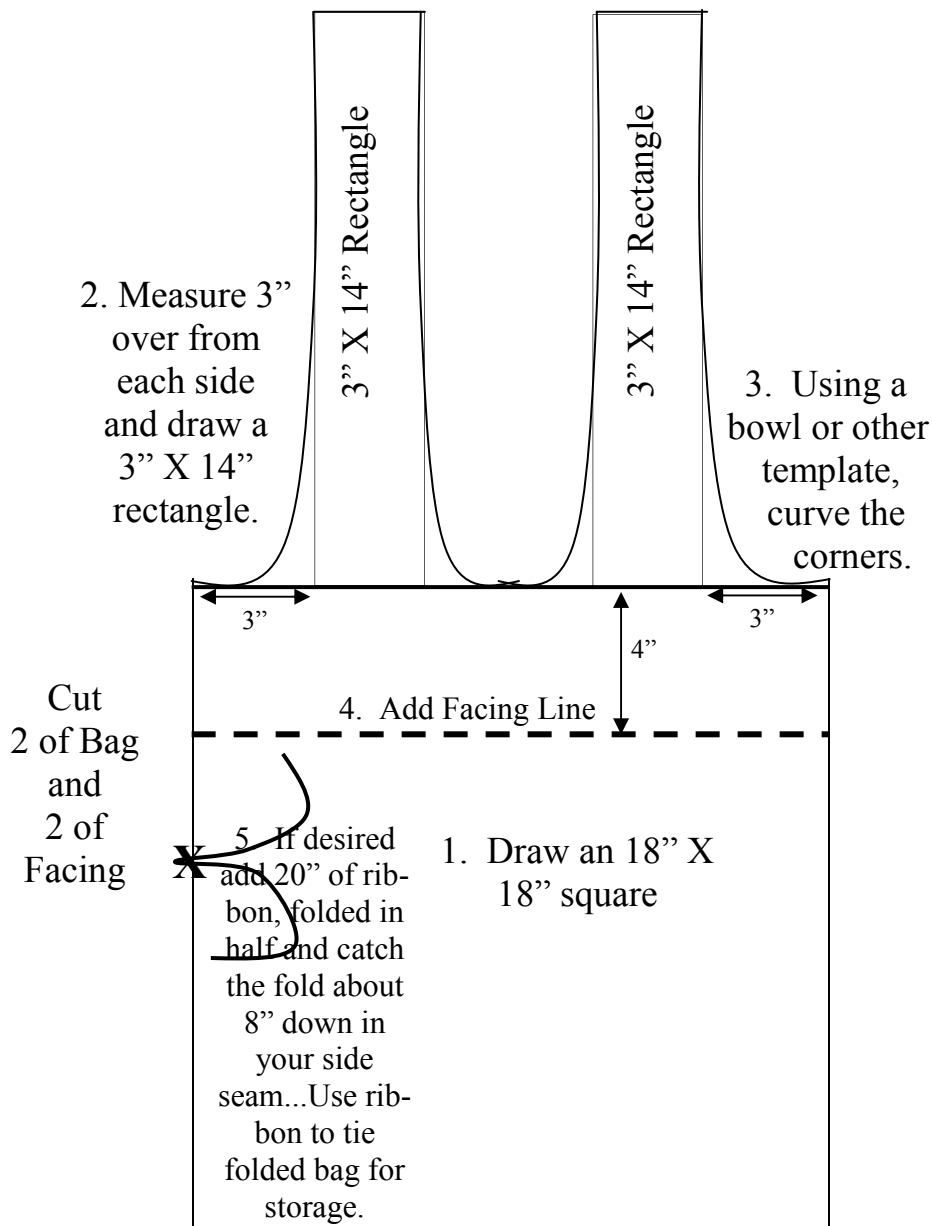
Shopping Bag

Supplies: 7/8 yard bag, 5/8 yard facing

Following guidelines below, draw shopping bag pattern onto Freezer Paper or other pattern paper. From bag fabric, cut 2 of bag. From facing fabric, cut 2 of facing.

Assembly:

1. With one Facing and one Bag right sides together (RST*), stitch handle area, leaving top of handles and side seams unstitched. Clip and turn. Repeat for other bag and facing.
2. Place the 2 Bag/Facing units RST. Flip facing up at side seams, then stitch from the edge of one facing, around the bag to the edge of the other side of facing, catching just the fold of the ribbon tie. Finish edge of facing by pinking or hemming.
3. Box the bottom. With the bag inside out, place one side seam RST against the bottom seam. This forms a sort of point where the seams come together. Measure about 3" in along the seam and stitch perpendicular to the seam, to make a sort of triangle from that angle. Repeat for other side. This will form a "box" or the bottom of the bag.



4. Stitch facing to bag by top stitching along top bit of side seams, catching the facing.
5. Turn under one raw edge of at top of handle. Tuck other edge of handle in about 1" and stitch the resulting rectangle. Repeat for other handle to complete your shopping bag.
6. **Always remember** to place shopping bags back in car after removing groceries.
7. **Always remember** to bring shopping bags into the store with you when you are going to purchase something (Anything! Even fabric to make more shopping bags!)

*NOTE: To make a yoke of the facing (showing it off instead of hiding it) place bag right side up atop facing at the start of Step 1. Then at the end of Step 2, finish the facing by turning under 1/2" hem and top stitching to bag.