

Felt Handbag



This handbag offers a modern, elegant option for your accessory collection. Made from felt, the bag and its floral embellishments are cut using your crafting machine, then assembled using your sewing machine. The finished size of the handbag is approximately 12" x 16" x 4" (30cm x 40cm x 10cm).

What you need

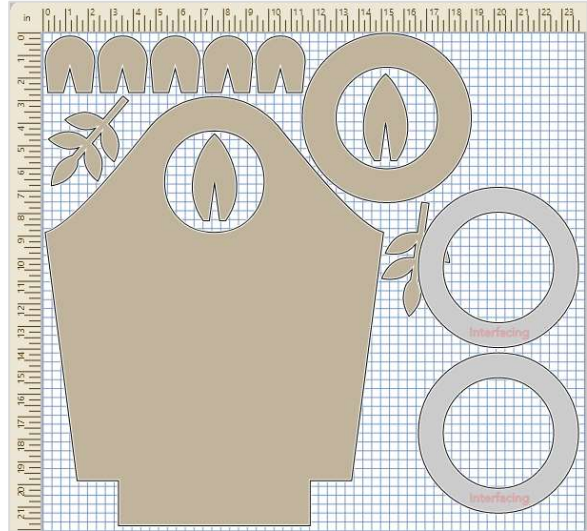
- Firm Felt Fabric - 2 pieces 20" x 24" (50cm x 60cm) each
- Firm Fusible Interfacing
- Fabric Grip Mat 24" x 24"
- Rotary Blade
- Brayer
- Heat Press or Iron
- Sewing Machine
- All Purpose Thread
- 2 Felt Pom-Pom Balls
- Straight Pins

- Hand Sewing Needle
- Fabric Glue (optional)

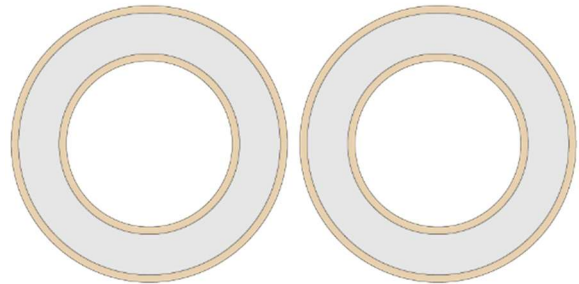
Directions

1. Open the project in Canvas. Go to the Output Menu and press Send to Machine. Place the felt on your Fabric Grip Mat. Use a Brayer to help adhere the material to the cutting mat, eliminating wrinkles or bubbles. Follow the steps to cut the felt on your crafting machine. Place the second felt piece on the mat and repeat the cut.

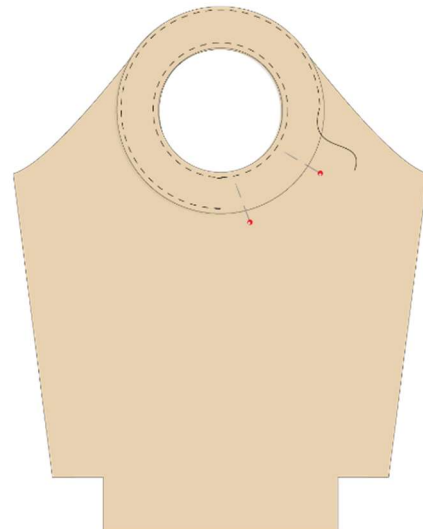
Note: When using more than one material, check all settings and customize inputs for your mat size, material type, material size, and arrangement of pieces before selecting next to begin cutting each layer.



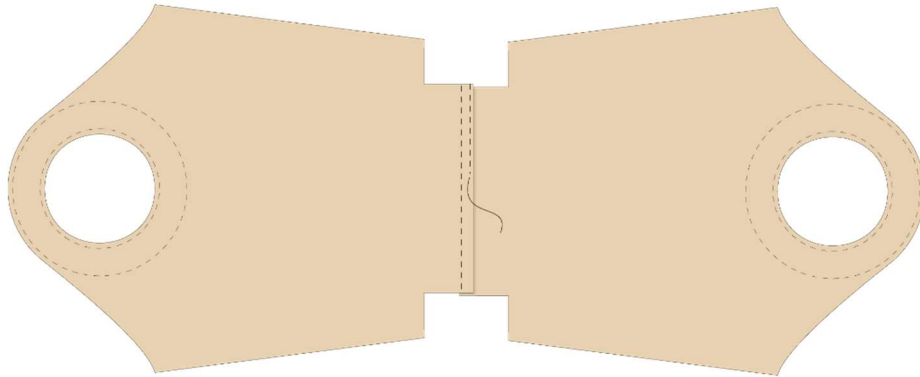
2. Place the interfacing on the mat and follow the steps to cut the interfacing on your crafting machine.
3. Use the heat press or iron to fuse the interfacing to the circular handle pieces. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.



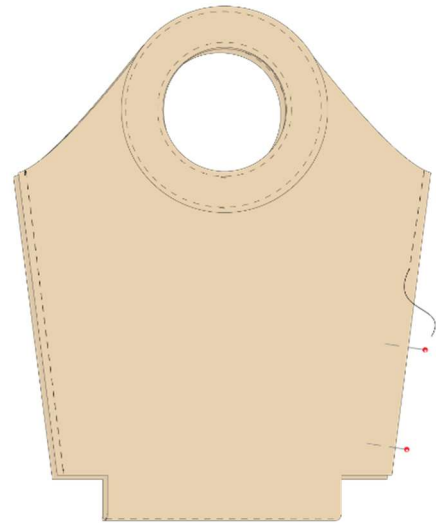
4. Set your sewing machine for straight stitch. Place the handle piece on the bag, wrong sides together. Pin or clip to hold in place while sewing together. Stitch along the edges of the circle, 1/8" (3mm) from the edge.



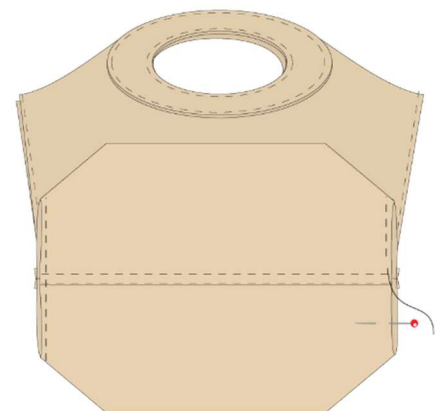
5. Place the bag front and back with the bottom line overlapping $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12mm). Sew two parallel rows of stitching to create the bag bottom.



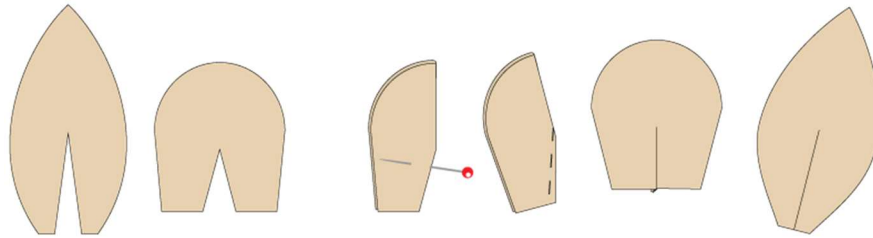
6. Fold the bag in half, right sides together and pin or clip the side seams. Stitch both side seams using $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) seam allowance.



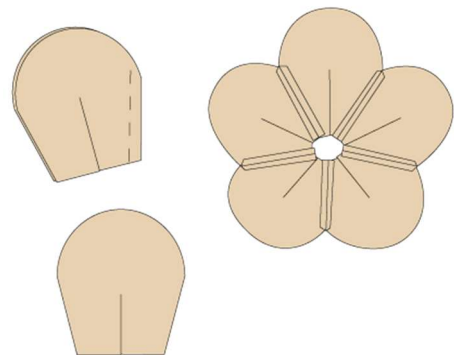
7. Fold the bottom corners, matching the bottom and side seams. Pin and sew across on both sides.
8. Turn the bag right side out.



9. Make the Flower Decoration: If your material has a right and a wrong side, fold the petals in half, right side together. With your sewing machine set for straight stitch, sew the dart closed using a 1/8" (3mm) seam allowance. Repeat for all petals and the leaves.



10. Sew the petals together. Place two petals, wrong sides together and sew along one straight side. Continue adding petals until five petals join to a flower.



11. Arrange the leaves and the flowers on the bag front. Use a hand sewing needle and thread to sew them to the bag. Sew the pom-pom balls in the center of the flowers. For a quicker way to attach the decorations, you can use fabric glue.

