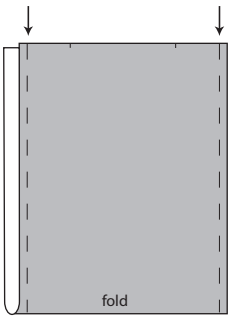


# Tote Bag

## Order of Assembly

Instructions by Jimmy Eng for The Edge, State Library of QLD  
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**A**



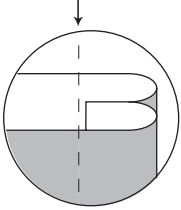
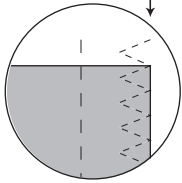
- Fold Main piece vertically, right sides together and on the sides

[OPTIONS]

1/  
- Sew 1cm seam  
- Zig zag stitch/overlock the seam edge

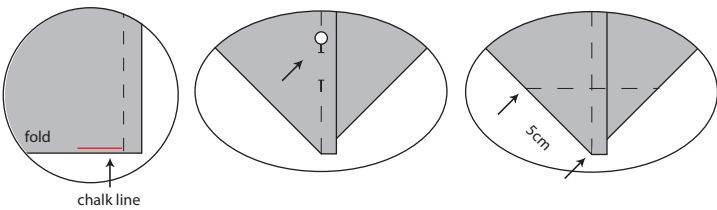
or

2/  
- Sew 0.5cm seam  
- Bag out (turn bag into itself so the other side shows)  
- Sew 0.5cm seam again (to capture the original seam inside the stitching)


(Capture the edge in the zig zag/overlock)

**B**



- With some chalk, rub along the fold line on both corners
- Open the corner of the bag so the chalk line and the side seam sits on top on each other, put a pin in both these points
- Mark a 5cm point from the corner along the fold line on both sides and sew across the fabric connecting each point

**C**



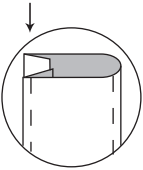
[OPTIONS]

1/  
- Fold the bag straps horizontally, sew 1cm seam  
- Bag out (use a safety pin attached to one end/ loop turner)  
- Top stitch the seam and fold edge (0.3-0.5cm)

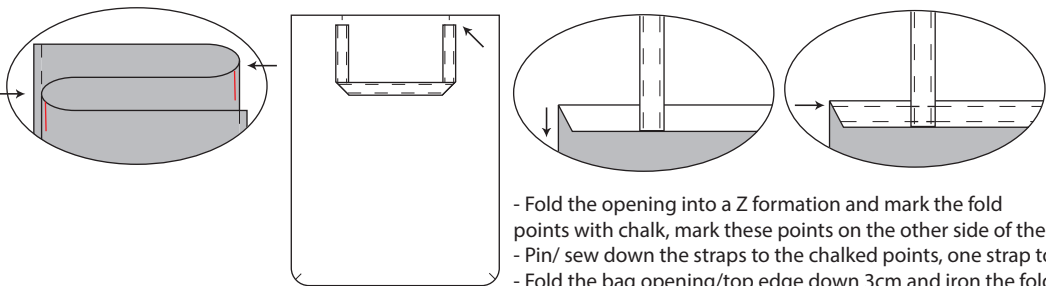
[OR]

2/  
- Fold 1cm seam allowance on each long edge and iron  
- Fold these two edges together and top stitch down

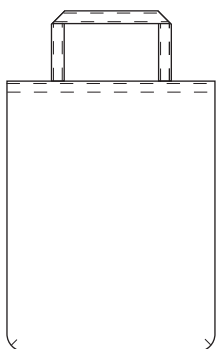
[top stitch the folded edge if you like]



**D**



- Fold the opening into a Z formation and mark the fold points with chalk, mark these points on the other side of the bag
- Pin/ sew down the straps to the chalked points, one strap to each side
- Fold the bag opening/top edge down 3cm and iron the fold. Sew the fold.
- Tuck the edge of the bag into itself 1cm and top stitch to finish the bag.



Congratulations, you've made a Tote bag!

You have learned how to:

- straight stitch
- overlock (keep a cut edge from fraying)
- bag out
- create a boxed finish (the bag corners)
- complete an item from a flat pattern