



artsy-crafty babe pleated tote pattern

www.artsycraftybabe.typepad.com ©2007
For personal use only

Materials:

1/2 yard fabric for exterior

1/2 yard fabric for lining

Light weight fusible interfacing, if desired

Two strips of exterior fabric 4" x 22" for straps

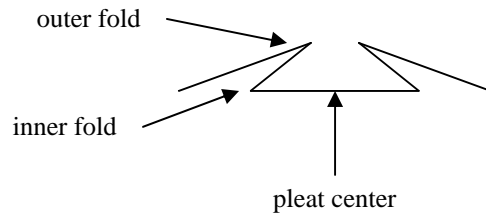
Two pieces of lining fabric 13" x 6" for interior pocket

One strip of fabric 2" x 5" for loop closure

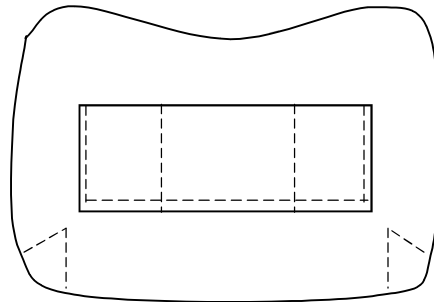
Button

Instructions:

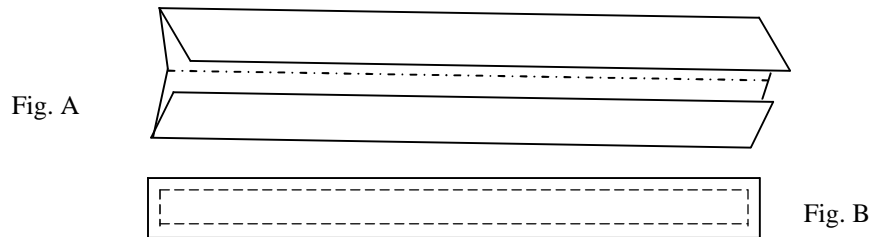
1. Cut out bag exterior, lining, and interfacing. Depending on the weight of your fabric, you can interface both the exterior and lining, the exterior only, or none at all. If using interfacing, fuse to wrong side of fabric.



2. Make pleats in bag exterior according to lines on pattern. Above is a cross section of the pleat. Once fabric is folded, pin in place, then stitch about 1/4" from the edge to keep the pleat together. I like to place a piece of tape across the pleat about 1.5" down the pleat to keep the fabric in place during assembly.

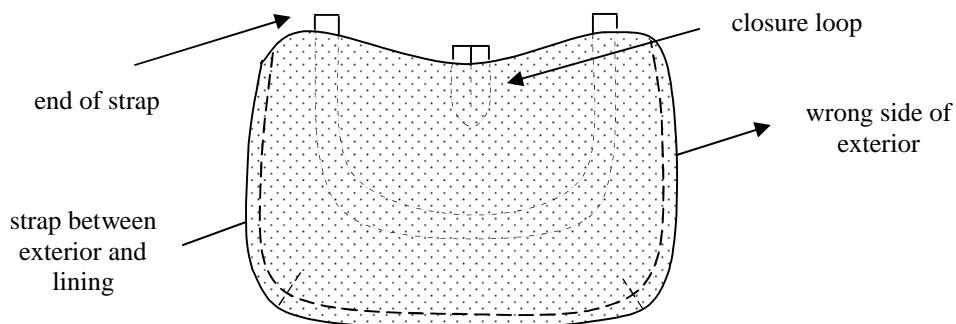


3. Place right sides of pocket pieces together, stitch around all four sides, leaving an opening on one side for turning. Clip corners and turn right side out. Center pocket on one side of lining. Stitch pocket to lining on three sides, making sure to stitch over the opening left on the side of the pocket. If desired, sew two parallel lines to divide the pocket into sections. This provides more stability to the pocket.
4. Stitch corner darts on both exterior and lining pieces.

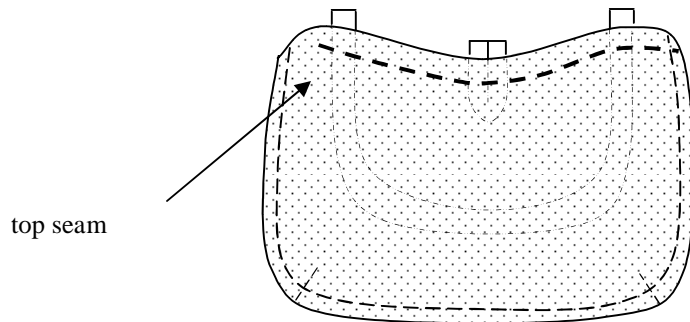


5. Make straps: fold strip of fabric in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, press. Open. Fold long sides of strap to the center, using the previous fold line as a guide (Fig. A). Press. Fold in half again along center fold line. Press. Repeat for second strap. Then, sew 1/4" around the edge (Fig. B). Use the same method for making the strip that will be used for the purse closure.

6. Assemble bag exterior and lining. Place right sides of exterior together, lining up top corners and corner darts, pin in place, then stitch around sides and bottom 1/2" from edge. Do the same for the lining.



7. Turn exterior wrong side out, turn lining right side out. Place lining inside of exterior—the right sides of both the exterior and lining should be facing each other. Line up side seams, pin in place. Insert straps between the exterior and lining at the pleats. **Make sure your strap isn't twisted. Do the same with the piece used for the bag closure. (I like to put my fabric loop on the same side as the pocket, but it doesn't really matter.)



8. To join the exterior and lining, sew all around the top, 1/2" from the edge, leaving about a 4" opening for turning.

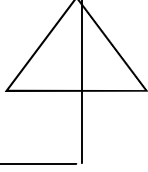
9. Reaching through the opening you just created, turn your bag right side out. Gently tug on the straps and the closure to make sure that everything is fully turned. Press bag, especially the opening, folding the raw edge 1/2" to the inside of the bag. Pin closure.

10. Finish bag by top stitching 1/4" top from edge. This will sew your opening shut and reinforce your strap attachment. Next, decide where your button should go based on your closure loop, then sew in place.

Enjoy your bag!

If you make a pleated tote using this pattern and would like to share, please join the pleated tote flickr group at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/pleatedtote/>

fold

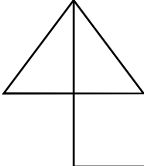


artsy-crafty babe
pleated tote
exterior top
cut 2 on fold

outer fold
inner fold
pleat center
inner fold
outer fold

For personal use only

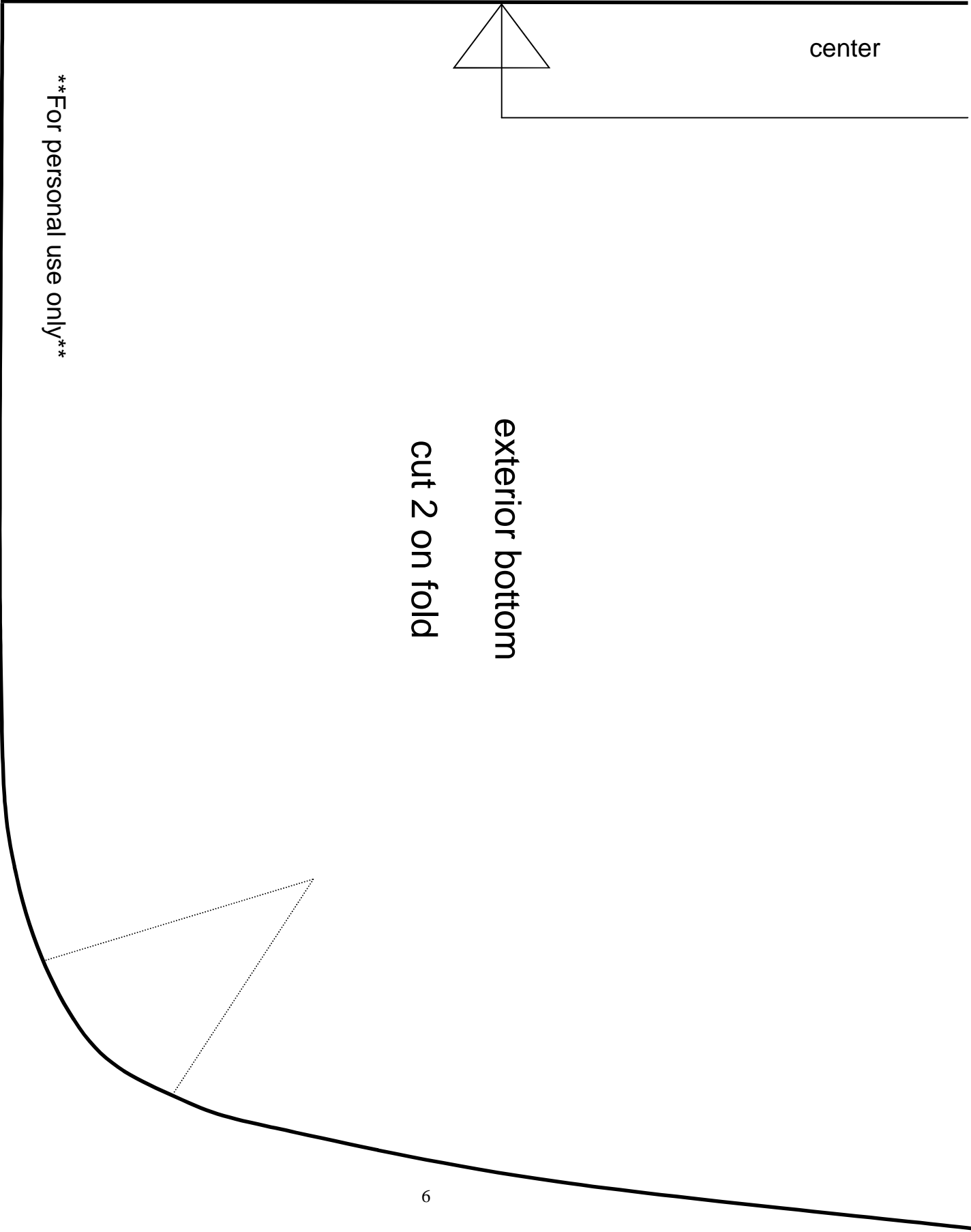
center



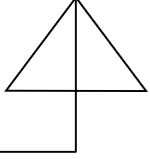
exterior bottom

cut 2 on fold

For personal use only



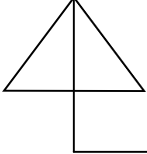
fold



artsy-crafty babe
pleated tote
lining top
cut 2 on fold

****For personal use only****

center



lining bottom
cut 2 on fold

For personal use only

