

# BOHO BAGS

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# INSTRUCTIONS



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These are the instructions for the "BOHO BAG" fabric panel from jolijou. From one panel you can sew at least three of the five bags shown in this tutorial. Boho Bag is distributed exclusively by Swafing and is available from your favourite Swafing retail partner. The pattern pieces are printed directly on the panel, so that these handbags can be sewn quickly and easily.

Here are our illustrated instructions for five different handbag designs that can be sewn from the panel. Please add a foot wide seam allowance to all cut-outs. That said, let your creativity be your guide and come up with something completely new! Find inspiration at [www.jolijou.com/bohobags](http://www.jolijou.com/bohobags).



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## BOHO HANDBAG Instructions

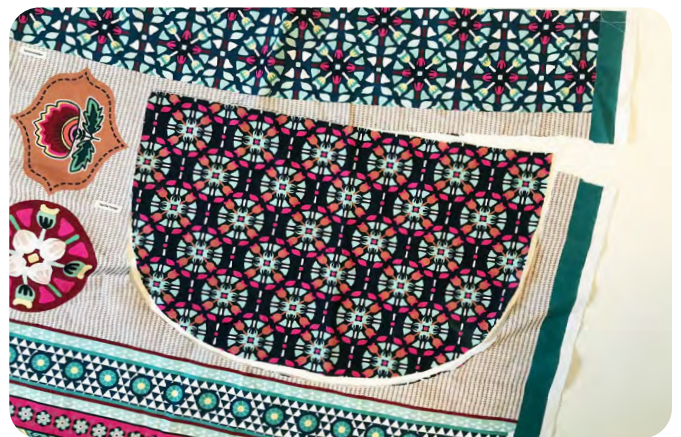


Advanced

This Boho Handbag is a classic purse design featuring a handy front pocket and zipper closure. You may attach ready-made purse straps or sew straps yourself from fabric strips from the Boho Bag panel. Attach an optional shoulder strap to make a messenger bag.

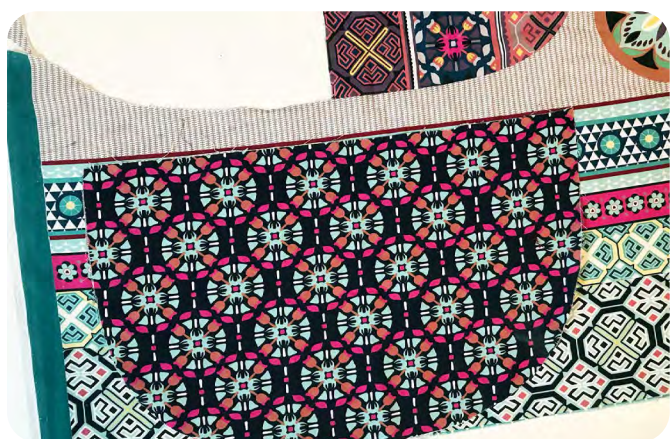


① Cut out the "side pocket" piece from the Boho Bag panel.



② Cut the main purse front and back pieces.

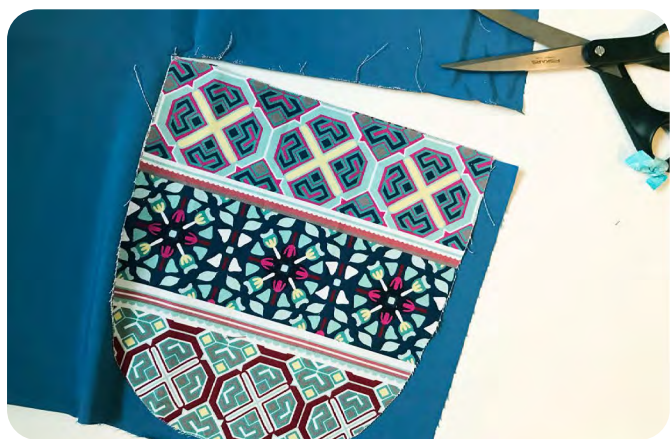




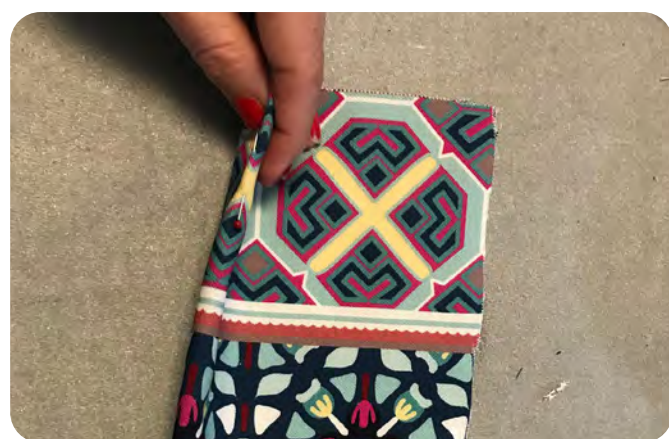
③ Use the front purse piece as a pattern to cut the back purse piece.



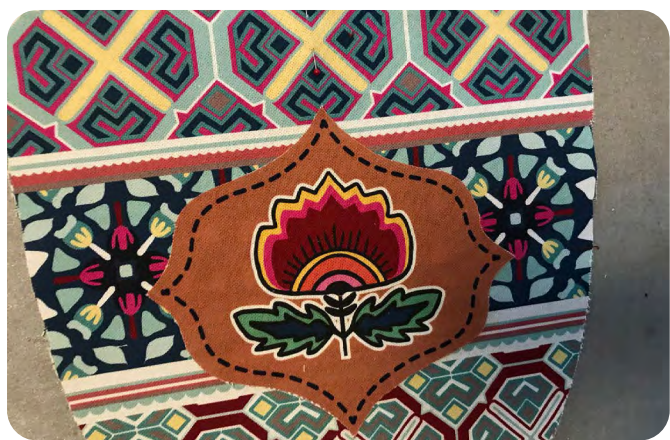
④ Cut 2 purse lining pieces. Again, use the original "bag front" piece as your pattern.



⑤ Cut a pocket lining piece. Use the side pocket piece as a pattern. Cut out the appliqué.



⑥ Mark the middle of pocket top edge with a pin.



⑦ Center and secure the appliqué piece in place with a few pins.



⑧ Stitch the appliqué in place using zig zag stitch..





⑨ Lay the pocket front piece right side against the lining piece wrong side and stitch along the sides and bottom.



⑩ Clip the seam allowance for a smooth turn.



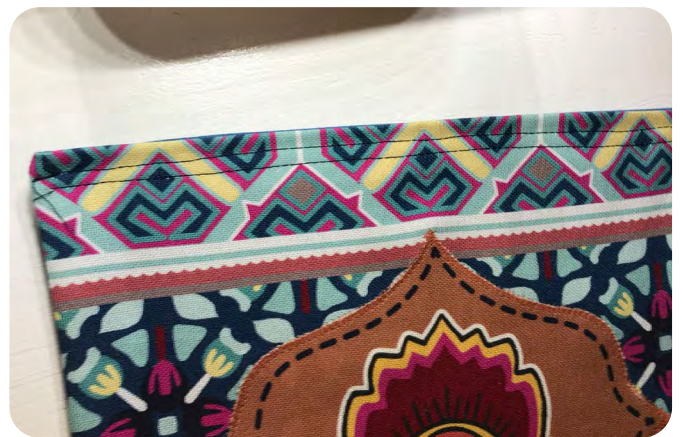
⑪ Add a layer of fusible interfacing as desired. Turn the pocket right side out.



⑫ Determine how deep you would like the pocket to be and trim the upper edge as desired.

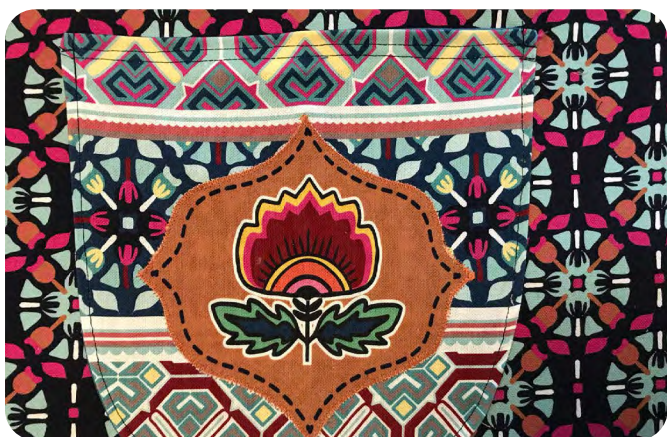


⑬ Fold the upper edges of the pocket between the two fabric layers and press.



⑭ Edge stitch the top edge closed with two stitching lines.





⑮ Center the pocket onto the main bag front piece and secure with a few pins. Be sure to leave 1.5 cm at the top edge of the purse and the side pocket.



⑯ Now you cut a strip from the Boho Bag panel and lay it loosely around the main bag piece. Trim this length of material to fit the bag.

## Finishing your Bag



⑰ Cut a strip the same length from your lining material. Reinforce both strips with fusible interfacing as desired.



① Cut one of the wide strips from the Boho Bag panel. Trim your zipper to the same length as this piece.

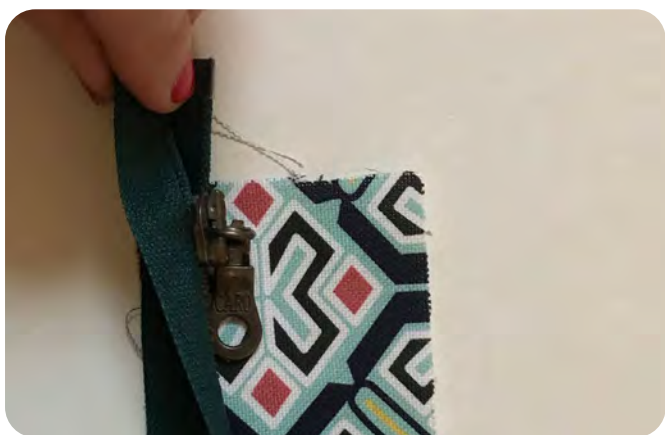


② Cut a piece of material the same size as this strip from your lining material.



③ Cut the outer strip and the lining strip in half lengthwise.





④ place one zipper tape along the edge of the outer material piece right sides together.



⑤ Lay the lining material on the zipper wrong side. The tape is stitched between the two layers..



⑥ Repeat for the opposite zipper tape. This is what your zipper will look like..



⑦ Stitch the bottom/side strip to the bag front right sides together.



⑧ Stitch the back piece to the bottom/side strip right sides together.



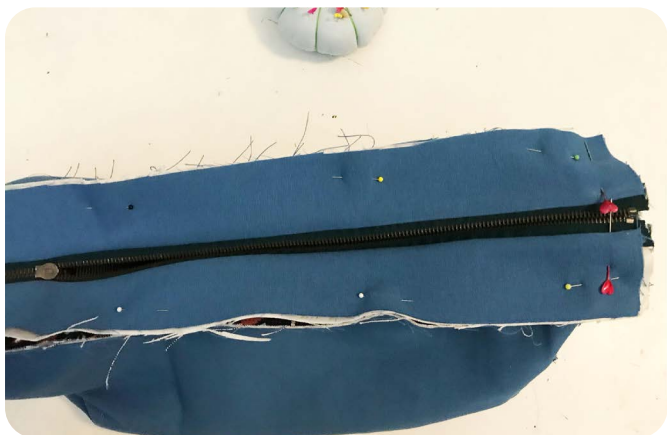
⑨ Clip the seam allowance at the curves for a smooth turn..



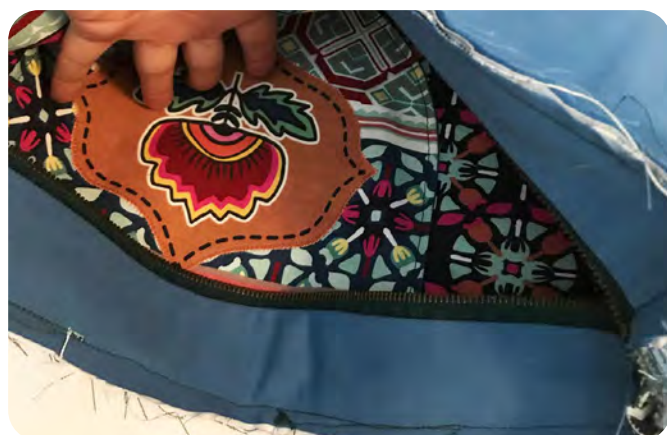
⑩ Sew the bag lining in the same manner as the bag outer..



⑪ Insert the lining into the bag outer fabric wrong sides together.



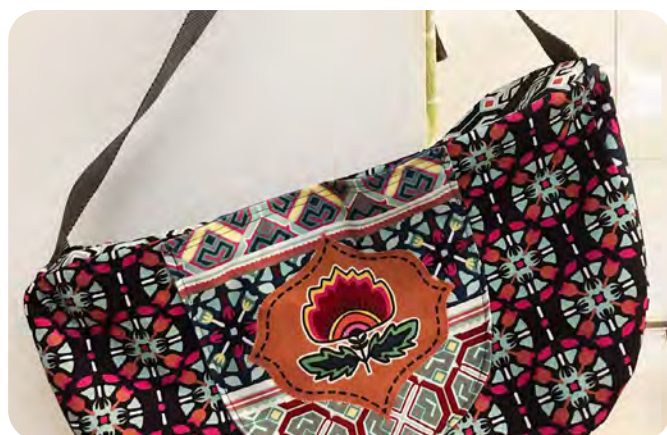
⑫ Open the zipper and stitch the zipper piece to the bag outer along the top edges.



⑬ Turn the bag right side out through the open zipper.



⑭ Securely stitch the purse handles in place.



⑮ Before attaching the zipper piece, you have the option of including a long shoulder strap within the end seams.



## BOHO BEACH BAG Instructions

Advanced



We think you will just love the Boho Beach Bag for both its practical size and fascinating shape. You can stuff so much into this bag while still looking super stylish. You may use ready-made purse handles or create make your own from the strips included on the Boho Bag panel.



① Cut the two front "pocket" pieces. Cut two lengths of fabric with two stripes of Boho design. In this design, the "pocket" piece will not be a pocket, but be used as the center handbag piece.



② Use the this center piece as a pattern to cut three pieces from your lining material. Cut two lengths of lining fabric the same length and width as the with two outer strips of material with the Boho design.





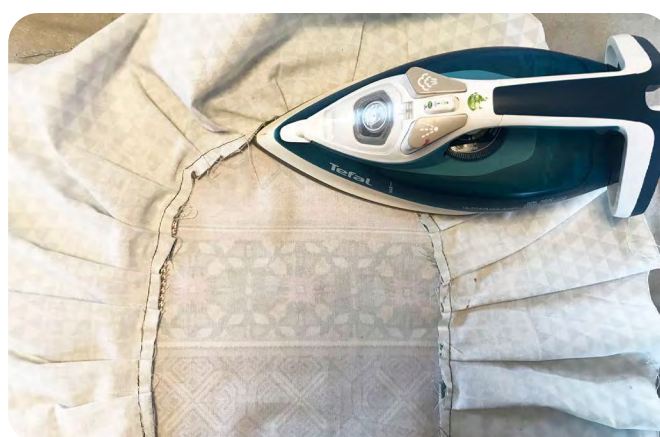
③ Pin a center bag piece to one outer strip at the upper corners fabric right sides together.



④ Pin the center of the outer handbag strip to the center bottom of the center piece.



⑤ Approximately every 2-3 cm fold a small 1 cm pleat and secure a pin. Stitch the pleated fabric strip to the center piece.



⑥ Press the seam allowance toward the center piece..



⑦ Before stitching to the center piece, you may embellish the bag strip piece with lengths of trim, ribbon, or ball or tassel fringe..



⑧ Cut a center strip from the Boho Bag panel. In this example, I have used the strip of material featuring circle designs. Stitch this strip to the bag side piece outer edge fabric right sides together.





⑨ Cut the medallion appliqué from the Boho Bag panel and stitch to the center of one of the three center pieces cut from your lining material. Include ball or tassel fringe in your appliqué stitching line as desired.



⑩ Pin, pleat and sew the other half of the bag as described above in Steps 3-6. Stitch this half to the outside strip.



⑪ Your work will look like this at this stage.



⑫ Sew the lining for the handbag in the same manner as you sewed the bag outer. Instead of pleating, you may choose to gather the edge of the long strip to fit the center pieces.



⑬ Leave a small opening for turning in the seam line of the lining along the lower edge.



⑭ Insert the bag outer into the bag lining right fabric sides together. Stitch the lining to the outer along the top edge. Turn the bag right side out through the small opening. Close the turning opening with a few hand stitches.



## BOHO Shopping Tote

Beginner



The Boho Shopping Tote is the easiest project in the Boho Bag series. You can stitch this up bag project super quick. Fun and functional, this bag will be your stylish companion on everyday errands. I used cotton webbing for the straps, but you can also make straps from the strips found on the Boho Bag panel.



① Cut out the "rear bag" piece from the Boho Bag panel. Cut a generous rectangular piece from the patterned Boho strips the same length as the top edge of the pocket piece.

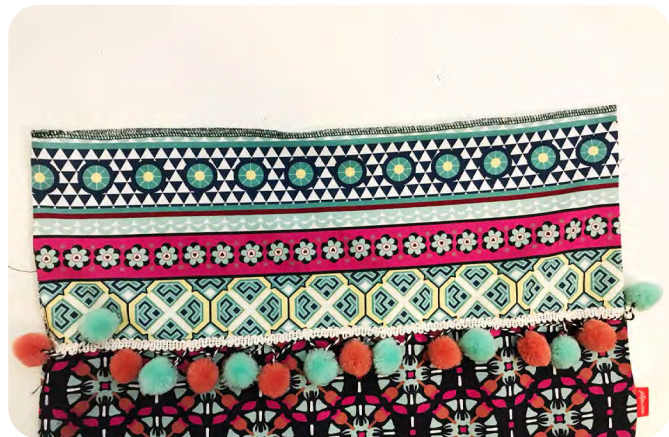


② Stitch the rectangular piece to the top edge of the pocket right fabric sides together.





③ Use this piece as a pattern to cut the bag back piece.



④ Stitch the bag front to the bag back along the sides and bottom right sides together. Fold the top edge toward the inside, press and edgestitch.



⑤ Attach the straps securely. Use webbing or fashion straps from the Boho Bag fabric.



## BOHO Cross Body BAG Instructions

Advanced



The Boho cross body purse is a wonderful everyday companion that is terrific for kids and teens too! Plenty of everyday essentials fit perfectly in this handy purse and the adjustable shoulder strap allows you to carry it comfortably cross body style. You will need webbing, rings and a slider for this version. You can also add a snap or magnetic closure to keep the purse flap closed.



① Cut the small "bag outer", an appliqué and a printed strip from the Boho Bag panell (about 10 cm wide) one strip material the same size as the cut strip. Cut five pieces of from your lining other material using the "bag outer" piece as your pattern.



② The patterned "bag outer" will be the outer piece of the purse flap. Stitch the appliqué piece to the bag flap outer with a zig zag stitch.





③ Stitch the bag flap outer piece to one lining piece right sides together along the sides and lower curved edge. Include piping in this seam as desired.



④ Clip seam allowance along the curved edge for a smooth turn. Turn your work right side out and press the encased seam.



⑤ Stitch two lining pieces to the outer strip piece right sides together. Clip the seam allowance along the curved edge for a smooth turn.



⑥ Turn the bag outer right side out and stitch the flap piece to one upper edge..



⑦ Stitch the two remaining bag lining pieces to the lining strip piece. Leave an opening in one seam line for turning along the lower edge of the bag lining. Insert the bag outer into the lining right sides together. Stitch the lining to the bag outer along the upper edge.



⑧ Turn your work right side out through the small opening. Close the turning opening with a few hand stitches. Press your work. Loop rings through pieces of webbing and securely stitch the looped webbing to the sides of the purse as illustrated. Thread the shoulder strap webbing through the rings and add the slider.



## BOHO PARTY PURSE Instructions

Advanced



The Boho Party Purse is an absolute eye-catcher embodying that happy hippie vibe. This primo purse is a perfect piece to take to parties, music festivals and happenings year round. You can fashion yours from leather as shown here here or from fabric. You will need need rings, a 20-25 cm zipper and a shoulder strap. Sewing this purse requires somewhat more advanced construction techniques.



① Cut the round medallion from the Boho Bag panel.

Cut two circles of material approximately 2 cm larger in diameter than the medallion. A round dinner plate works well as a template.



② Cut a piece of material somewhat longer and wider than your zipper. Cut a slit with two small V's the length of your zipper teeth. Fold the edges of this slit inward toward the wrong side and press. Center and stitch the zipper to this piece.





③ These are all the pieces you will need to cut to make this purse. The zipper piece plus the long outer strip equals the circumference of the circular pieces plus 4 cm.



④ Stitch the medallion appliqué to one of the round side pieces. Add tassel fringe or other embellishment in this seam as desired.



⑤ Embellish the purse strip as desired.



⑥ Stitch the zipper piece to the outer strip right sides together with a 1 cm seam allowance to make a loop of material.



⑦ Stitch the loop to one circular purse side right sides together.



⑧ Loop your rings through the small pieces of material and stitch the loop anchors to the purse side piece as illustrated. Open the zipper for turning. Stitch the opposite circular purse side to the loop of material. Turn your work right side out through the zipper. Add the shoulder strap.