

SHOULDER BAG

height 31 cm, width 32 cm

MATERIALS

- 40 cm canvas (e.g. awning canvas) or similar firm cotton fabric, width 150 cm
- 30 cm cotton fabric for lining

PATTERN PIECES

	cut
1 bag exterior panel	2
2 shoulder strap	4
3 bag lining	2

CUTTING

Draw pattern pieces for bag according to measurements given in small-scale patterns. Measurements include 1 cm seam allowances.

Cut bag exterior panels and shoulder straps from canvas and lining panels from cotton fabric.

SEWING

Seams and hems: Stitch seams with straight stitch. No seam finish is necessary as the bag is fully lined.

Shoulder straps: Fold shoulder-strap strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press fold in the middle of strip. Turn seam allowances on long edges of shoulder strap in and topstitch edges together. Topstitch other edge of shoulder strap. Construct other shoulder straps in the same way.

Fold and press 7 cm wide hems at top edges of bag exterior panels. Lay ends of shoulder straps across hem allowances on bag exterior panels, to their right side, placing one strap 3 cm from side edge of panel and the other right next to it. Machine-baste ends of straps in place.

Joining bag exterior: Pin bag panels together, right sides facing, and stitch their bottom and side edges together. Press seams open. Stitch bottom corners of bag as follows: Flatten corner, aligning bottom and side seam, and sew 4 cm line of stitching perpendicular to bottom and side seams. Repeat for other corner.

Joining lining: Construct lining in the same way as bag exterior; leave 10 cm opening in one side seam for turning bag right side out.

Joining bag exterior and lining: Place bag exterior and lining within one another, right sides together, and stitch top edge of bag (shoulder straps are within bag between exterior and lining). Turn bag right side out and close opening on lining.

Finishing: Topstitch top edge of bag close to seam joining exterior and lining (topstitching is placed 6 cm down from top-edge foldline). Attach each pair of shoulder straps together at their midpoint with bar-tack (= short, narrow zigzag).

