

FROM THE FOUNDER OF THE #VIKISEWS BRAND



Back in 2016, when I was working on my first set of sewing instructions, I was trying to write them in such a way that even a complete beginner could easily understand and use them to create their very first garment. These instructions laid the foundation for the Vikisews brand, its vision and its mission. I wanted to create modern patterns with the utmost detailed and clear instructions.

Now, with each new collection we are constantly improving our instructions, amending them and adding more relevant details. By the time the final product reaches you, our drafters, correctors, and editors would have spent weeks perfecting every word and every photograph. If you compile a few of our instructions together, you will get a sewing manual that will assist you in sewing all kinds of garments at any difficulty level.

And I would be very happy if these instructions helped you to turn your hobby into a lifelong passion... Enjoy the process! Create your ultimate dream wardrobe! Wear your garments proudly for years to come!

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@vikisews.com — we are always there to help.



KUM PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Kum is a medium-sized, structured tote bag made of tapestry fabric. The bag is stiffened with felt and has firm faux leather handles. There are two faux leather straps with chains, threaded through the grommets at the base of the handles. The top edge is finished with grosgrain ribbon. The fully lined interior of the bag features one zipper pocket, two patch pockets, one umbrella pocket and one key clasp holder. The bag is completed with a felt organizer with patch pockets on the inside and outside. The bag fastens with a magnetic snap.



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BAG DIMENSIONS

	Bag bottom length	Bag gusset width	Bag gusset height at center	Handle length from bag top edge	Strap length including chain
cm	39	18.5	29	29.5	74
inches	15 3/8	7 1/4	11 3/8	11 5/8	29 1/8

SUGGESTED FABRIC

To sew this bag, choose heavyweight, structured and non-stretch fabrics.

The following fabrics are recommended: tapestry fabric, denim, faux leather, faux suede, natural leather, natural suede.

As a stiffening material, you can use synthetic felt, wool felt or felt cloth — non-fraying, non-woven material made of natural or synthetic fibers.

For the lining, choose pocketing fabric that includes natural (cotton) or synthetic (polyester) fibers.

The bag in the photo is made of tapestry fabric. The fabric is medium weight, structured, non-stretch and water-repellent. The fiber content is 80% cotton and 20% polyester. The fabric weight is 500 g/m².

The organizer is made of felt. The fabric is stiff and structured. The fiber content is 100% polyester. The fabric weight is 300 g/m².

The lining is 100% cotton, 100 g/m².

FABRIC AND NOTIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Main fabric, 500–550 g/m², 140–150 cm (55–59") wide, with a directional print/nap — 0.8 m (7/8 yd)
2. Additional fabric, 400 g/m², 140 cm (55") wide, with a directional print/nap — 0.45 m (1/2 yd)
3. Lining fabric, 100 g/m², 140 cm (55") wide — 0.8 m (7/8 yd)

IMPORTANT! When purchasing fabric, please account for shrinkage and buy 5% more than required.

4. Interfacing, 70 g/m², 140 cm (55") wide — 0.8 m (7/8 yd)
5. Paper-backed fusible web tape, 1 cm (3/8") wide — 3 m (3 1/4 yd)
6. Double-sided adhesive tape, 1 cm (3/8") wide — 1 m (1 1/8 yd)
7. Stiffener (felt), 250–350 g/m², 1 mm thick and 100 cm (39") wide — 1 m (1 1/8 yd)
8. Stiffener (leatherboard), 1 mm thick and 50 cm (20") wide — 2 cm (3/4")

9. One magnetic snap with prongs, 1.5 cm (5/8") in diameter
10. Grosgrain ribbon, 2.5 cm (1") wide — 1.6 m (1 3/4 yd)
11. Decorative chain with a link width up to 1.2 cm (1/2") — 1.05 m (1 1/8 yd)
12. Four metal rings, 1.2 cm (1/2") in diameter
13. Four grommets, 1.4 cm (1/2") in diameter
14. Four toggle T-bars, 3 cm (1 1/8") wide
15. One swivel lobster clasp with a ring, 1.5 cm (5/8") in diameter
16. One closed bottom zipper, 25 cm (9 7/8") long, for the pocket
17. Matching thread for the main fabric — 1 spool
18. Matching thread for the additional fabric — 1 spool

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- sewing machine for construction
- one-sided foot for the sewing machine
- teflon foot for the sewing machine
- pliers for installing a snap
- press tool for installing grommets

PATTERN PIECES LIST

1. From main fabric:

- front / back panel — cut 2
- gusset — cut 2
- bottom — cut 1
- side insert — cut 2
- snap holder — cut 4
- panel facing — cut 2
- gusset facing — cut 2

2. From lining fabric:

- panel lining — cut 2
- gusset lining — cut 2
- patch pocket — cut 1
- zipper pocket lining — cut 1
- zipper pocket facing — cut 1
- umbrella pocket — cut 1

3. From interfacing:

- front / back panel — cut 2
- gusset — cut 2
- bottom — cut 1
- side insert — cut 2
- snap holder — cut 4
- panel facing — cut 2
- gusset facing — cut 2
- handle — cut 2
- handle reinforcement — cut 4
- chain strap — cut 4

4. From additional fabric (faux leather):

- handle — cut 2
- handle facing — cut 4
- handle reinforcement — cut 4
- chain strap — cut 4
- clasp holder — cut 1

IMPORTANT! Don't forget to transfer all pattern markings and notches onto the fabric.

5. From stiffener (felt):

- front / back panel — cut 2
- gusset — cut 2
- bottom — cut 1
- snap holder — cut 2
- organizer body — cut 1
- organizer outer pocket 1 — cut 1
- organizer outer pocket 2 — cut 1
- organizer inner pocket 1 — cut 1
- organizer inner pocket 2 — cut 1

6. From stiffener (leatherboard):

- four strips, 1 × 21 cm (3/8 × 8 1/4"), to stiffen the handles

SEAM ALLOWANCES

All pattern pieces include seam allowances as follows:

- zipper pocket lining — 1.5 cm (5/8")
- all other edges — 1 cm (3/8").

Take this into account when laying out pattern pieces on the fabric.

IMPORTANT! *The top bag edge is finished with grosgrain ribbon, so the following pieces do not have top edge seam allowances on the pattern:*

- front / back panel
- gusset
- panel facing
- gusset facing
- side insert

Also, the snap holder and organizer pockets do not have seam allowances.



Press the seam allowances to the wrong side.
At the corners, clip the seam allowances diagonally, stopping 2 mm short of the fold.



Apply the double-sided adhesive tape to the handle facing seam allowances in several spots.



Remove the backing paper from the adhesive tape.

Place the handle facing piece to the handle piece wrong sides together and stick the pieces together.