

# HANGING DAYTIME WALLABY BAG TUTORIAL



The hanging bag is made from four layers of fabric, two pieces to form the inner pocket, and two pieces for the outer pocket. This tutorial uses upcycled pillowcases.

## YOU WILL NEED:

- 2 standard double/queen pillowcases (100% cotton for the liner), or equivalent fabric
- Wallaby Daytime Bag pattern (available from [www.longgrassnaturerefuge.com.au/joeybags](http://www.longgrassnaturerefuge.com.au/joeybags))
- Sewing machine, thread, scissors, pins, marker pen, iron

OPTIONAL: A corresponding video tutorial created by Dana at Scrappy Stitch is available from <https://youtu.be/PKqQjV0USJ8>

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**STEP 1:** Start with 2 standard pillowcases. A standard double/queen pillowcase will fit the wallaby pattern.

**NOTE:** If your pillowcase is slightly narrower, or wider, adjust the pattern accordingly

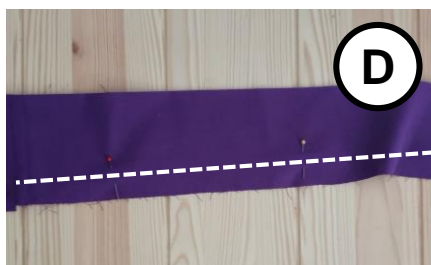


- Turn pillowcase inside out. Press. Trace pattern.
- Pin the layers together flat and cut around outer line. Keep offcuts for Step 2
- On top (front) layer only, cut out scoop
- With right sides together, sew front to back around outer edge
- Repeat steps B-D using the second pillowcase. This will form the inner layer.

## STEP 2: Create the hanging strap.



- a. Using the top of the pillowcase from step 1A, unfold top flap and trim side seams
- b. Cut into three strips of equal width (~20cm, or whatever makes best use of your fabric)



- c. With right sides together, join the 3 pieces to make one long strip. Press seams open.
- d. With right sides together, fold in half lengthwise. Stitch. Press seam open.
- e. Turn strap right side out.
- f. Press seam to strap centre, and top stitch edges.

NOTE: If not using pillowcase scraps for the strap, skip steps 2a – 2c. Cut 1 length fabric 20 × 120cm, then continue with 2d.



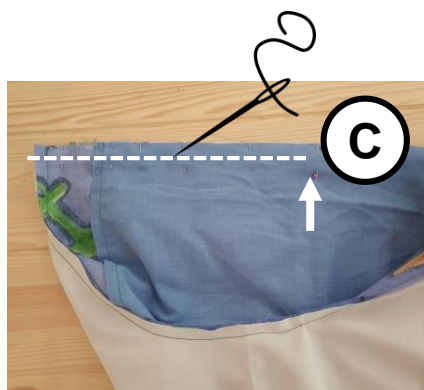
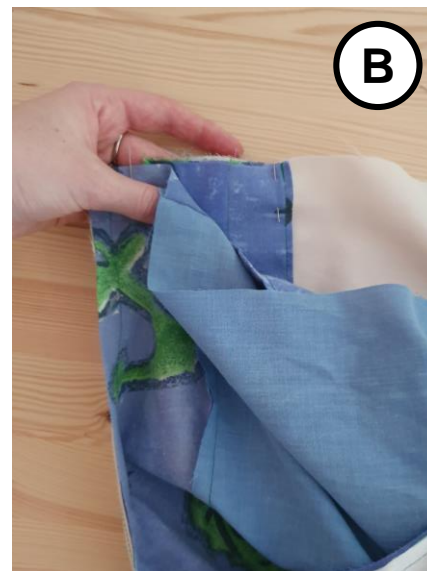
### STEP 3: Join inner and outer pockets

- Start with inner layer, turn right side facing inwards. Take outer layer and turn right side facing outwards.
- Place outer pocket (blue) inside the inner pocket (cream). Pin along curved edge and stitch together.



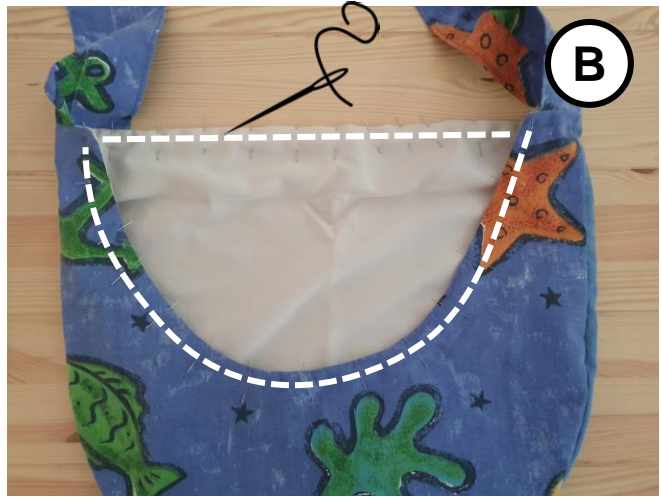
### STEP 4: Secure strap to bag

- Position strap upside down over bag, lining up edges of the strap with the top of the bag.
- Sandwich the strap in between the inner and outer pockets. Pin into place. Tuck the length of the strap down between the two pockets, making sure it is not twisted.



- Stitch around the top of the bag. This will attach the strap and secure the inner and outer pockets together.
- Leave a 10cm gap (marked by arrows) in the centre back so you can turn the bag right side out.
- Secure the strap into place with two additional rows of stitching for extra strength.

## STEP 5: Close opening and topstitch



- Clip edges of curved bag front. Trim corners and seam allowance if bulky
- Turn bag right side out. Pin opening closed, and top stitch around top edge of bag.

**Congratulations, you did it!**