



BEACH TOWEL BAG

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Make a smart two-in-one summer essential by turning towels into a beach bag that easily unfolds into a comfortable towel for sunbathing. It's perfect for carrying your beach essentials and then relaxing by the water on the same towel.

Personalize your bag with a decorative pocket featuring a vinyl design. This beginner-friendly project is a great way to upcycle towels and create a practical, washable accessory for sunny days.

CATEGORY:

- Sewing
- Crafting (optional)

SKILL LEVEL:

- Beginner

MACHINE:

- Sewing Machine
- Singer MOMENTO Craft Cutting Machine (optional)

TOOLS/ACCESSORIES:

- SINGER MOMENTO Standard Grip Mat and Basic Blade (optional)
- Iron and Ironing Board

MATERIALS:

- Bath Towel 28" x 55" (70 x 140 cm)
- Hand Towel 16" x 28" (40cm x 70cm)
- Cotton Canvas for Pocket and Straps
- Thread
- Heat Transfer Vinyl (optional)



Cut the Fabric

Step 1: Cut two strips of cotton canvas for the handle straps, each measuring 4" × 30" (10 × 75 cm). Cut one piece for the pocket measuring 10" × 12" (25 × 30 cm).



Sew the Handles

Step 2: Fold each handle strap in half lengthwise with right sides together. Pin to hold in place. Sew along the long raw edge using a 3/8" (1 cm) seam allowance, leaving a 6" (15 cm) opening for turning.



Step 3: Trim the seam allowance at the short ends and clip the corners to reduce bulk.



Step 4: Turn the handles right side out through the opening. Use a chopstick or similar tool to gently push out the ends and corners. Press the handles flat.



Step 5: Topstitch close to the edge all the way around, closing the turning opening as you sew.

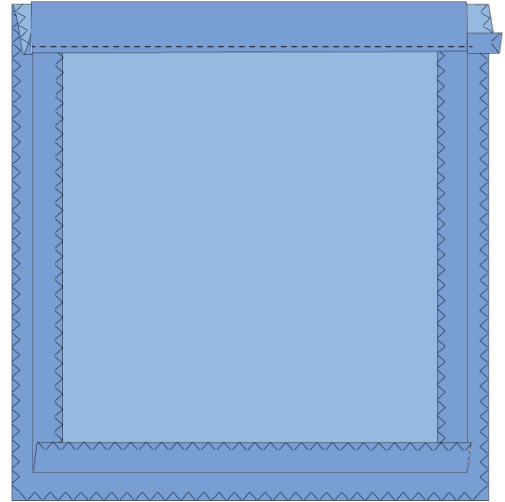




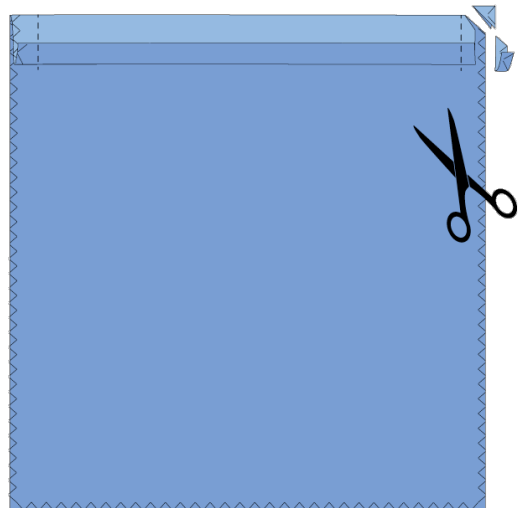
Prepare the Pocket

Step 6: Finish the side and bottom edges of the pocket with a zigzag stitch to prevent fraying.

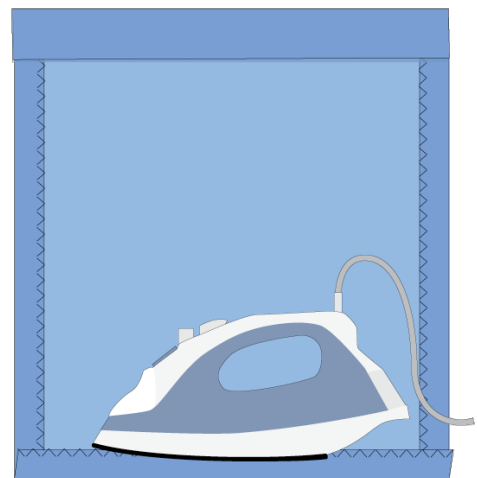
Step 7: Fold the top edge of the pocket $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) to the wrong side and press. Fold the top edge again toward the right side by $\frac{1}{4}$ " (3 cm) so the right sides are together and the small, folded edge is visible at the top.



Step 8: Stitch $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.5 cm) from the raw edges through the folded sections on both sides. Trim the corners and slightly grade the seams. Turn the folded sections right side out and press.



Step 9: With the pocket face down, press the unfinished (zigzagged) side and bottom edges $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.5 cm) to the wrong side.



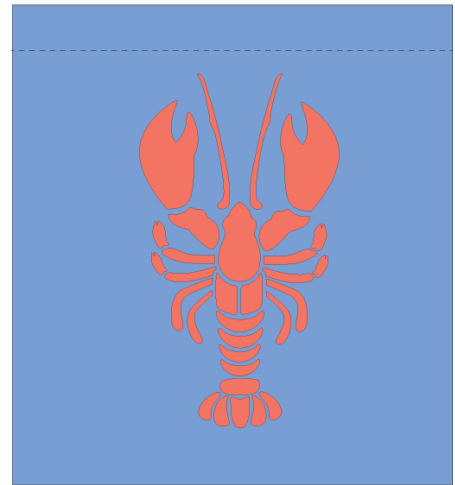


Step 9: Press the top edge neatly and stitch the hem.

Decorate the Pocket

Step 10: Decorate the pocket as desired using vinyl, appliqué, or embroidery.

Note: Read more about how to use Heat Transfer Vinyl [here](#).



Attach the Pocket

Step 11: Fold the small hand towel in half to determine the approximate size of the finished bag. Position the pocket centered on the bag front. Unfold the towel and pin the pocket in place. Topstitch along the sides and bottom edges, reinforcing at the top corners.

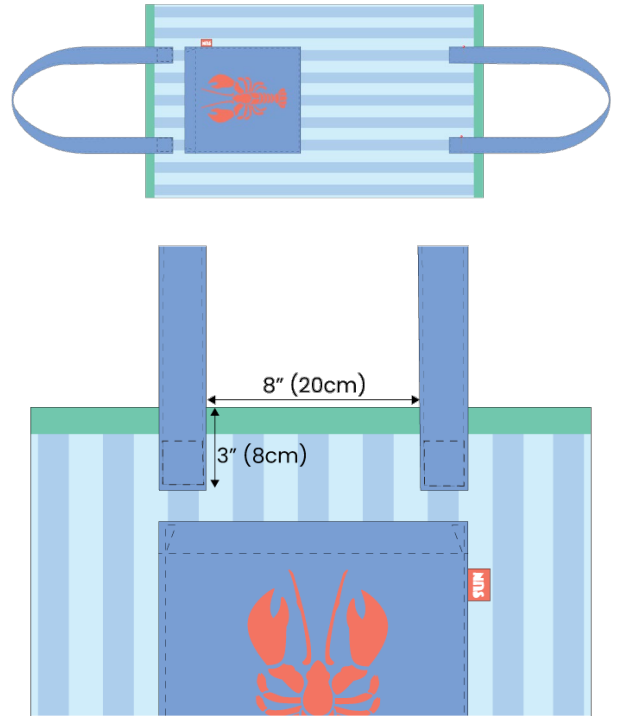
Tip: Before stitching the pocket in place, add a label for a personal finishing touch.





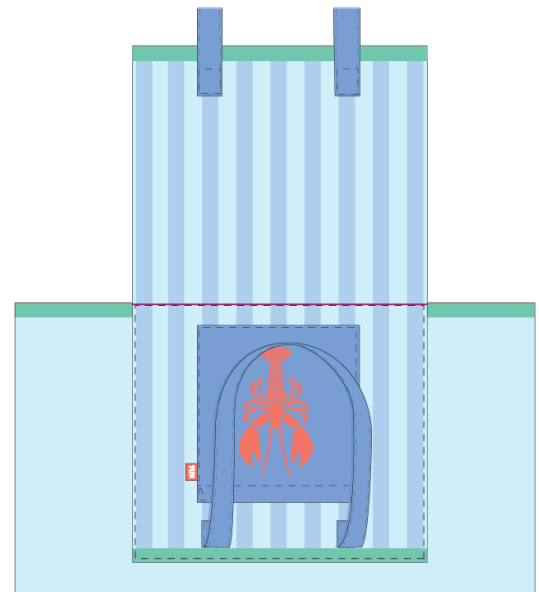
Attach the Straps

Step 12: Pin the handle straps to the short edges of the towel, spacing them approximately 8 in (20 cm) apart and positioning them about 3 in (8 cm) down from the top edge. Stitch each strap securely using a box stitch.

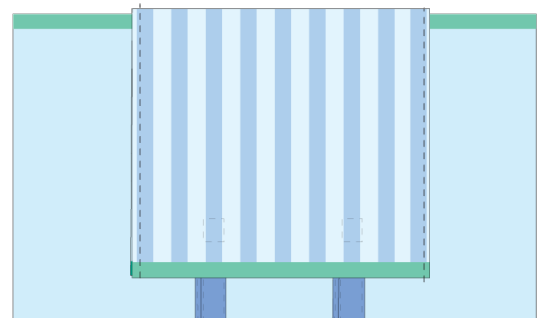


Assemble the Bag and Towel

Step 13: Mark the bottom edge of the bag (center of the towel). With right sides facing up, align the bag with the large towel, matching the bag's center mark to the top edge of the large towel. Pin in place and sew around the perimeter of the bag front.



Step 14: Fold the opposite end of the bag with right sides together. Sew along both side edges, stitching through all layers.





Fold the Towel

Step 15: Keeping the bag inside out, lay the towel flat on a work surface with the bag facing down. Fold the long edges of the towel inward so it matches the width of the bag. Fold the towel up in half, then fold it again. While holding everything flat, turn the entire piece right side out so the folded towel is neatly enclosed inside the bag.

