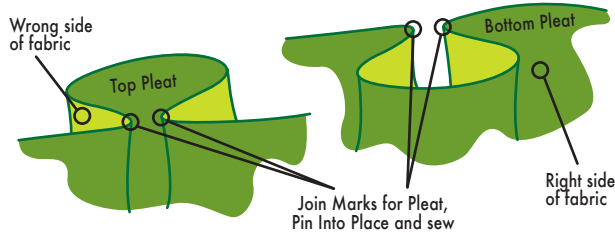


PENELOPE TOTE PATTERN*

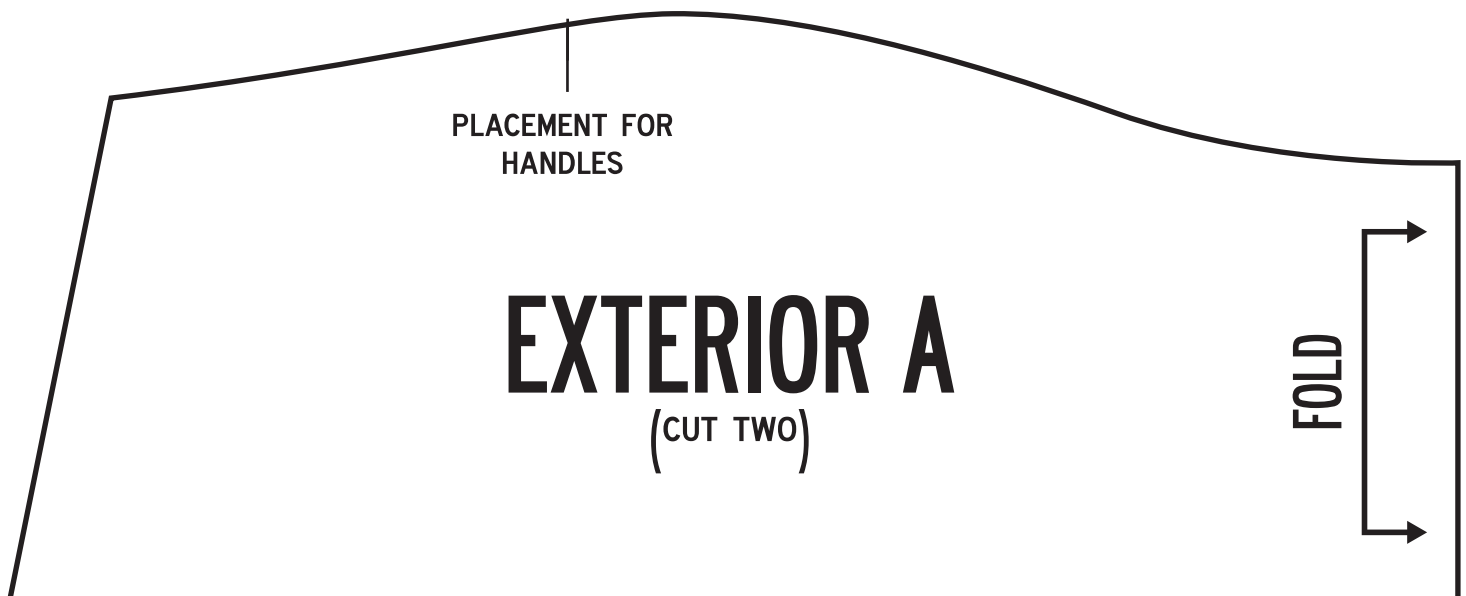
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Cut out two of each pattern piece
Cut out two 5" x 18" rectangles (handles)
Cut out two 5.5" x 9" rectangles (pocket)
Cut out one 1 1/2" x 36" piece (detail-optional)

1. Cut everything out, iron. Sew up darts.
2. Iron piece for detail in half, so you have a 3/4" x 36" piece.
3. Pin and baste stitch pin-tucks. Make the pleats opposite of each other (see illustration below), this makes the triangular shape on the outside of the bag.



4. Pin exterior pieces together, right sides facing each other, with the detail piece between exterior A and B; raw ends sticking out. You'll have extra fabric for the detail, just cut it flush to everything else. Sew together.
5. Sew right sides together of the pocket pieces, leaving an opening to turn right side out. Turn right side out, iron, and sew onto lining. Sew lines up the middle of the pocket to make smaller pockets (it adds strength to the pocket).
6. Iron handles in half lengthwise, then in half again, leaving the raw ends on the inside. Stitch up both sides.
7. Pin exterior and lining together; exterior inside out, and lining right side out. Place handles between the two layers, the ends coming out (be sure handles aren't twisted). Sew, leaving a 6 inch gap. Turn everything right side in. Topstitch. Enjoy!



PLACEMENT FOR
HANDLES

LINING
(CUT TWO)

FOLD

DART

EXTERIOR B

(CUT TWO)

PLEAT

THIS PART IS ON THE INSIDE

PLEAT

THIS PART IS ON THE OUTSIDE

FOLD

DART