

KENYA HOBO BAGS SEWING PROJECT



Instructions and Information

There are 2 YouTube websites for instructions for "hobo bags", each a little different from the other to **view first** for general idea of what the bags look like and how to construct them.

https://youtu.be/f169b88kpqU?si=K4mk45zywJb_88E1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AwxEsSmj34>

Sample bags are available at the office. Paper patterns are available at the church office.

In general, the patterns are 9 inches wide and 32 inches long. Pieces are laid on the fold of fabric so each piece opens to 18 inches long with two long handles. 4 pieces are needed for each bag.

Fabrics that are **not** suitable: anything that is synthetic, stretches or is loosely woven. Upholstery fabric that is too heavy. Fleece that is too bulky and stretches. Fabrics that are too thin. And any fabric that your sewing machine cannot handle.

All seams are double sewn (not on top of each other, but next to each other).

The last sewing step is to top stitch around the handles and openings of the bags, so there are actually a total of three seams that reinforce the straps and the opening to the bags.

It doesn't matter if you use four different pieces of fabric if the fabric is all the same strength and weight.

If the outer fabric is heavier and stronger, the lining fabric may be lighter weight.

Zig zag and pinking is not necessary to the interior seams.

Curves must be clipped or notched. Seams should be larger than 1/4 and smaller than 1/2 inch.