

Limited Edition Wanaka Bag Sewing Instructions



Thank you for showing your support towards Plastic Bag Free Wanaka by choosing to sew these limited edition Wanaka Bags from home.

For an instructional video on how to assemble the Wanaka Bag please head to Plastic Bag Free Wanaka on [youtube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hby6awu) (<http://tinyurl.com/hby6awu>)

This kit includes fabric for **TWO** bags - happy sewing!

Each bag is made up of:

- 1 x Main panel of bag – 92cm x 40cm.*
- 2 x Side panels – 40cm x 16cm each.*
- 1 x Plastic Bag Free Wanaka Logo Pocket - for outside pocket.*
- 1 x Inside pocket – 17cm x 16cm.*
- 1 x Bottle holder loop – 20cm x 14cm.*
- 2 x Straps – 72cm x 12cm.*

Finished Size: **30cm High X 12cm Wide.**

Inside Pocket

1. Press/iron top and bottom edges (16cm long edges) over 1cm and 1cm again.
2. Straight stitch across 1 edge – this will be the opening edge.
3. Take 1 side panel and pin the inside pocket (wrong side of fabric facing wrong side of fabric) with the opening edge of the pocket 8cm from the top of the side panel.
4. Attach the pocket to the side panel by straight stitching across the bottom edge of the pocket.
5. Press

Bottle Holder Loop

1. Press/iron top and bottom edges (20cm long edges) over 1cm and 1cm again.
2. Straight stitch across both edges.
3. Take the other side panel and place the bottle holder loop (wrong side of fabric facing wrong side of fabric) 6cm up from the bottom of the side panel.
4. Attach the loop to the side panel by straight stitching across the sides - very close to the edges just to hold it in place.
5. Press.

Straps

1. Press over 1 cm along one of the long edges.
2. Fold the other side over so both raw edges meet. Press.
3. Take the 1cm fold and fold it over again so it covers the second raw edge. Press, pin and stitch down.
4. Repeat for the second strap.
5. Press.

Attach side panels to main panel

1. Measure down 39cm from the top (short side) of the main bag panel. Rule a line from side to side on the inside of the fabric.
2. Repeat for the other end.
3. Fold and press along each line. This forms the base of the bag.
4. Take the side panels, measure and draw a 6mm square in the lower 2 corners on each panel, this helps to create neat corners:
5. Align the bottom edge of one side panel with the outer edge of the base of the main panel. Pin. Then, with your presser foot at the edge of the fabric, straight stitch along the bottom edge between the 6mm marks.
6. Repeat for the other side panel.
7. Starting at the top edge of side panel, pin each side to the main panel (carefully pinning the pocket sides in place too). Repeat for the other panel, pinning the bottle loop in place.
8. Stitch, stopping at your 6mm mark.
9. Press.

Create French Seams – on the outside of your bag

1. Press the seams to one side on both panels.
2. Press on the outside/right side to make sure the seam is flat.
3. Fold the fabric on the seam - wrong sides together. Press the seam flat with the stitching on the edge of the fold.
4. Pin to hold the layers in place.

5. Sew along the seams, 1cm from the edge, trapping the original seam and allowance in the fold. In the bottom corners stop 1cm short before you finish your seam - this allows for the finishing of the other French seams.
6. Repeat for the base of the bag - creating a French seam on the outside.
7. Press on the right side of the seam, pressing the entire French seam towards the side panel.

Attach the Handles and Hem the Top

1. Fold and press the top of the bag over 1cm, and again 3cm. Pin.
2. Measure 3cm in from the side seam on the long side of the bag - place the handle ends in under the hem. Repeat for other 3 handle ends. Stitch right around the hem of the bag.
3. Press the handles up and stitch across near the top edge of the bag.

PBFW Patch Pocket

1. Press the bottom and 2 side edges under 1 cm, repeat so raw edges are hidden.
2. Press the top edge under 1cm, and again 2cm – straight stitch across.
3. Pin the pocket in place approximately in the middle of the main panel on the outside side of the bag.
4. Stitch around the 3 sides.

Et Voila!

Once again, thank you so much for taking the time to help us reach our goal of 200 bags by completing these Limited Edition Wanaka Bags.

We hope you had a lot of fun along the way and that one day you will see the bag YOU made out on the town working its way towards a Plastic Bag Free Wanaka!

Please drop the finished bags back to Gina in the white portacom at Wastebusters for collection by 5pm on October 5th.

Gina can be contacted at gina@wanakawastebusters.co.nz

Cheers!

Your Plastic Bag Free Wanaka Committee