

# CONSTRUCTING FABRIC GROCERY BAGS



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Pick up materials and use the sewing machines.



# Pattern Dimensions

Outside Upper Cut 2  
18" W x 12" L

Lining Cut 2  
18" W x 16.5" L

Outside Bottom Cut 1  
18" W x 10.5" L

Strap Cut 2  
3" W x 47" L



Fold each strap in half lengthwise with wrong side out.  
Sew along raw edge with 1/4" seam allowance.



Turn straps right side out with seam at center.  
Press with iron.



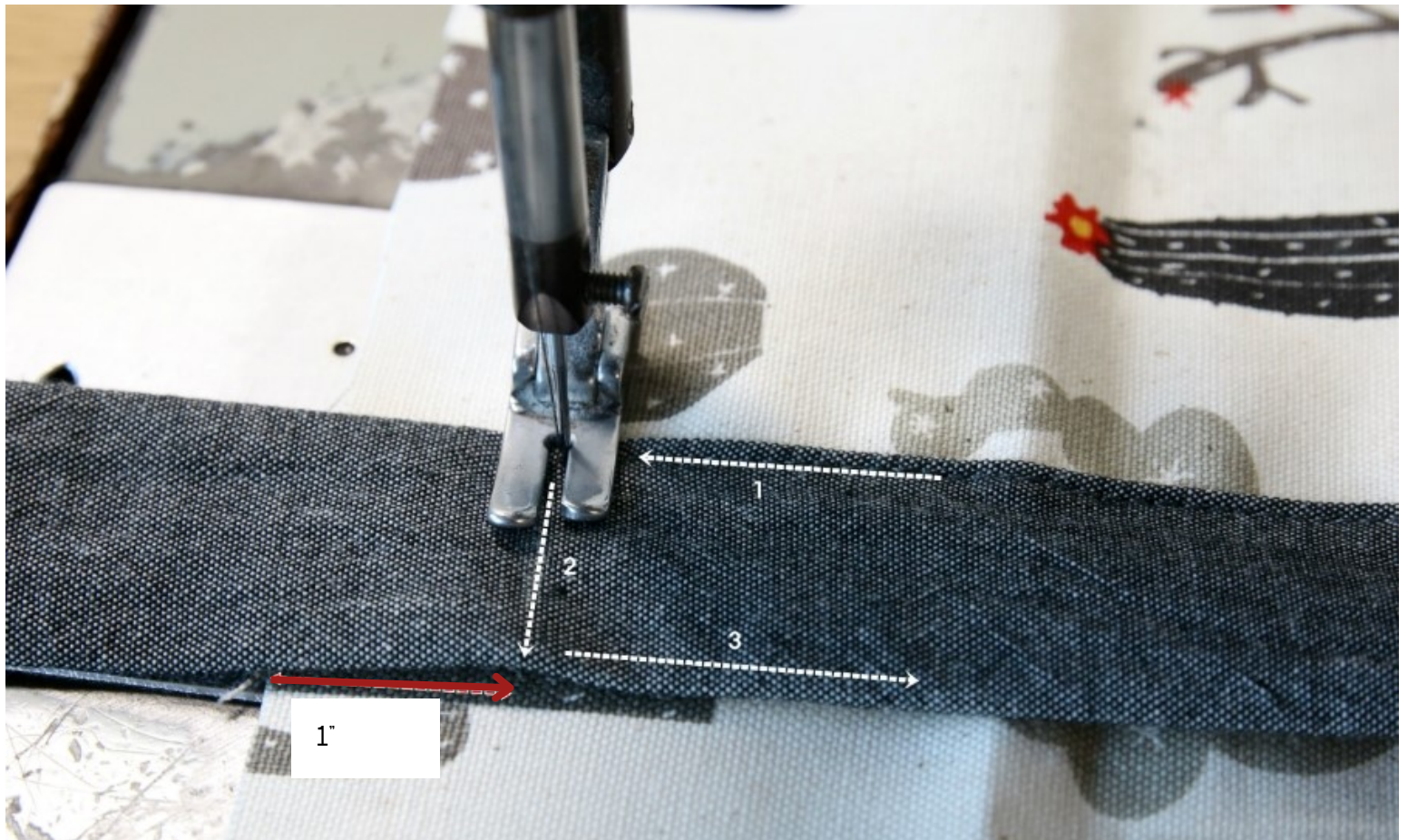
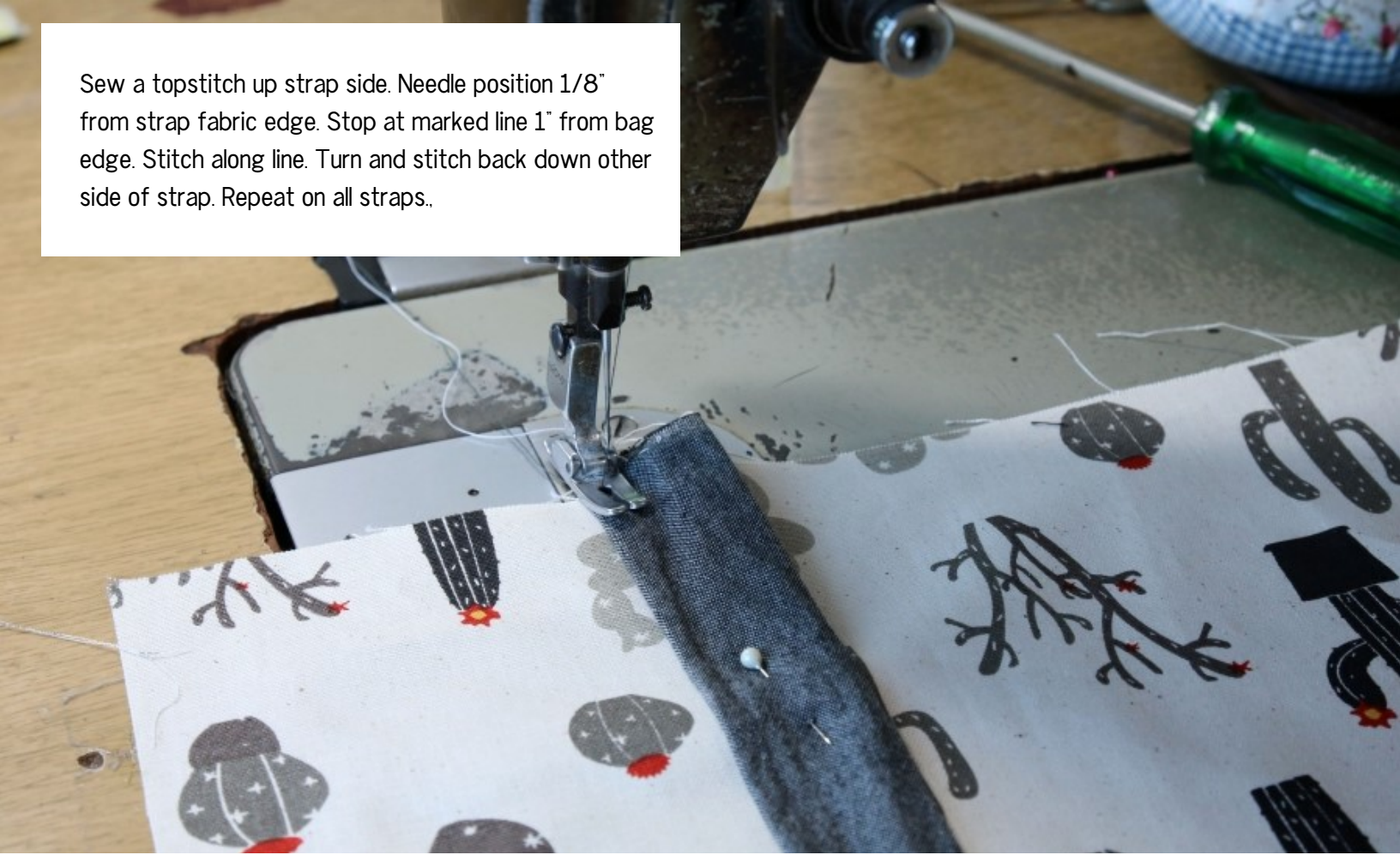
Pin one strap to each upper bag fabric piece.  
Position 3.75" from sides.



Mark a line on strap 1" from top edge. Stop topstitching  
at line to leave space to attach lining at top edge.



Sew a topstitch up strap side. Needle position  $1/8$ " from strap fabric edge. Stop at marked line 1" from bag edge. Stitch along line. Turn and stitch back down other side of strap. Repeat on all straps.





Sew both sides of upper bag to bottom fabric piece along long bottom edges.  
Sew with good sides facing each other. 3/8" Seam allowance. Press seams open.  
Option – 1/4" or 1/8" topstitch offset from seam.

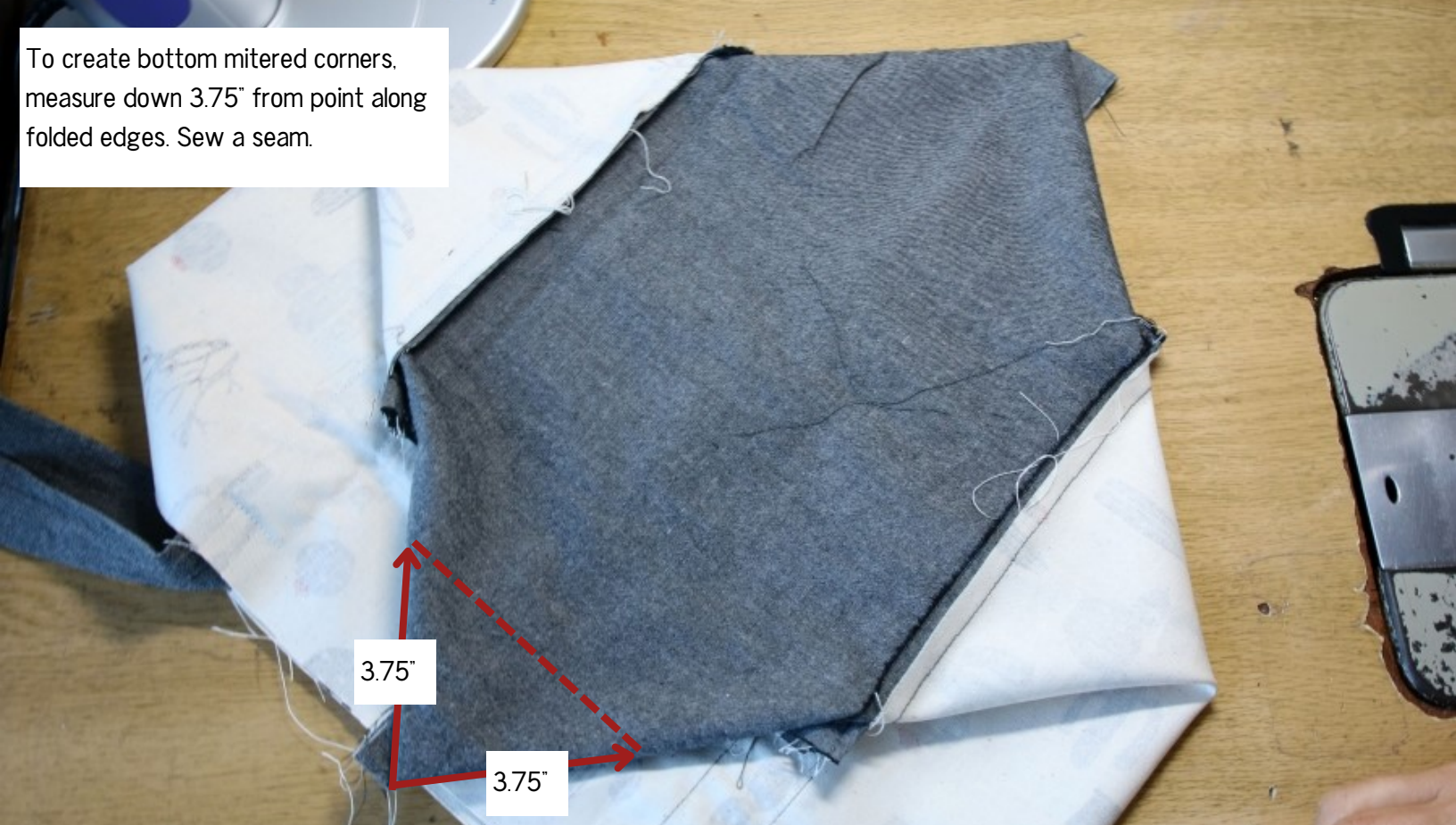


Fold bag in half, right sides facing each other.  
Sew seam 1/2" along both sides. Backstitch  
reinforcement at top and bottom.





To create bottom mitered corners, measure down 3.75" from point along folded edges. Sew a seam.



Place 2 lining fabric pieces, right sides together. Sew side seams and bottom. 4" opening at bottom of lining to turn bag right side out at end. Miter bottom corners of lining to match outer bottom fabric mitered corners.



With outer bag turned right side out, put it inside the lining. Lining right side and outer bag right side should be facing each other. Tuck straps down between lining and outer bag. Sew a seam with 3/8" seam allowance all along top edge to attach lining to bag.



Pull outer bag through hole in lining to completely turn lining and bag right side out.



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Tuck raw edges of lining hole inside, press and edgestitch to close.  
Press top edge seam open and tuck lining inside bag.



1/8" – 1/4" Topstitch around top edge of bag, stitch over straps for extra reinforcement.

