**BEGINNERS SEWING**

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| **FABRIC GUIDELINES**  **Bag Outer**   * WOVEN Non -Stretch fabric. * Furnishing weight fabric is suitable for the outer bag. (Dress or Shirt weight fabrics are too lightweight). * Cotton, cotton rich (more than 50% Cotton) or Linen, fabrics are recommended for easier handling. * **AVOID** fabrics that are thick, loosely woven, too stiff or ‘boardy’   **Bag Inner Lining (NOT garment lining fabric)**  Cotton – shirt or dress weight is recommended  Recommended: **Cotton Broadcloth** (this is available in a variety of colours from Spotlight or equivalent.  Recommended: Fabrics may be pre-shrunk by short machine washing in warm/hot water and hot tumble dried and pressed, prior to class. Check with retailers care instructions prior to washing |  |
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**Purchase:**

1 metre of Bag Outer Fabric (minimum width 115 cm)\*

1 metre of Inner Lining Fabric (minimum width 115 cm)\*

1 x Bag Outer matching polyester thread

1x 15 cm dress zip (matched to lining or may be contrast). NOT an Invisible zip.

\*Extra may be required for One-Way (where a fabric motif is read only one way) design prints

**Reminder to also bring:**

* Pins – plain pins. The ‘fancy’ ones with plastic tops are usually very poor quality.
* Tape measure
* Scissors/Shears (there are scissors in class you may use). An excellent  value pair of fabric scissors is available from Pete’s Emporium (Porirua) for great price of $25
* Matching Thread(s) to fabric colour
* Snips (optional)
* Tailors Chalk
* Pen & Notepaper