

Drawstring Bag

Nanna Betty Sewing School · Beginner · printable pattern



A drawstring bag

Two rectangles with neat edges and a channel at the top for the cord. One side opening lets the cord in and out. Add the optional patch pocket for a contrast panel, like in the photo.

Finished size

About 26 x 32cm. Pocket 12 x 13cm.

You will need

- 40cm of 112cm-wide cotton, denim or calico
- Cotton cord, 5mm thick, 1m long
- Optional pocket: contrast fabric, 15 x 18cm
- Matching thread
- Sewing machine, sewing kit, iron
- Bodkin or a large safety pin

Pattern pieces

A Bag: cut 2

B Pocket (optional): cut 1

1cm seam allowance and the casing fold are included.

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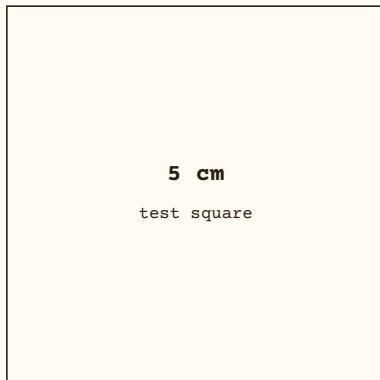
Printing at a print shop? The A2 copy-shop file has the bag and the pocket.

Print & put together

Check the scale first: it only takes a minute

1 Print the pattern pages at 100%

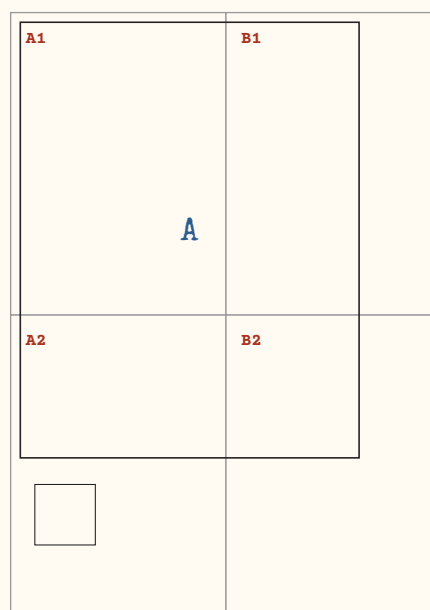
In the print box choose 'Actual size' or 'Scale 100%'. Do not choose 'Fit to page' or 'Shrink to fit'. Print THIS page first and measure the test square below. If it is exactly 5cm, print the pattern pages with the same settings.



Measure with a ruler. If it is not 5cm, check your printer settings and print again.

2 Trim and tape

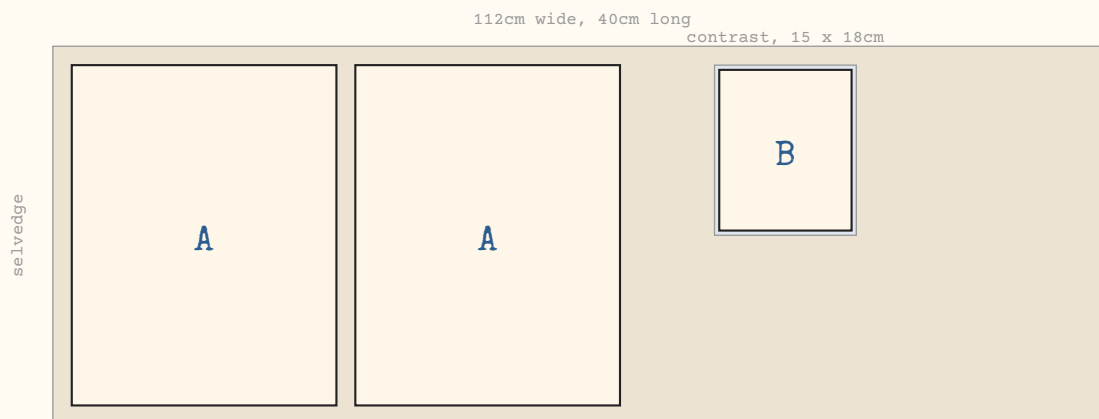
Lay the pages out in order using the map below. Trim off the white margin on the RIGHT and BOTTOM of each page, along the grey dashed line. Slide each trimmed edge over the next page so it sits exactly on that page's grey line, match the red diamonds, and tape. Work in rows, then join the rows.



4 pattern pages for the bag, plus page 9 for the pocket. Page A2 also has a test square, so you can check it again once the pattern is printed.

Cutting layout

112cm-wide fabric, single layer, right side up

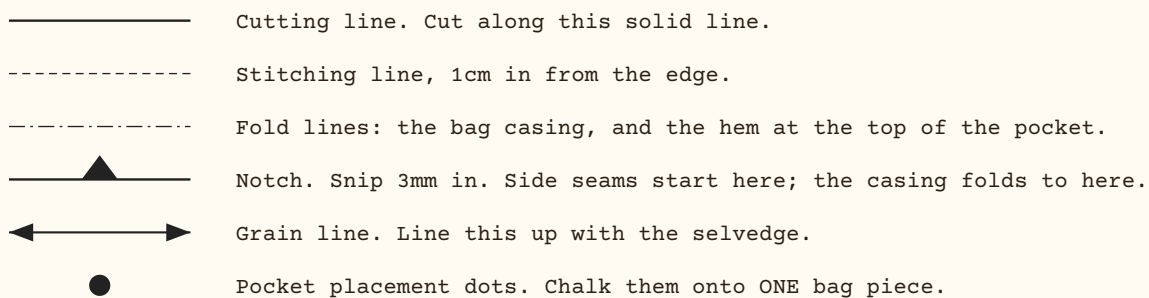


Keep the grain line running along the selvedge, with the top edge of each piece at the same end. Cut the pocket (B) from a contrast fabric if you want one. Cord: 5mm cotton, 1m long.

No printer? Measure and cut

Bag: two 28 x 36cm rectangles. Snip a notch on both long sides, 6cm down from the top edge. Pocket: one 14 x 17cm rectangle. On one bag piece, mark the pocket corners 6cm in from the left edge and 9cm down from the top: the pocket is 12cm wide and 13cm tall once its edges are turned under.

Pattern markings



Sewing steps

7 tasks + 1 optional · each task has a video and a card in the course

1

Over-lock the edges

Snip the notches, then zig-zag or overlock all the way round both pieces so they don't fray.

Card: Notches, Overlocking

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Optional: Patch pocket

Do this after step 1, while the bag is still flat. Overlock the pocket edges. Fold the top 1cm, then 2cm, and stitch the hem. Iron the sides and bottom 1cm under. Pin it inside the dots on one bag piece and stitch round the sides and bottom, 3mm from the edge. Back-stitch at the top corners.

Do this after step 1 · cards: Hems, Pins, Back Stitch

2

Stitch the first side seam

Put the pieces right sides together. Start at the notch and stitch 1cm from the edge down one side. Leave the side open above the notch. Back-stitch at the notch.

Card: Seams, Back Stitch

3

Press open and top stitch the opening

Open the pieces flat and iron the seam open, including the open part above the notch. Top stitch round the opening to hold the edges flat.

Card: Ironing, Back Stitch

4

Fold and stitch the casing

Fold the top edge down to the notches and iron it. Stitch close to the overlocked edge, leaving 4cm open at each end.

Card: Notches, Ironing

5

Stitch the second side seam and bottom

Fold the bag right sides together. Pin and stitch the second side and the bottom, 1cm from the edge. Back-stitch at both ends.

Card: Seams, Pins

6

Close the casing gap

Stitch the casing closed across the gaps you left, so the channel runs all the way round. Keep the side opening clear.

Card: Seam Guide, Back Stitch

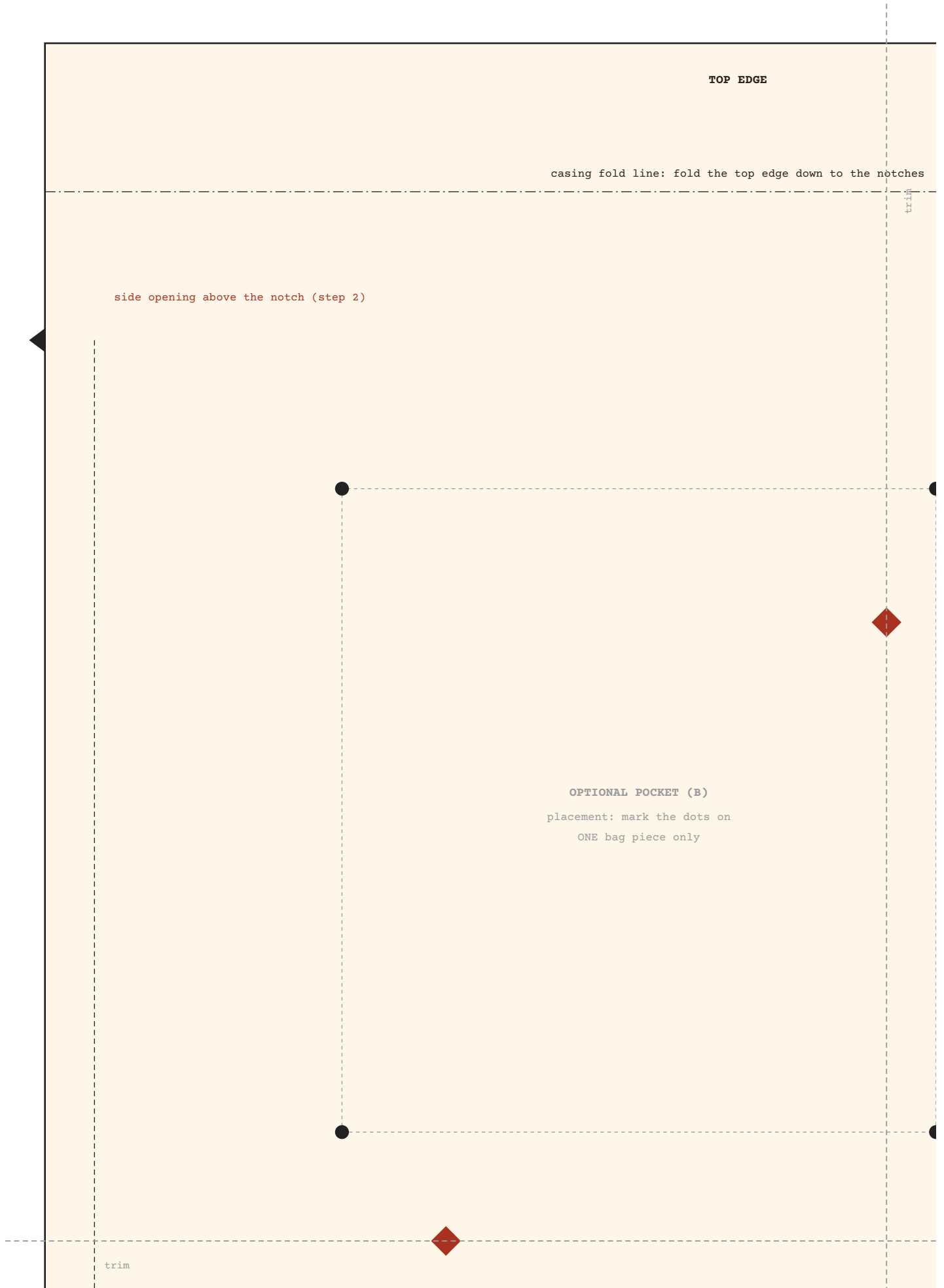
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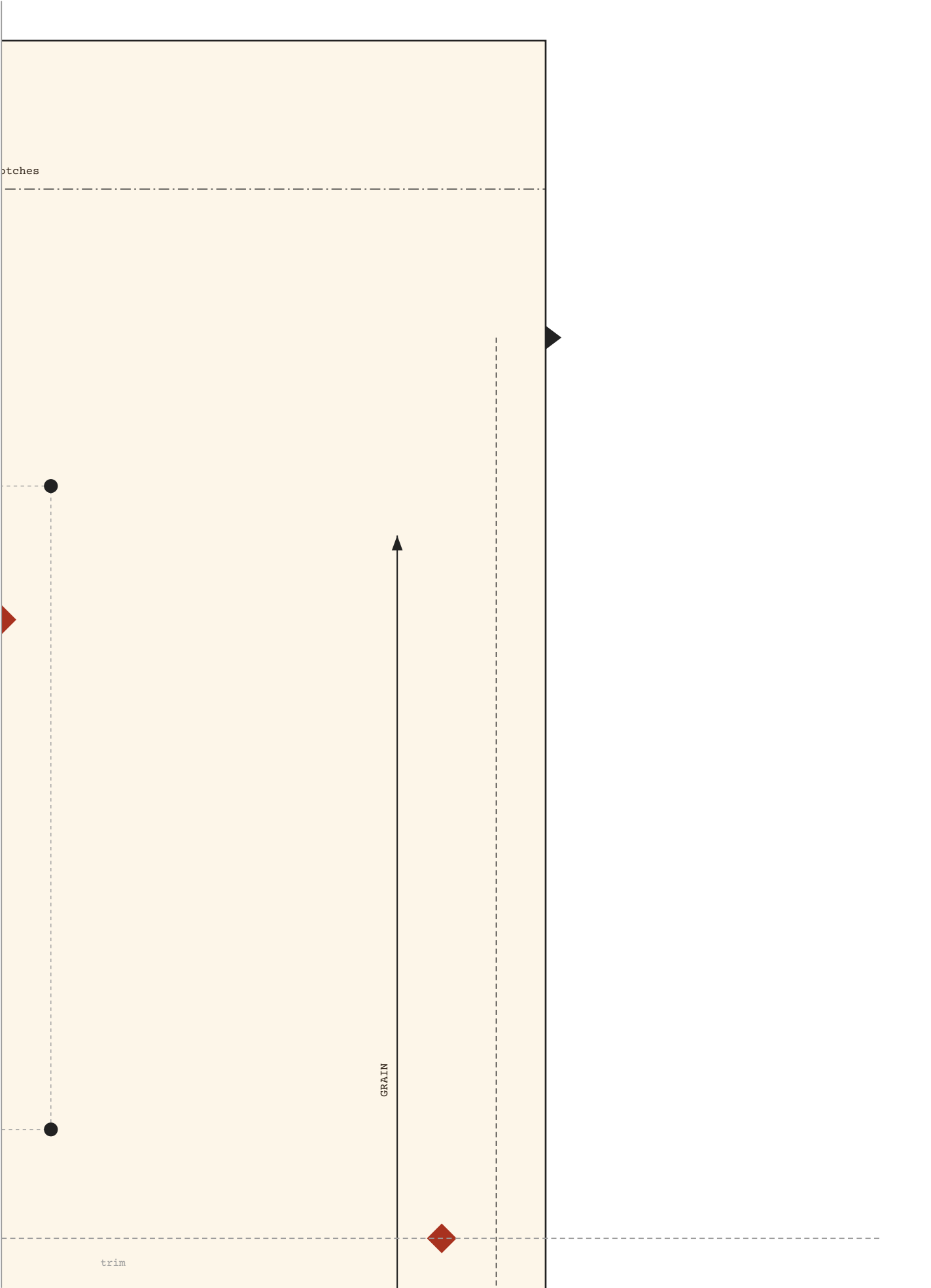
Turn out and thread the cord

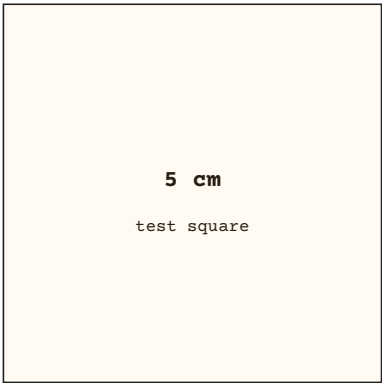
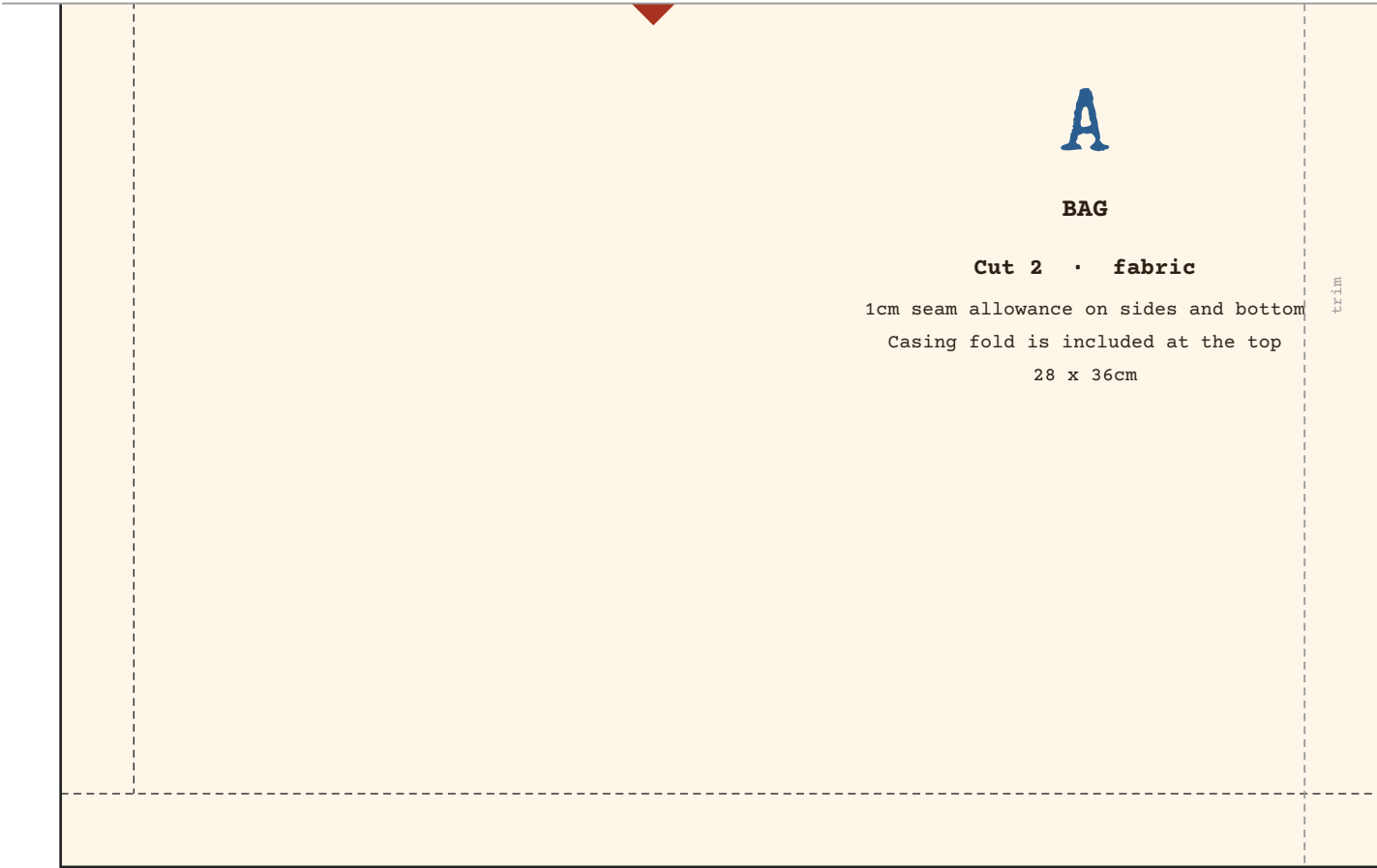
Turn the bag right side out. Pin a bodkin or safety pin to the cord and thread it in through the side opening, all the way round and out again. Knot the ends and pull to close.

Card: Elastic

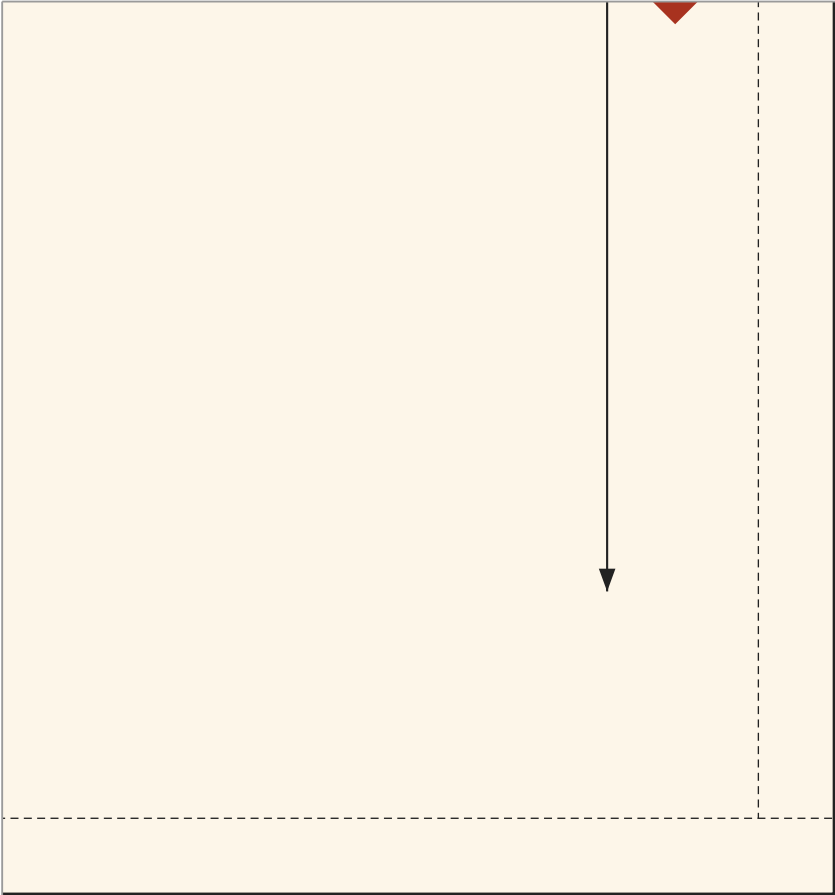
Your drawstring bag is finished! Push the gathers round the casing so they sit evenly.







A2



B2

