


The following article was published in "Quiltmania", a French quilting magazine. It was presented to the members at the B H Q Guild Meeting February 16. They agreed that the bags would make an excellent "Stashbuster" project for Tuesday, March 10. If you are interested, please bring the necessary supplies to Faith Lutheran Church on that day. If you have nothing you care to use from your stash, there will be lots of fabric available to share.

When you have made enough bags for you and yours, any extras could be sold at the quilt show and would be a great fundraiser for Project Warmth. Since it will be in the morning and in the Church meeting room, there will be no wine served at that time.

See you there!!!!

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Library Chairperson



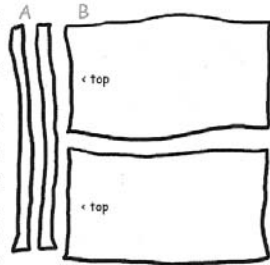
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Morsbag is a British non-profit project created in order to fight the excessive use of plastic bags in our daily life. Let us work out something positive to reduce the striking number of plastic bags used – one million of them are consumed throughout the world every MINUTE – hundreds of thousands of which end up in the ocean. There, marine wildlife mistake them for food and they die. The idea is to meet up with other people, enjoy a small glass of wine and make reusable fabric bags (out of old duvet covers, curtains found at charity shops, etc) and to share them with customers outside supermarkets on specific dates. Meet new friends, work on a great project for our planet and break the record of other Morsbag-making 'pods' by registering your bag tally. Log on to www.morsbags.com to be part of a great project. PS. This is a non profit project; it is only lots of good things for everybody, especially whales.

Here's how to make a Morsbag:
You will need:
Two 18" x 20" (46 x 51 cm) fabric pieces
Two 18" x 4" (46 x 10 cm) fabric pieces
Matching cotton
A sewing machine
An iron

Takes 20 minutes, when organised!

1. Iron narrow hem along one side of both handles
2. Fold the other long side into middle of the handle material and lay ironed hemmed side over it (may sound confusing – easy in practice – and all this ironing is to avoid extra seam sewing, so persevere!)
3. Stitch down middle and either side to make it strong for all those heavy jars of jam.
4. Iron narrow hem to the top of bag pieces.
5. Iron over again for a wider hem.
6. Stitch hem, enclosing handles (pointing downwards) as you go.
7. Turn handles upwards and stitch firmly in place.
8. Wrong sides together, sew round three sides of bag.
9. Turn to right sides together and sew round three sides of bag.
10. Turn right side out – admire.



All these double seams give extra strength – remember that a few more moments of effort = less plastic bags.

Confused?

Watch the how-to animation at www.morsbag.com