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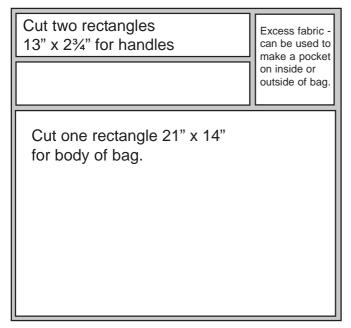
### Materials:

#### 1 x fat quarter of fabric of your choice.

Try to match the fabric to the recipient or the present and your bag will be extra special.

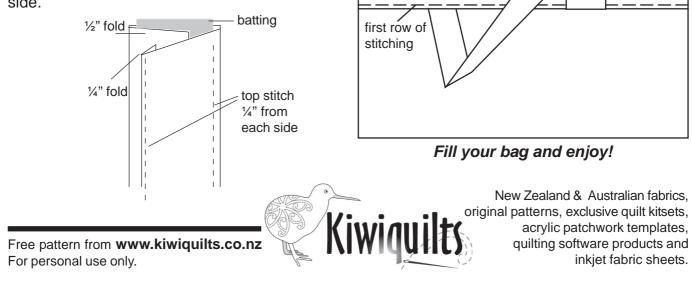
Small piece of cotton or dacron batting for handles *cut two rectangles, 13" x 1".* 

# **Cutting diagram:**



#### To make handles

Press ¼" along one side of the handles and ½" along the opposite side. Lay a piece of batting down the middle and tuck under the ½" pressed edge. Pin the other edge over and sew through all thicknesses ¼" down either side.



### To make pocket

From leftover fabric, fold a double hem across the top and stitch. Fold under ¼" seams on other three sides. Pin into place on front or inside of bag and stitch close to edges.

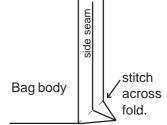
## Sewing Instructions:

Press under ¼" on long edge and then fold down a 1" seam.



Don't stitch this seam at the moment. Sew the side seam and across the bottom. You may wish to zig-zag or overlock this seam.

To make a base for the bag place side seam and base seam on top of each other and measure 1" down from the point. Sew across at this point.



second row

of stitching

Turn bag inside out. Repress the hem at the top of the bag. Insert handles under the fold - making sure the handles are even and approx. 3" from the sides of the bag. Stitch very close to fold. Turn up handles and stitch again 1/4" from edge, catching in the handles.