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# Handmade Bags In Natural Fabrics: Over 25 Easy-To-Make Purses, Totes And More (Tuttle Sewing Books)



## Synopsis

Make your own charming purse, tote, clutch, satchel or eco tote with this fashionable bag making book. Handmade Bags in Natural Fabrics offers patterns for twenty-five basic bag styles along with sixty variations and the know-how to customize each bag to suit any style—from sweet-and innocent to minimalist to counter-culture. There is no better project for the eco-conscious crafter than a simple cloth bag. In addition to bag sewing patterns, basic sewing lessons teach the fundamentals of bag sewing: Hand-stitching, including French knot stitch and daisy stitch Lining and drawstring casing Corners, edges and straps Simple flourishes such as embroidery, applique and more Emiko Takahashi, a fashion and textile designer, provides easy instructions and bag sewing diagrams, as well as a sheet of fully-sized pattern pieces for each handmade bag project—plus easy lessons on the basics of hand-stitching drawstring casings, corners, edges, straps, and simple flourishes. Cotton and linen bags are always useful and they lend a carefree, laid-back touch to any warm-weather outfit. Each bag can be machine-sewn, but they are designed to be made in natural fabrics that are lightweight enough to be easily sewn by hand. With Takahashi's expert guidance, beginning sewers with little or no previous experience can learn to make these understated and elegant handbags. 25 Sewing patterns to make 60 different projects including: Envelope Pouches Bucket Bags Picnic Totes Sacks and Carryalls Classic Drawstrings

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## Customer Reviews

Wonderfully written with nice examples, clear instructions and the results are terrific. I have now made 5 beautiful bags! Thank you!

Good book. Geared toward hand sewing, but you can do on machine. Instructions clear. Patterns included.

Nice style but patterns are difficult to read for a beginner who hasn't learned some of the shorthand of pattern reading.

Love this book!!!

Great for organics

I have many Japanese craft books and to have one be translated to English is a treat! No need to use the Google Translate App on this one. I've made 2 of the bags so far (pictured) and have received many compliments. The instructions are very sparse, but easy to follow for someone who is at least somewhat familiar with sewing. I wouldn't recommend it if you're completely new to sewing. There are some things one should know about Japanese pattern books in general before deciding to purchase them: 1. The patterns are printed out overlapping each other. This means that you cannot cut the pattern out from the print they provide you because multiple patterns might be overlaid on top of each other. You must trace it out on paper. Use your choice of paper. This is what I use: [A5 Bienfang 50-Yard by 36-Inch wide Sketching and Tracing Paper Roll](#) 2. The patterns do not include seam allowance. The book will show you a diagram telling you how much seam allowance to add. So don't forget to add it after tracing out your pattern! The book claims that there are "60 Easy-to-Make" items. It's technically not wrong, but very misleading. Many of the designs have different variations. For example, 14 of the "designs" is actually the same bag with different decorations (beading, embroidery, applique, etc). It's really more like 25 different bag designs, but still a nice book to have. \*Pictured are 2 bags. One of them folds into it's own pocket.

A friend gave me this book as a gift . She purchased it in Japan!!!! and I used one of the patterns to make a bag for another friend as a goodbye gift. Wow!!!! So easy to follow the instructions. So easy to make and so beautiful. Everyone was so impressed by the design and how beautifully was made. I could not possibly do that without the pattern. I was able to make it within 3 hrs!!!! I highly recommend it.

Very disappointing. Childish designs and patterns printed over other patterns so that they fit on one page. How is that useful?

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