

Make A Bag II



Member Project Guide

Welcome to Make A Bag 2! This intermediate-advanced project is designed for youth with experience in sewing.

Make sure you the project requirements if you want to participate in county project judging or prepare the project as an exhibit for competition.

Project Guidelines

Step 1: Explore each of the three project areas (Go shopping, Make a bag for someone else, and Learn a new technique). Complete **all** activities and make two bags for yourself and one for someone else.

Step 2: Take part in **at least four** learning experiences.

Step 3: Become involved in **at least four** leadership/citizenship activities.

Step 4: Complete a project review.

Step 1: Project Areas and Activities

When you begin an activity, fill in the date you start it. When you finish an activity, fill in the date of completion. Review your work with your project helper. Repeat this process for the Project Records and Project Review. Ask your project helper to initial and date your accomplishment.

Are you taking this project for the first time? Yes No

Project Areas and Activities	Date Started	Date Completed	Helper Initials
Where to Start			
Activity 1: Go Shopping			
Activity 2: Make a bag for someone else			
Activity 3: Learn a new technique			

Step 2: Learning Experiences

Learning experiences are meant to complement Project Activities, providing the opportunity for you to do more in subject areas that interest you. What are some Learning Experiences you could do to show the interesting things you are learning about? Here are some ideas:

- Give a demonstration or illustrated talk.
- Go shopping and compare bag prices.
- Participate in county judging.
- Host a fabric exchange.
- Create your own project experience.

Once you have a few ideas, record them here. Complete **at least two** Learning Experiences. Then, describe what you did in more detail. Ask your project helper to date and initial in the appropriate spaces below.

Plan to Do	What I Did	Date Completed	Project Helper Initials
<i>Fashion Revue</i>	<i>Modeled my bag in the 4-H Style Revue</i>	<i>7/10/YR</i>	<i>J.M.</i>

Step 3: Leadership/Citizenship Activities

Choose **at least two** leadership/citizenship activities from the list below (or create your own) and write them in the table below. Record your progress by asking your project helper to initial next to the date each one is completed. You may add to or change these activities at any time. Here are some examples of Leadership/Citizenship Activities:

- Teach someone how to select fabrics for a bag.
- Help another member prepare for project judging.
- Demonstrate how to put in a zipper in a bag at a club meeting.
- Invite an experienced sewer to do a demonstration at a club meeting.
- Create your own.

Learning/Citizenship Activities	Date Completed	Project Helper Initials
<i>Explained why bags are important in our everyday lives.</i>	<i>4/5/YR</i>	<i>J.M.</i>

Step 4: Project Review

Completing the Project Review helps you evaluate what you have learned and assess your personal growth. Your evaluation can be part of a club evaluation or it can be part of your county's project judging. Be sure to include a favorite photo of you with your quilt.

Review:

Photo of your project:

Make a Bag 2: Activities

Activity 1: Go shopping

Choose one of the bags that you plan on making for this project and shop for a similar bag at a department store. When you have found a bag that is similar to the bag you plan on making, answer the following questions;

1. What kind of bag is it? _____
2. What is it made of? _____
3. Describe the features of the bag (pockets, zippers, other closures, straps, embellishments, etc.)

4. How much does this bag cost? _____

Now go shopping for the supplies that you will need to make your bag. Make a shopping list and be sure to note the cost of each item.

Item needed	Cost
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What is the total cost of supplies for your bag? _____

Don't forget to include the cost of your time. After making your bag, how many hours did you spend on this bag? _____

Now do some research, what is the average hourly rate for a seamstress or tailor? _____

Multiply this rate by the time that you spent working on your bag

_____ X _____ = _____ Add this number to the total for all of your supplies to get the total cost of your bag.

What is the total cost of your bag? _____

What is the total cost of the bag that you found at the store? _____

Which bag would you choose? Why? _____

Activity 2: Make a bag for someone else

Chose someone that you know and make a bag for them, you may choose a family member or a friend. Your bag could be for a child or an adult, and you may create any kind of bag that you want. You could make a tote bag, a lunch bag, a book bag, or even a bag for a tech item. This bag is not one of the bags that you already have to complete for this project, however if you already plan on making a duffel bag, and you would like to make an additional duffel bag for a sibling or friend, you may.

Who have you chosen to make a bag for? _____
Why do you want to make a bag for this person? _____

What will they use this bag for? _____

How will you personalize the bag for this recipient? _____

Please include a picture of the bag and the recipient

Activity 3: Learn a new technique

Sewing offers huge wealth of opportunity for learning. Even accomplished sewers will tell you that they still have things that they want to learn. What sewing techniques would you like to learn how to do? Do you want to be able to put a zipper in your bags? Would you like to learn how to make a button hole on your sewing machine? Do you want to learn how to make French Seams so that all of your seams look finished? Make a list of all of the techniques that you would like to learn; even the biggest goals can go on your list!

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Now choose one of the things off of your list to learn right now.

Who can help you learn how to do this? _____

Can you find resources on the internet or in the library that will help you with this? If so, please list them here: _____

Please include photos and samples of your learning experience below.

Make A Bag 2:

Project completion requirements for judging

1. Complete **all** activities in the project book.
2. Make at least two intermediate or advanced bags for yourself. Your bags should include challenging techniques like pockets, zippers and/or a sewing skill you have never tried before. Your bags can be any size you select. Examples include garment bags, zippered wristlets or messenger bags.

Numerous free bag patterns that include intermediate or advanced skills can be found on the internet. Visit these sites for a few ideas:

<http://patternpile.com/>

<http://www.sewingsupport.com/>

<http://www.modabakeshop.com/>

*These sites include patterns for numerous projects, be sure to search through them for bag patterns.

Judging Requirements – Completed project book, two bags made for yourself and the bag (or photo) of the bag you made for someone else.

*Although it is not required, we encourage all members taking Make A Bag 2 to participate in the county 4-H style revue!

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