

## ACCESSORIES: DENIM HANDBAG



### MATERIALS REQUIRED

Denim from different colours, thread, sewing machine, and another fabric to line it.

### DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

High.

### APPROXIMATED TIME REQUIRED

6 hours.

### LEARNING GOALS

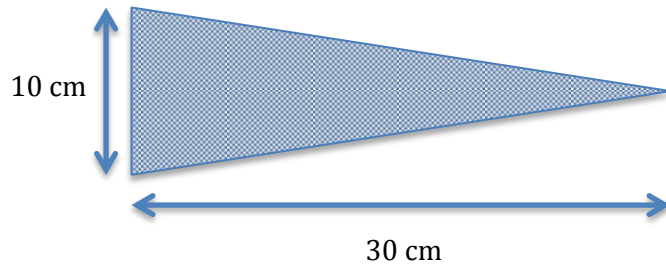
Learn how to work with denim, how to make a handbag and how to line it.

### ABILITIES DEVELOPED

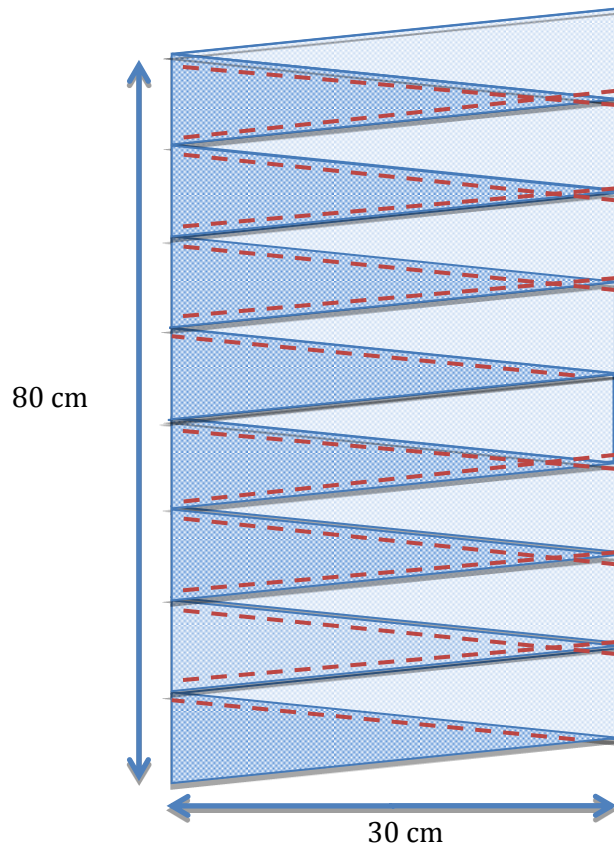
Attention, determination, fine handling, accuracy, hand-eye dexterity, memory, creativity.

### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Choose different kinds of denim: fair, dark, worn-out...
2. Cut triangles with a base of 10 centimetres and a height of 30 centimetres.

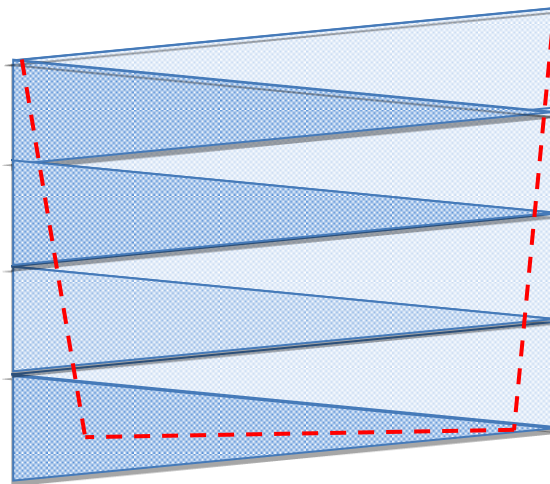


3. Sew the triangles putting the base of the first one on the right and the base of the second one on the left. Keep sewing the triangles and swapping its position as explained. In the end, you will have a rectangular cloth made from all the triangles.

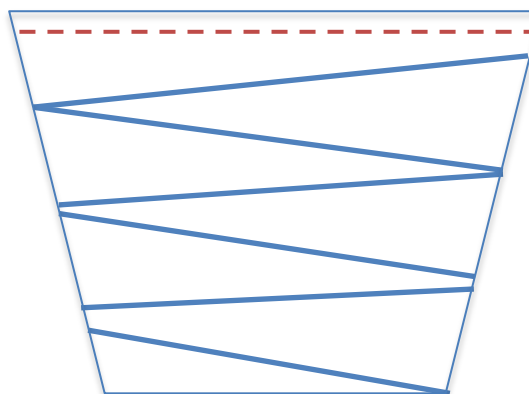




4. Fold the fabric in half and sew its borders. The base should be slightly narrower than the upper part, more or less 5 centimetres on each side. You have just made the structure of the bag.

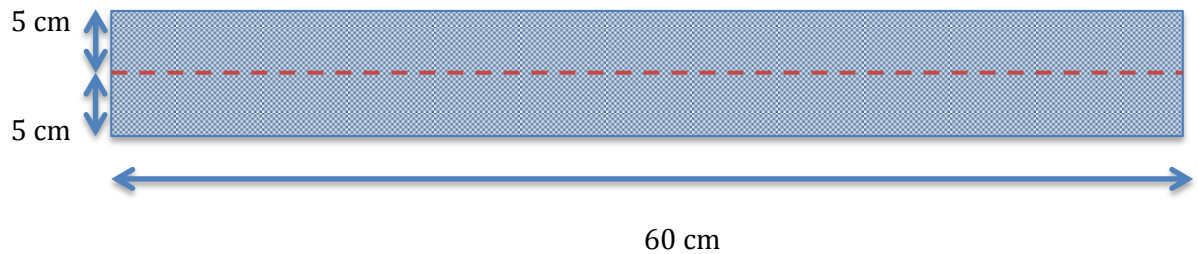


5. Finish off the top by a hem, thus the bag will be straight on both sides.

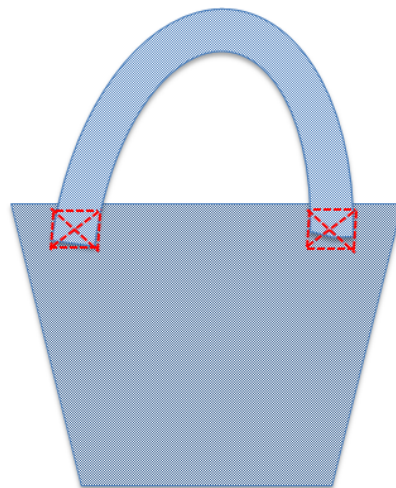




6. Cut a denim strip for the handle. It must be 10 centimetres wide and 60 centimetres long. Fold it and sew it. Now the strip will be 5 centimetres wide. You can iron the strips, so you can see the fold clearer and it becomes easier to sew. Tacking it before sewing is also a good idea, this way your strips will be straight and the handle will be uniform. Repeat this procedure for the other handle.



7. Sew the handles to the handbag. Make sure the sewing is strong enough. If you want to secure it you can sew forming a cross and a square around the joining.



8. You can line the bag in order to get a perfect finish. Measure the handbag (length x width) and cut this pattern adding 2 centimetres more on each side for the sewing. You can use a lining fabric or any other not too thick fabric.







TIPS

Keep in mind that denim is a very tough fabric so you will need a special needle and hard-wearing thread.

If you want to add a fastener you can put a zip or two ribbons so you can make a bow.

The handles can be made from denim or from any other fabric as long as it is a strong one. If you have some leather (e.g. an old belt). you can use it.

Here we have teached you how to make a trapezoidal bag, but you can make yours with the shape you like better: a triangle, a square...

