

## Tiny Essentials Tote Bag - Day 5

Today we finish the bag! If you have not already changed to a size 14 needle, now is the time to do so. You'll be sewing through quite a few layers so a jeans/denim needle is a must.

### Attaching gusset to body

**BEFORE YOU START**, unzip the zipper. You will be oh-so-disappointed if you do a beautiful job of sewing your bag together, only to find you can't turn it right side out because the zipper is closed. This is the voice of experience speaking.

Follow the pattern instructions for attaching the gusset. As suggested in the pattern, clipping the pieces together is a good idea. It's very hard to pin through so many layers. You also need to man-handle the pieces a bit, especially when going around corners, and pins can be a bit deadly (says she with two bandaids on the left hand and one on the right).

Don't rush this process - sew slowly and carefully.



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## Finishing the inside

Nearly done. Your bag is assembled but you have raw seams on the inside. Trim these seams back to about 1/4 inch.

Make your bias binding as per the pattern instructions (page 20) and bind the seams. The instructions explain how to attach and sew in place by machine. Sometimes it is a bit difficult to make a neat job stitching the binding down by machine. It might look nice on one side (the side facing up whilst you are sewing) but then you turn it over and find your stitching line runs on and off the binding. That might not worry you and that's OK. If you are like me, it's a problem. My solution is to stitch in place by hand, as illustrated. Yes, it does take a bit longer and yes, I am a bit fussy (that's the polite description). You choose whichever method works for you.



Time to celebrate. Break out the champagne - you have finished your Tiny Essentials Tote Bag. I hope you are pleased with the result and have enjoyed creating your bag.

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I'd love to hear your feedback on this Sew Along and also ideas you might have for future Sew Alongs. You can post comments to the Facebook Group or email to [sewalong@aussew.org.au](mailto:sewalong@aussew.org.au).

