

TAB ADJUSTMENT FOR ROUND HANDLE

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Many of our designs that show 'U' shaped fashion handles could be made with other shaped handles by adjusting the fabric tab style and placement.

Here, we show the Chloe Handbag with a pair of round handles attached with one handle tab each.

FOR USE ON THE CHLOE HANDBAG #120

TAB ADJUSTMENT FOR ROUND HANDLE

Make two handle tabs - one for each handle.

Cut two pieces of fabric 4" x 7".

Fold 1" of both long raw edges to wrong side so tab measures 2" x 7", press.

Fold in half to measure 2" x 3 1/2" and press.

For this example, we sewed the tabs in place with the handles in place. In the pattern, the handles are added last because the 'U' shaped handles are a bit bigger and make turning the bag right sides out more difficult if they are already sewn in place. Because we need to install the closure through the centered handle tab, we need to sew the handle in place now.

Slip a tab over the handle.

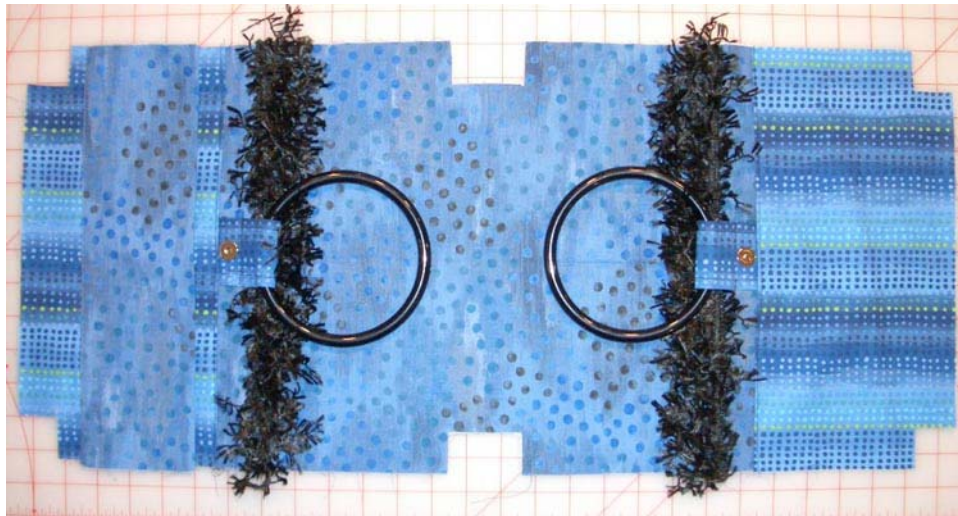
In 'Step 4 - Place Handles/Tabs' in the Chloe Handbag pattern, center one tab with a handle along each edge shown. Layer and continue constructing the bag as shown in the pattern.

In 'Step 8 - Install the Closure' install the Velcro or magnetic snap through all layers including the handle tab as shown below.

In 'Step 9 - Finish the Bag' make the size of the opening in the lining larger to accommodate the handles when turning the bag right sides out. Where it says 'Stitch 3" in from the notches on the long raw edge of the lining...', only stitch 2", leaving approximately 6" unsewn at the middle of this edge to turn the bag right sides out.



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FINAL THOUGHTS: In this example we've attached fluffy fringe along the top edge of the bag. We used the MasterPiece included in the pattern to locate the finished top edge of the bag for perfect placement of our trim. Attaching the trim in this manner allows for the ends of the trim to be sewn into the side seams of the bag for a nice clean finish.

We've also adjusted the pattern in this example by only using one pocket panel. You can always adjust our patterns to suit your needs and in this case, we only had enough fabric for one pocket panel.

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