

# How to Make A CARRY BAG with Yellow Holey Strips!

## Materials

4x yellow holey strips

Strips of Materials (approx. 5 metres) *This could be fabric strips (torn or cut) soft plastic or vinyl strips, wool, cord, wire, lace, string, thin rope, basically anything in strands. The thicker the strands the more you will need.*

Some short threads (approx. 10cm lengths) of any of the above materials. *These will help to hold all of the pieces in position while you sew/ weave your bag together - just like pinning together a pattern when sewing!*

## Preparation

1. Set two complete holey strips aside to form the front and back and bottom of the bag.

2. Take one of the remaining strips and fold it in half then cut across the fold to form the two side inserts.

3. Round the corners of the lower end of each of the side inserts (these corners can be adjusted later to fit neatly into position)

4. Take your remaining holey strip and cut it in half lengthwise to form the handle of the bag. (You can join the two halves to make an extra long handle or just use one.)

## Joining the Body

5. Take the two complete holey strips and line them up so that the holes (or "c" shapes) are as close to lined up as possible. You may need to turn them or flip them to get the best match.

6. Take five of the tacking threads and tie the strips loosely together along one long edge this will hold your bag in place while you weave it together. Tie together in the centre, then one on each end.

7. Starting at one end tie your main stranded material through the top holes and proceed to sew or weave

along the edge that you want to join, tie off when you reach the other end. You can use an overcast stitch or a blanket stitch or you could try making a fringe by cutting and knotting the fabric strips at regular intervals along the edge.

8. Open out the two pieces that you have joined and you now have the main body of the bag

## Inserting the Sides

9. Gently fold this into a U shape then position one of the curved ended side pieces you cut earlier, fitting it into the bottom of the U.

10. Tie this into position with the tacking threads then sew along the edge of the U shape in the same manner as step 3 above. Repeat on the other side of the bag.

## Attaching the Handle

11. Take one of your handle lengths (the holey strip cut lengthwise) and if you would like the extra long handle tie it to the other length at one of the narrow ends then proceed to the next step. If you would like the shorter handle proceed straight to the next step

12. Attach each end of the handle to the top of the side sections by tying them securely and voila you have a basic bag.

