



# How to Sew Reusable Grocery Bags - Eco-friendly DIY Checklist

## Download Your Checklist!

By the end of this article, you'll be able to download a handy checklist that guides you through every step of sewing your own eco-friendly reusable grocery bags with confidence and durability.

### 1. Select Materials

- Choose natural/eco fabrics (cotton canvas, organic cotton, hemp)
- Lining and interfacing choices
- Sustainable thread and hardware

*Tip: Pre-wash fabric to prevent shrinkage*

### 3. Handle Design

- Select strap type (fabric, webbing, bamboo)
- Reinforce at stress points

*Use a 'box + X' stitch for extra strength*

### 5. Optional Features

- Add closures (snap, flap, zipper)
- Include pockets or compartments
- Consider foldable or stowaway designs

*Keep extras minimal for durability*

### 7. Care & Maintenance

- Provide wash instructions
- Air-dry to protect fibers
- Reinforce straps and patch when needed

*Repairs extend the life of your bag*

### 2. Measurements & Cutting

- Decide bag size and capacity
- Include seam allowances and gussets
- Plan handle dimensions

*Make a paper or scrap fabric template first*

### 4. Seams & Finishing

- Choose lined vs unlined
- Seam finishes: bias binding, French seam, or overlock
- Finish top edge neatly

*Avoid raw edges to reduce fraying*

### 6. Eco Practices

- Optimize fabric layout to reduce waste
- Reuse scraps creatively
- Upcycle old fabric

*Think long-term sustainability*

## Why This Checklist Matters:

Stay organized and eco-friendly - avoid mistakes, choose sustainable fabrics, and create grocery bags that last.