



## Checklist

### A Successful Start in Sewing

#### Part 1: Essential Toolkit

- ☐ **Sewing Machine:** Cleaned and with a new needle.
- ☐ **Fabric Scissors:** Sharp and for fabric use ONLY.
- ☐ **Thread:** All-purpose polyester in a matching or neutral color.
- ☐ **Pins or Clips:** To hold fabric pieces together.
- ☐ **Seam Ripper:** Your best friend for correcting mistakes.
- ☐ **Measuring Tape & Ruler:** For accurate measurements.
- ☐ **Fabric Marker or Chalk:** For marking lines and notches.
- ☐ **Iron & Ironing Board:** For pressing seams (crucial for a professional finish).
- ☐ **Bobbins:** Wound and ready for your machine.

#### Part 2: Project Prep Workflow (For Every Project)

- ☐ **Read the Pattern:** Understand all steps before you begin.
- ☐ **Pre-wash & Dry Fabric:** To prevent future shrinkage.
- ☐ **Press the Fabric:** Sewing with wrinkled fabric leads to inaccurate cuts.
- ☐ **Lay Out Pattern Pieces:** Pay attention to the grainline.
- ☐ **Cut Fabric:** Smooth, accurate cuts are key. Measure twice, cut once!

#### Part 3: Quick Project Guide (First 4 Projects)

##### Project 1: Tote Bag

- ☐ Cut two body rectangles & two strap pieces.
- ☐ Sew straps to the top edge of each body piece.
- ☐ Place body pieces right sides together.
- ☐ Sew side and bottom seams.
- ☐ Fold, press, and sew the top hem.
- ☐ Turn right side out and give a final press.

##### Project 2: Envelope Pillow Cover



- [ ] Cut one front square & two back rectangles.
- [ ] Hem one long edge of each back piece.
- [ ] Layer pieces: Front (face up), then two back pieces (face down), overlapping in the middle.
- [ ] Pin and sew all four sides.
- [ ] Clip corners, turn, and press.

### Project 3: Simple Skirt

- [ ] Cut two large rectangles for the skirt body.
- [ ] Sew side seams to create a tube.
- [ ] Create the elastic casing at the top, leaving an opening.
- [ ] Thread the elastic through the casing.
- [ ] Sew elastic ends together and close the opening.
- [ ] Hem the bottom edge.

### Project 4: Headband

- [ ] Cut one large (main) and one small (elastic) fabric piece.
- [ ] Sew both pieces into tubes and turn right side out.
- [ ] Thread elastic through the smaller tube and secure ends.
- [ ] Tuck elastic piece ends into the main piece and topstitch to close.