

Adapting the Pattern...

Step 1: Strap.

Measure the length of the strap. I used the length of a laptop bag to see how long I wanted it



Using pattern tracing interfacing I had to trace my pattern onto it. Then I cut it out. The strap was 35cm finished width & 122cm length + seam allowances (1.5)



especially with a long pattern I had to make sure my markings were accurate and straight. I had to cut 2 in fabric written on pattern.

Step 2: Pleated pocket

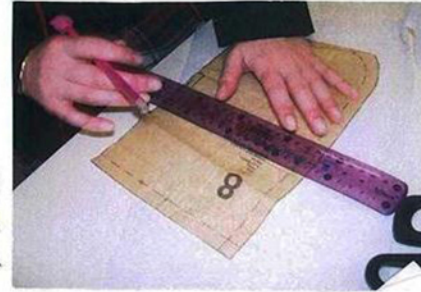
I found a pattern piece from another pattern of a pocket. I liked the size so I decided to trace it and then add 4.5cm on each side for the pleats.



The pocket will be 6cm across and 8cm down.

Step 3: Flap.

I had to get the original flap piece and shorten it so that the width still was 15cm finished & 14.4 in length both with 1.5cm seam allowances. Checkpoints were that I had to rule accurately cross so it stayed straight and when I traced it that it had place on fold.



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Step 4: Gusset.

To adapt my gusset I firstly had to find the middle & then make that 3cm at the top, which changed into the normal size at the bottom. It also needed a 1.5cm seam the whole way as well. When transferring onto pattern tracing interfacing, I had to make sure that all the lines were straight. I remembered the notches, seam allowances and that the



straight grain line was straight



Ideas for my gusset came from this bag. I liked the way it looked with the gusset getting smaller at the top.

