

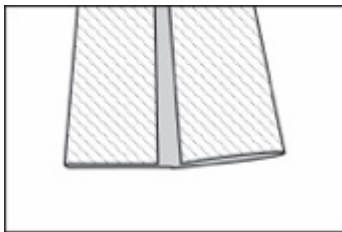


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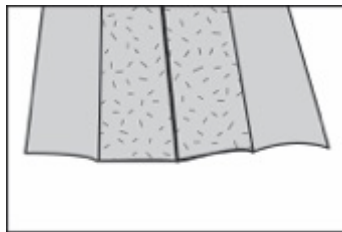
**Quick Reference Sheet**  
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# ***Create a Handle or Strap***

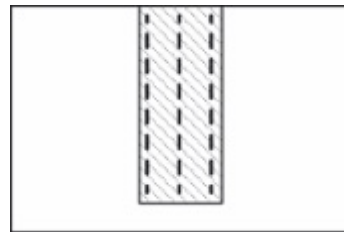
## **Raw Ends:**



Fold long sides into middle

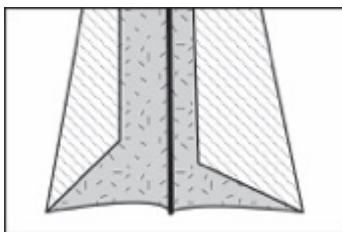


Fuse interfacing down middle

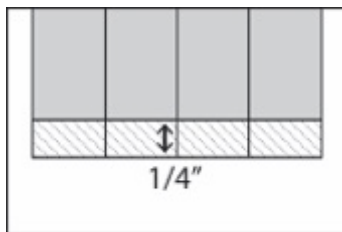


Top stitch closed

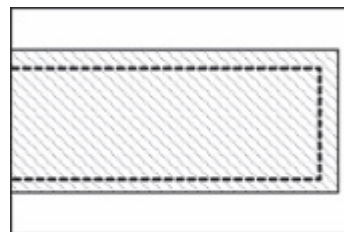
## **Finished Ends:**



Fold long sides into middle



Fold short ends in



Top stitch closed



## Quick Reference Sheet: How to Create Handles and Straps

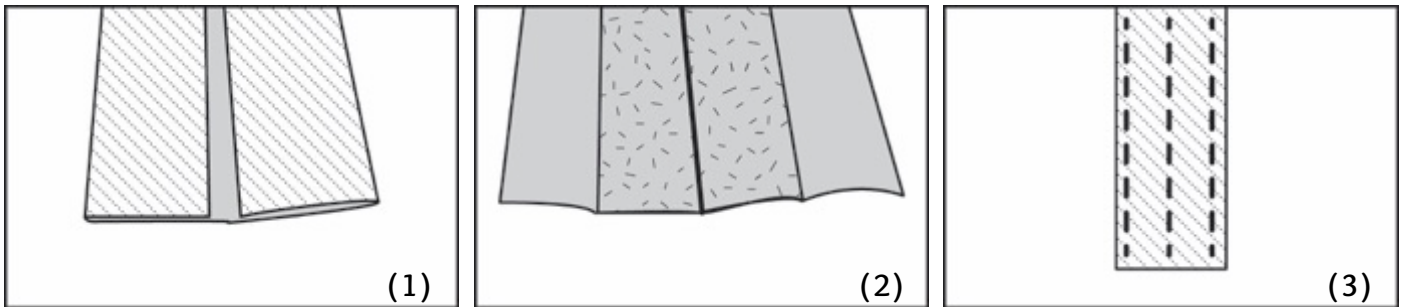
### RAW ENDS

For example, when each end of a handle is stitched directly into the top seam of a bag and therefore not visible.

Take your piece of fabric and fold it in half with wrong sides together, matching **long** sides. Press. Open it out and fold each long side into the middle and press well **(1)**.

Open the fabric out and place the corresponding piece of interfacing along the **middle** of the strip of fabric in the channel you've just made (if applicable) **(2)**. Fold the sides of the fabric back over to ensure the interfacing is in the middle and then fuse well.

Fold the fabric in half again, press well and top stitch down the open side of the fabric to close using a 1/8" (0.3cm) seam allowance. Also stitch down the folded side and middle **(3)**.



### FINISHED ENDS

For example, when each end of a handle is attached to hardware (such as a rectangular ring) and therefore always visible.

Take your piece of fabric and fold it in half with wrong sides together, matching **long** sides. Press. Open it out and fold each long side into the middle and press well **(1)**.

Fold the short ends in 1/4" (0.6cm) to the wrong side and press **(2)**. Re-fold the strap in half again and press well.

Top stitch around all four sides of the strap using a 1/8" (0.3cm) seam allowance **(3)**.

