

# MAKERS MANUAL #58

## Greater Goods



### BIO OF THE DESIGNER

Jaimus Tailor is a London based designer, maker and founder of Greater Goods. With a strong interest in working with existing products as a raw material and seeing potential where others see junk. His practice breathes new life into damaged and discarded products, and continues the story of each garment and item that gets reincarnated into a new form. Jaimus's background in graphic design is reflected in his problem-solving design methods. Greater Goods has a strong DIY aesthetic and embraces the passion of the hobbyist creative.

### FURTHER READING

- [www.seventeenthirtythree.com](http://www.seventeenthirtythree.com)
- [www.palantepacks.com](http://www.palantepacks.com)
- [www.helenkirkumstudio.com](http://www.helenkirkumstudio.com)

### LIST OF THINGS

#### MATERIALS

- Cardstock
- Fabric of choice
- Cord lock
- Thread
- 2-3mm shock cord

#### TOOLS

- Sewing machine
- Overlocker (not essential)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Marker pen
- Compass

### INTRODUCTION

This manual shows you how to make a bottle bag sleeve designed to fit a 1L Nalgene bottle. The bottle bag is one of our most popular products and we designed the bag to utilise small offcuts of fabric that would usually be deemed as scrap. The guide is geared to beginners looking to produce their first usable product on a domestic sewing machine. The guide covers the sewing basics from drafting your own pattern to lining a bag and creating a cord channel. The instructions will guide participants through the entire process with useful techniques and tips that can be applied to all kinds of sewing projects.

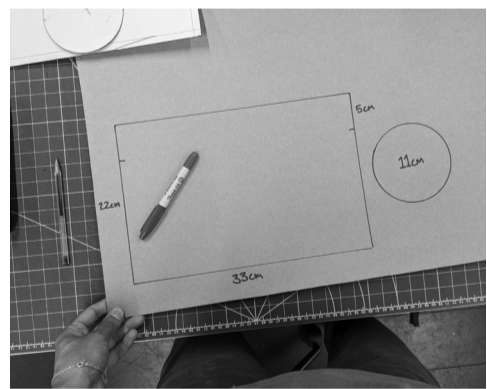
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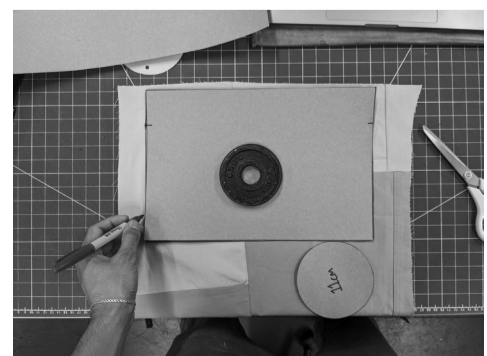
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**STEP 1**  
 Draw 1 rectangle measuring 33cm x 22cm and mark two notches 5cm from the top. Make sure that corners are at right angles with the opposite sides of the rectangle being equal and all corners squared. Draw out a 11 cm diameter circle, this can be done using a compass and setting it at a 5.5 cm radius.

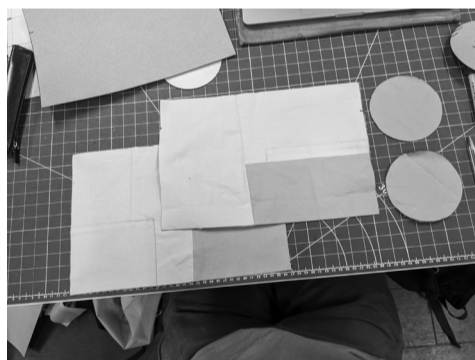


**STEP 2**  
 Cut out the two pattern pieces making sure to cut on the line.

**STEP 3**  
 Place your pattern pieces onto chosen fabric. Make sure bulky seams are not on the edge of the pattern pieces. The circle pattern will be the bag base and the rectangle will be the main side. Trace around the pattern pieces onto the fabric using a marker pen and remember to mark the two notches.



**STEP 4**  
 Repeat this step to have two rectangles and two circles.



**STEP 5**  
 Fold the rectangle pattern piece, good sides facing inwards, and sew a stitch from the 5cm mark to the bottom edge with a 1cm seam allowance.



**STEP 6**  
 Sew the circle base onto the bottom with a 1 cm seam allowance, good sides facing inwards.



**STEP 7**  
 Repeat steps 5 and 6 with the second rectangle and circle.



**STEP 8**  
 Turn the bags inside-out so they're the correct way and sew together the 5cm part at the top, good sides facing together with a 1cm allowance. This is the trickiest part so be sure to study the images for references.

**STEP 9**  
 Push one of the bags into the other to create the lining of the bag.

**STEP 10**  
 If possible, use an overlock stitch on the raw top edge. Otherwise leave the edge raw and lock together using a zig-zag or straight stitch.

**STEP 11**  
 Fold over the top edge by 2.5cm to create a cord channel at the top. Sew this down 2 cm from the folded edge.



**STEP 12**  
 Thread through the shock cord and add a cord lock to the end. Tie off extra cord and cut down to size.



