



Cut out both sections of this pattern piece. Lap the bottom section (below) over the top so that its upper edge aligns with the dotted line. Tape the two together along the top edge of the bottom piece on the front and the bottom edge of the top piece on the back.

Proceed with the directions for making the bag that are presented on the next page, treating this as a single pattern piece.

**Cut one on fold.**

**If making lined bag, cut one of lining on fold.**

**Center; place on fold.**

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## Gentleman's Trapezoidal Bag from *Tempora Nostra*

Cut out one front and one back from your outer fabric, and one of each from a lining fabric in a contrasting color.

Put the two fronts right-sides-together, and stitch them together down one side, across the bottom, and up the other side. Turn them right-side-out through the remaining opening, then tuck in the unstitched edges and stitch the top closed. Repeat with the backs.

Line up the front and the back, and stitch them together down one side, across the bottom, and up the other side through the lining fabric only. When you're finished, the lining will be seen, just a little, all the way around the bag, creating a pleasing color detail.

Cut a rectangle from your outer fabric, four inches wide and sixty-five inches long. Fold it in half lengthwise, right sides together, and stitch down the long and across one short side. Turn this tube right-side-out. Tuck in the unsewn end and stitch it closed. Sew both ends of this strap to the back of the bag, just below the flap, being careful to stitch through the outer layer of fabric only.

Add to the bottom of the bag and the flap tassels made from yarn the same color as the lining fabric.

**Note:** No seam allowances are included in this pattern

