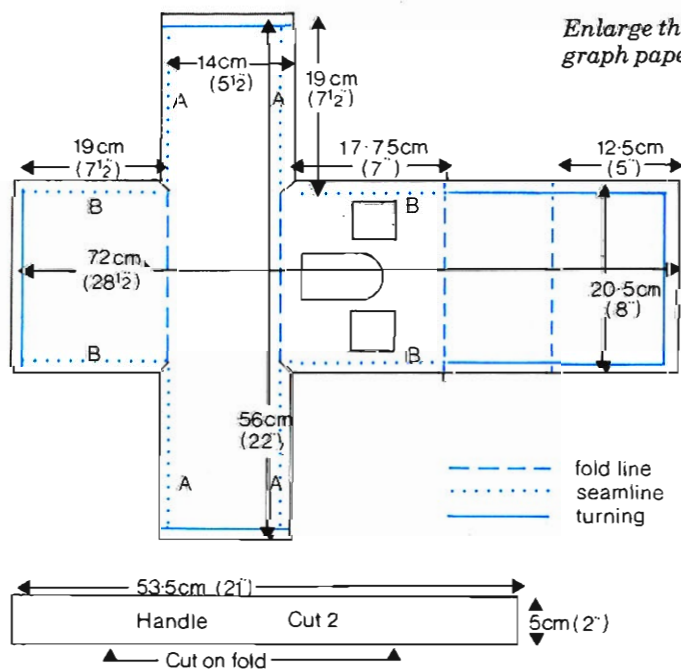


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This bag's youthful appeal makes it a welcome gift for a young girl.



## Cottage handbag

This country cottage is in reality a handbag designed by Kay Cunliffe. It would make an ideal gift for a little girl.

### You will need:

60cm (3/4yd) of 137cm (54") wide burlap.

60cm (3/4yd) of 90cm (36") wide lining fabric.

90cm (36") of decorative floral braid.

Scraps of leather or felt for windows and doors.

Piece of cardboard 18cm x 11.5cm (7"x4 1/4") for base.

2 skeins of straw colored synthetic raffia for roof embroidery.

2 large snaps.

A latex-based fabric adhesive, needle and thread, darning needle, graph paper.

Draw a pattern on graph paper for bag and handles from the measurements given in the diagram; 1.25cm (1/2") seams have been allowed.

Cut out bag in burlap and lining. Cut handles in burlap only.

Cut windows and door from felt or leather as shown in the photograph.

Clip in 1.25cm (1/2") at corners of bag indicated in diagram. Matching adjacent sides A to B, stitch four seams to make a box. Repeat on lining.

Turn all remaining raw edges on both bag and lining, to wrong side for 1.25cm (1/2") and machine topstitch. Repeat on lining. Embroider roof area using long and short stitch.

Slip cardboard into base.

Place lining in bag, wrong sides together, and overcast lining edges to corresponding bag edges.

Turn raw edges of handles to wrong side, fold in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, press and then topstitch edges together. Attach one handle to each side of bag.

Stick on leather or felt windows and doors, and decorate with floral braid as shown in photograph.

Stitch the snaps in upper corners of bag front and each top corner on wrong side of roof 2.5cm (1") from edge.