

Ortbag Tutorial

You will need :

- some stitched linen
- some matching fabric for the lining
- a matching biscornu (or an small oblong cushion)
- 2 buttons
- 1 suction pad (or some sand)
- some ribbon (optional)
- some beads (optional)



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- Step 1:** Iron your pieces of fabric and collect all the items you will need to make your ortbag.
- Step 2:** Fold the stitched fabric vertically, right sides together, and stitch the side up so that you get a tube.
Fold the seam flat with an iron.
Lay out the tube so that the design is centred horizontally, then stitch the bottom of the bag.
- Step 3:** Let's work on the bottom of the bag. Open it up and lay it out so that you have a square (or a diamond shape, depending on the dimensions you chose for your ortbag). (See picture 3)
- Step 4:** For each of the 2 corners (those with the seam going through them), we'll need to cut off a triangle of fabric. Stitch each side and cut the fabric about 1/2 inch from the seam.
- Step 5:** Go through steps 2 to 4 again with the lining material in order to make the lining bag.
- Step 6:** Insert the lining bag into the stitched one (take care to leave the lining bag inside-out so that all the seams remain hidden)
- Step 7:** Roll the fabric outwards and down at the top of the bag (the thicker the better as it will support the rim of your ortbag.)
- Step 8:** Stitch the hem in its middle to keep it in position.



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Step 9: *Stitch your 2 buttons to the inside of the hem (you'll need them to attach the pouch to the pincushion).*

Step 10: *You can hide the stitches with a thin ribbon, and some beads.*

Step 11: *Use some wide ribbon (or make some with the fabric you used for the lining of the pouch) folded halfway to attach the pincushion to the pouch or the ortbag. You can stitch it directly to the pouch (in which case it is easier to do so when you are sewing the buttons on – step 9), or add button holes at each end to make the pouch a removable one (this is very useful when it comes to emptying the ortbag!)*

Also stitch a thin ribbon in the middle (see the picture for the shape) to rest your scissors.

Step 12: *Take your biscornu (or your oblong pincushion), and stitch the large ribbon to it. Then attach the suction pad under the biscornu. (This will allow you to stick your ortbag to a nearby window or to a polished table.) If you'd rather sit your ortbag on the armrest of an armchair, for instance, you may prefer to part-fill your pincushion with sand instead.*

Step 13: *You're now ready to put the final touch to your ortbag, and add some beads to the lower corners of the pouch.*

Step 14: *Put your scissors in, and your ortbag is ready for use!*

