

THE GREAT

AUSTRALIAN

BAG CHALLENGE

Info, Instructions & Entry Form - 2018

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TO BE EXHIBITED AND JUDGED BY VIEWERS CHOICE AT THE AUSTRALIAN TEXTILE EXHIBITION 2018
AUSTRALIAN GARDENS CRANBOURNE 8TH - 13TH MAY 2018
CNR OF BALLARTO RD & BOTANIC DRIVE, CRANBOURNE VIC

The Prizes

- 1st Prize Bernina B215 Sewing Machine including a limited edition skin featuring a newly released Leesa Chandler fabric design valued at \$1,299.00.
- 2nd Prize \$500 Hamper containing fabrics and giftware from Chandlers Cottage.
- 3rd Prize \$250 Hamper containing fabrics and giftware from Chandlers Cottage.

The Bigger Picture

Bernina Australia and Chandler's Cottage will then select a collection of entries to be exhibited at various Quilting Events during 2018.

The Challenge

Create an Australian Themed Bag using the Bag Shape and Basic Construction technique provided.

- You can increase or decrease the bag shape to create a finished bag size of 4"/10cm to 30"/75cm wide. (So Evening Purse to Travel tote!)
- You can add pockets, any type of handles, flaps and embellishments.
- Your bag panels can be pieced, appliqued, woven, crocheted, knitted or felted, as long as it is a textile material, it's in!

Your Bag **must** have a definite Australian theme.



So any Australian landmarks, animals, flowers etc are all good. Think outside the square too, eg. Brighton Beach Boxes, Lamingtons, Burke and Wills, Dame Edna, Aussie BBQ's, The Endeavour, Surf Lifesavers, Paddleboats on the Murray, Great Barrier Reef, Tiger Snakes and Red Backs.

Your bag can also feature Australian materials, for example Merino fleece, Australian plant dyes, Possum Fur and Emu feathers are ok!

The Finer Details

1. Your bag must have a finished size of between 4" and 30" wide.
2. The original panel shape must be clearly identifiable in your finished work.
3. Each entry must include an internal sewn in label with your name. No pins.
4. Each entry must be accompanied by the Challenge entry form, and a \$15 entry fee which covers administration, curating and display costs.
5. Each Bag must be supplied pressed ready to exhibit in a **box** with attached / hinged lid eg. AusPost Box. Please also include return address pre-paid satchel for its safe return if you are not delivering to and picking up from Chandlers Cottage.
6. In the event we need to re iron your piece, please include a note if there are special considerations. Eg. Silk, 3D work etc.
7. One entry per person.

The Deadline

All Bags with entry forms and payment must be received by 24th April 2018.

You can post to Chandlers Cottage at P.O. Box 2133, Parkdale 3195 OR delivery to Chandlers Cottage by Appointment before the 24th April. Ring us on 03 9587 3958 to make a time.

NOTE: Entries are being accepted from 15th January 2018.

The Great Australian Bag Challenge Pattern

Basic Bag Assembly Instructions

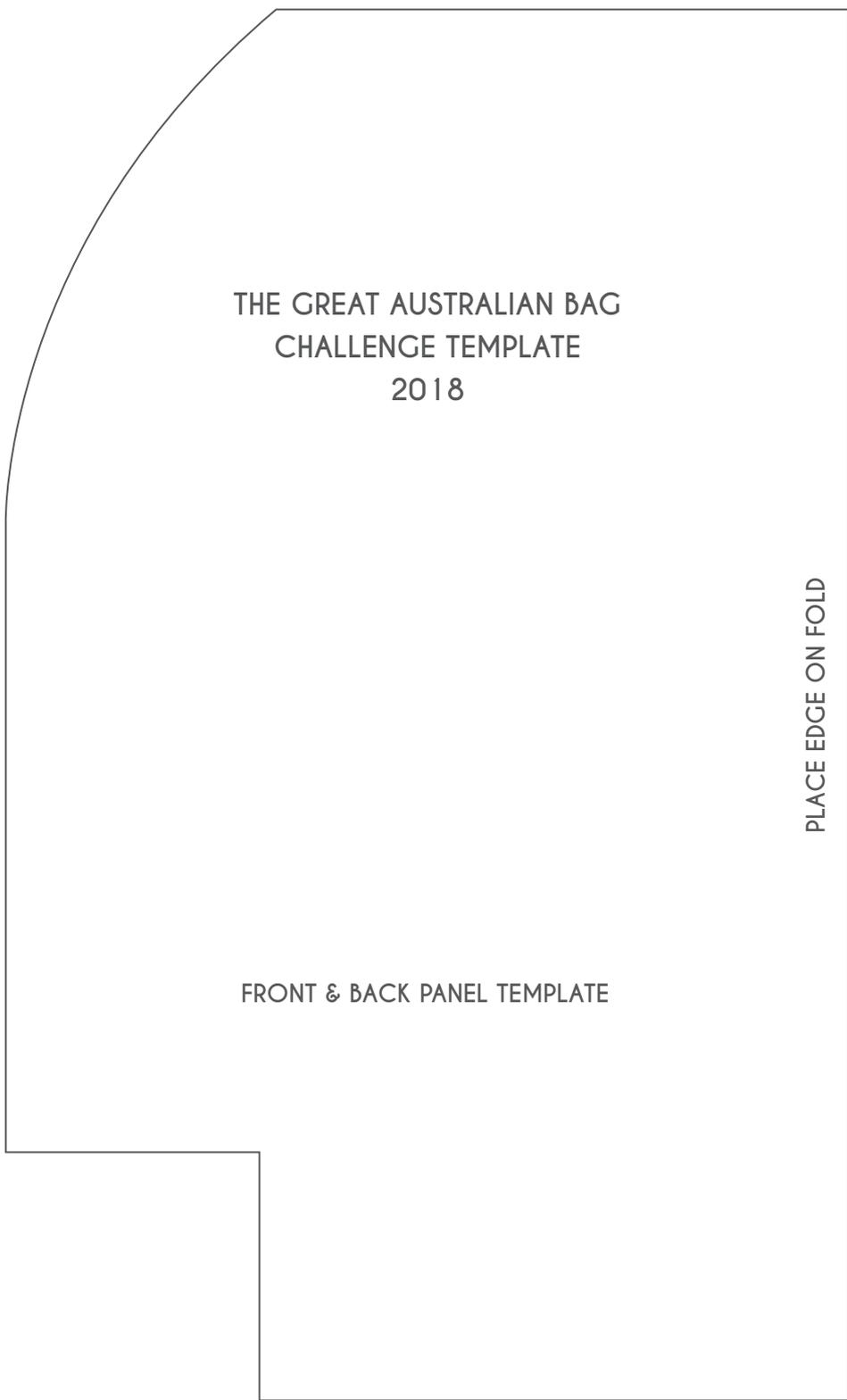
1. Make a template of the Front and Back panel diagram provided to your desired size.
2. Trace template four times onto wrong side of your fabric or textile medium. Cut out adding a ¼" seam allowance. (Two from Outer Bag Fabric and two from Lining Fabric).
3. Add batting to the wrong side of the front and back panels. Quilt if desired.
4. Sew bottom edges of the front and back panels together. (**TIP:** Use a Walking Foot).
5. Sew curved sides of the front and back panels together.
6. Matching side seam to centre base seam, sew across darts at bottom corners to complete the outer bag.
7. Repeat steps 4 to 6 with the lining pieces to make the bag lining, remembering to leave a 4" gap in the bottom seam to turn the bag right side out later.
8. Place outer bag and lining right sides together matching side seams. Insert handles if desired.
9. Sew right around the top of the bag.
10. Turn bag right side out through the gap in the lining.
11. Press well, and top stitch around top rim if necessary to make the bag sit nice and flat.
12. Sew up gap in lining seam.



THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BAG
CHALLENGE TEMPLATE
2018

PLACE EDGE ON FOLD

FRONT & BACK PANEL TEMPLATE



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Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne, Cnr Ballarto Road & Botanic Drive, Cranbourne
8th - 13th May 2018

Exhibition Entry Deadline is 24th April. See Challenge Guidelines for further details.

1. Your Bag's Name - this is what we will call your piece on its label

2. Bag Makers Name

3. Bag Makers Phone Number

4. Bag Makers Email Address

5. Bag Makers Address

6. Bag Width (must be between 4" and 30").

7. Please list up to three main techniques you have used. (Leesa will talk about these during her Walk & Talk sessions, we let our team know to answer any questions and may be used on the bag's label).

Deliver your bag, entry form and entry fee by the 24th April, To: 1/20 Canterbury Rd, Braeside 3195. Please call us on 03 9587 3958 to make an appointment OR mail to Chandlers Cottage, P.O. Box 2133, Parkdale 3195.

