

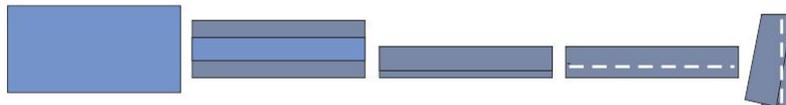
A simple boro bag. © Rosemary Muntus, 7th February 2019

This bag was based on one seen on Pinterest and I haven't tracked it down further than that. I have made it twice as I mislaid the first attempt. It uses an approximately A4 piece of boro — I used Essex linen and butter muslin for my second attempt **plus** a similar sized piece of cotton for the lining and a variety of largely rectangular pieces of cloth for the boro patches¹ and the two hangers. Both bags featured cord straps made from sari yarn from [Rainbow Silks](#) in nice mixed blues and a variety of threads (mainly coton perlé).

1. Take your backing fabric with muslin or similar beneath it and pin and/or tack the patches in place.
2. Work your boro. Use coloured and/or white threads, Sashiko stitching and blanket, whip, darning and seed stitch as appropriate.
3. Trim to a neat rectangle and cut your lining to the same size. Fold each of them separately right sides together and sew



down one long side and the bottom on your top layer. Sew up your lining the same way, leaving a gap in the lining seam so that you will be able to turn the bag right side out.



4. Make two small hangers from rectangles of suitable fabric (3 x 6 cm) long sides turned in, folded in again and stitched. Fold ends together.

5. Turn your outer layer right side out. Pin the hangers in place. Insert into the lining, right sides together and lining up the side seams. Sew around the top edge.



6. Turn right side out. Thread through and tie on your cord strap. Sew up your lining.

This may be freely distributed with my name on it and with the link to my website www.muntus.com and my Boromania book



¹ Acquired from [Euro Japan Links](#) to whom I owe a great debt of gratitude. What I have got from them over the years has provided me with some lovely fabrics, and making best use of them has contributed to the Wabi-Sabi element of my work!