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377 of 385 people found the following review helpful. Confused by the photosBy PiaLisa Lam is obviously an extremely talented bag maker, and the bags she shows in this book are proof of that. It's a lovely book, full of inspirational photos, but my problem with the book lies with the instructions for each bag pattern. If you are buying this book for inspiration, then go for it. However I would caution that if you are buying this book for instructions on how to make the bags, it is extremely confusing.I've been sewing for over ten years and know how to read a pattern. I

feel that Lisa tried to compress her patterns to fit neatly into each page and did not give enough space to thoroughly explaining each step of the pattern:a) instructions for each step are too briefb) there are only photos for some steps; on steps without photos she leaves me confusedc) the photos are cropped to show only a small piece of the bag she is working on, so I cannot figure out which way the zipper/fabric/etc is supposed to be facing1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a pretty good, shows me step by step in sections for each part of the bag but yet to find a really good bagmaking bookBy Aspiring Artist and DesignerThis is a pretty good and you get patterns but I have bought 6 books now and the best seem to be on my knitting books on felting projects. I have yet to get a book that actually shows me step by step BUT this is probably the closest. I would suggest buying ALL bag making books used for a few buck, like I did this one. Even with shipping at \$4 it is a lot less than new.I knit up 100% wool yarn and wash it in the washing machine in hot water and it then comes out like a felted fabric which I then make bags, hats and other items out of it. I just recently got into making purses and it seems that I am researching and self teaching myself on how to make a good bag. But, these books do help and at least with some you get actual pattern pieces for bag structures, so that helps.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Bags of all kinds.By N. BruceI need good bags for carrying different thing. These are great patterns for bags that get the job done

"The Bag Making Bible" is the first book and resource of it's kind - a technique-led approach to sewing your own designer bags and purses. It explains in detail how to create and construct the component parts of the bag. From adding styles of bag pockets to inserting zips and closures, using interfacing and reinforcement tricks, and fitting linings and various styles of bag handles, and much, much more. It also introduces and demonstrates the myriad materials, hardware, and tools and techniques available to the modern crafter, including using the sewing machine. Each chapter is fully illustrated with helpful colour photography and ends with a unique, step-by-step project that builds the ultimate handbag wardrobe. A separate pull-out section of full-size patterns enables readers to get started right away - no photocopying or enlarging required! Each bag design stands out in its own right, each to be made and loved for years to come. Full instructions are included to make: a funky laptop/messenger/office bag 3 kinds of book bags an ultra-organised nappy/craft tote a multi-pocketed travel bag a rigid cocktail clutch an over-the body hobo bag, and more. Whether you are making your first bag, or you want to add professional looking pockets to an existing pattern, or even if you are looking for a tempting bag project to really sink your sewing teeth into, "The Bag Making Bible" will be your 'go to' resource for information and inspiration.

About the AuthorLisa Lam has a successful website which has specialised in purse and bag making supplies since 2005. This unique site through which Lisa showcases her passion and sewing talents to the world has become a valuable source for bag making advice and inspiration. Lisa designs her own range of sewing patterns and kits as well as regularly contributing to numerous sewing magazines. She regularly writes in her colourful craft blog: u-handbag.typepad.com where she shares her sewing and crafting obsessions with thousands of readers.