

# An 82-year-old Former Electrician Becomes a Master Bag Maker



**G3sewing®**

G3 (read as "Ji-san" – a play on words meaning grandfather in Japanese) was an electrician and the Chief Engineer of a radio and TV station. His bag making journey began when he was fixing his daughter's sewing machine in the fall of 2019. Once he fixed and began testing it, he became curious. He started using a sewing machine for the first time when he was 82 years old.

Until G3 met Jesus at the age of 82, he had suffered from multiple illnesses. When he was 68, he had invasive surgery due to diverticulitis. Later, he almost died from a heart complication. Even after recovering from these serious illnesses, he continued to struggle with depression and diabetes. After more than 14 years of sickness, he began attending Soai Christ Church in Yokkaichi, Mie, Japan, where his wife and daughters were already members. After thousands of hours of his family's prayers, he finally accepted Christ and became a Christian. This new passion has improved his happiness and enjoyment of life.

Now, together with his daughter's family, they've started a small company making traditional Japanese kiss-lock bags. They are made with a lot of love. Hope you like them!

## History of His Crafting ~It All Started with Making a Bible Cover~



### Bible Covers

G3 first chose to make a simple Bible cover to make members of the church happy. G3 could not understand all the terms of sewing so he just disassembled his wife's Bible cover to see the structure. (2019.10)



### Shoulder bags

His daughter asked him to make a shoulder bag that fits a long wallet and a smartphone. He got to know that there are different thicknesses of interfacing.



### Onigiri Pouches (Onigiri is a Japanese style riceball)

A granddaughter who attends university asked him to make a pouch that only fits onigiri. Inside of the pouch, there is an aluminium sheet. Made to be able to fold triangularly. G3 was really proud of his work.



### Coasters

G3 saw quilt batting for the first time. He could not remember the name so he just calls it "cotton."



### Baby Backpacks

G3 got to know how to sew a string on a backpack. Finally, he remembered the word "quilt batting" instead of calling it "cotton." His great-granddaughter loved it so much that it made his day.



### Pouch with a Wire Clasp

The same granddaughter requested him to make a big cosmetic bag. He learned the word "gusset."



### Flat Pouches

His granddaughter drew the picture, and he created a pouch without a lining. He had a hard time putting a zipper on.



### Bibs

His great-granddaughter was born so he made a bib for her. He got to know the snaps from a dollar store so he bought them and made tons of bibs. He became a weird grandpa who loves dollar stores.



### Handbags

Tried to make a bigger product for the first time after experiencing making many small items. His daughter who works as a home care worker loved it.



### Pouch with a Lining

He got to know the skill of putting on a liner. He also learned how to flip over and sew.



### Wallets

G3 disassembled a wallet and made a new wallet accordingly. It was the most difficult one so far and it let him down. G3 did not want to give up and constantly tried to create this due to which his legs became swollen. Therefore, his family banned him from creating another wallet.



### Gamaguchi Wallets

This is his first "gamaguchi" wallet that his daughter asked him to make. It was so difficult that it looked really bad. G3 was disappointed but it fired him up as a professional craftsman. Nobody could stop him. No matter what his family said, he continued making it until now.

Around the same time, he made masks every day and gave them to people around him to the point that they said "I don't need it anymore."(2020.3)



## G3sewing® Product Manual



When bags arrive, please take it out of the plastic bag immediately and hang it somewhere. While using the products, the wrinkles could go away, but ironing helps too if it is necessary.

### About Fabric Products

As a characteristic of the fabric, there may be neps (fiber knots sticking out from the surface of the cloth) or there may be some color unevenness. Color may fade or stain if it gets wet or rubs.

### Before You Use

Using water repellent spray will help prevent getting dirt or stain.

### How to Take Care of the Products

Please avoid putting in the washing machine or dry cleaning as it may cause shrinking, color fading or lose its shape. When dust gets on the fabric, the fabric may be brushed out. The dirt can be erased by erasers if it is not too severe. If it does not go away, please rub with a soft brush with the detergent. When it gets wet with rain, take out your stuff, wipe the products with cloth and let it hang after fixing its shape.

### Warnings

There is a possibility of getting mold if you keep the products in humid places. Please keep it in the well-ventilated area if you will not use it for a long time.

All Products of G3sewing are hand made by an old grandfather. Although he does his best to make it perfectly, there may be some mistakes. Hope you understand. He carefully put the gamaguchi clasp, but there is a possibility that you can see the glue on. It can be taken off by rubbing in the warm water.

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