**October 28, 2019 Bag of the Month**

**Super Tote**

This is a repeat of a bag I did a few years ago. I had a few requests to do it again. So, back by popular demand we’re doing it again. It would be a great travel bag or just a bag to stuff a bunch of stuff into. The zipper closure helps keep all of it safe inside. I love the otter fabric I used in the sample at the shop. I made a few changes (of course) so these are my directions on how to get ready. ☺

**What to bring:**

Sewing machine in good working order, matching threads, a new 90/14 topstitch needle, marking pen/pencil/chalk, heavy weight pins, snip scissors, a tool or a way to measure 1/2” seams, zipper foot, regular zig zag foot, piping/welting foot if you have one otherwise you can use your zipper foot, (no need for a ¼” foot this time), seam guide, and any other items you use when sewing projects.

**What to purchase:**

\_\_\_\_ Class Fee

\_\_\_\_ Super Tote pattern

\_\_\_\_ Fabric

\_\_\_\_ 5/8 yard - Exterior Front and Back and front of Front Pocket (I included a few extra inches for

wiggle room.)

\_\_\_\_ 2 yards - Lining – this includes the lining, lining for the front pocket and lining the interior pockets

\_\_\_\_ ¼ yard piece for the outside of the straps

\_\_\_\_ ¼ yard for the underside of the straps

\_\_\_\_ 2/3 yard gusset and outer side of interior pockets

\_\_\_\_ ¼ yard Fusible Fleece

\_\_\_\_ 2 ½ yards Shape Flex SF101

\_\_\_\_ 1 ¼ yards Décor Bond 809

\_\_\_\_ (1) 14” or longer zipper

\_\_\_\_ 1 yard ¼” elastic

\_\_\_\_ 1 magnetic snap

\_\_\_\_ \*Optional - 15” of ½” wide ready-made piping (we don’t carry that at the shop). Or you can do what the

pattern calls for and make your own. I made mine using cording and matching fabric. We do have the

cording at the shop. If you want to make your own that’s great. If you need help, come in 30 minutes early to class and we’ll do it there.

\*Be careful cutting the outer main bag pieces and outer pocket. It’s a tight fit. There’s a warning right above the first picture. It also states that you can change the cutting method to suit your needs. If you change it from the pictured version, be careful, you may need a bit more fabric.

**What to cut and fuse:**

\_\_\_\_ Cut out pattern pieces

\_\_\_\_ (2) Font/Back Exterior A main fabric – fuse with Shape Flex then Décor Bond

\_\_\_\_ (2) Front/Back Exterior B main fabric – fuse with Shape Flex then Décor Bond

\_\_\_\_ (1) Front Exterior pocket main fabric – fuse with Shape Flex and (1) Exterior Pocket of lining fabric

\_\_\_\_ (2) Lining A and (2) Lining B lining fabric

\_\_\_\_ (2) Interior Pocket Pieces – fuse with Shape Flex (I used main fabric, but use whatever you’d like to)

\_\_\_\_ (2) Interior Pocket Pieces for lining the pockets (whatever you choose)

\_\_\_\_ (2) Recessed Zipper pieces (I matched mine to the lining fabric)

**\*\***Please iron these if you have time as stated on **page 4 Step 4a**. It will help to have them ready.

\_\_\_\_ (2) Zipper End Tab pieces - Please iron these if you have time also, as stated on **page 4 Step 4d**.

\_\_\_\_ (4) Gusset Pieces

(2) exterior gussets – fuse with Shape Flex then Décor Bond

(2) lining gussets – fuse with Shape Flex

\_\_\_\_ (4) strap pieces - *no pattern piece for this* – cut them 2 ¾” x 30”

(2) exterior fabric

(2) lining fabric (I fused Shape Flex on them then fused a 2” x 30” piece of fusible

fleece down the center of the 2 exterior ones.) We can do this in class if you don’t have time.

\*We will **not** be using the Front Pocket Facing direction piece.

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