Bag of the Month April 13th or 18th

**Malibu Sling**

**What to bring**:

Sewing machine in good working order, stronger pins such as flat flowerhead or yellow ball (not quilting pins), new 90/14 Topstitch needle, marking pen/pencil/chalk, fabric scissors, paper scissors, seam gauge about 6” long, ¼” foot, zipper foot, regular zig zag foot, small square ruler 3 ½” x 3 ½” or 6 ½” x 6 ½”, threads to match or coordinate ( you will see topstitching so choose wisely), 2 pattern pieces already cut out.

***Please label all of your fabric pieces!***

***Cut and iron fusible interfacings immediately so you can label each piece once. See tips about fusing below.***

**What to purchase:**

\_\_\_\_ Class fee

\_\_\_\_ Pink Sand Beach Designs Malibu Sling Pattern

\_\_\_\_ (1) 14” zipper – this will show on the back of the backpack

\_\_\_\_ Malibu Sling hardware set

(or purchase individually: (4) 1” Swivel hooks, (4) 1” D rings, (3) ¾” Magnetic purse snaps

\_\_\_\_ **\***Optional Hardware: (2) 1” Adjustable Slide Buckles (These are to make your backpack straps

adjustable. Without them they are stationary.) These are not in the hardware kit. *I used them on mine.*

**Fabric:**

\_\_\_\_ Fabric 1 - ½ yard – Bag front/back *(I suggest 2/3 yards if it is directional fabric)*

\_\_\_\_ Fabric 2 - 1 Fat Quarter – Bag flap

\_\_\_\_ Fabric 3 - 1 Fat Quarter – Bag sides

\_\_\_\_ Fabric 4 - ½ yard – Straps, handle and bottom

\_\_\_\_ Fabric 5 - ½ yard – Lining *(I suggest 2/3 yards if it is directional fabric)*

**Interfacings:**

\_\_\_\_ 1 yard – Fusible Fleece

\_\_\_\_ ½ yard – Decorbond #809 fusible

\_\_\_\_ 1/8 yard – Peltex #71Fsingle sided fusible

**What to cut:**

There is a chart on the pattern page but here’s a little more condensed version with interfacings matched to the pieces they will be fused together with. *Watch out for my notes. Thanks!*

**Fabric 1 – Bag front/back**

\_\_\_\_ (1) – 11 long x 9 ½ wide – Bag Front *Note: match size, cut and fuse Decorbond then fleece to front of bag –*

*use pressing cloth/applique pressing sheet.*

\_\_\_\_ (1) – 11 long x 9 ½ wide – Bag Back *Note: match size, cut and fuse fleece to back of bag*

\_\_\_\_ (1) – 8 long x 9 ½ wide – Bag lower back outside pocket *Note: match size, cut and fuse Decorbond*

\_\_\_\_ (1) – 8 long x 9 ½ wide - Bag lower back outside pocket lining – no interfacing

\_\_ \_\_ (2) – 3 x 3 Zipper tab end – no interfacing

\_ \_ \_ \_ (4) 6 long x 10 ½ wide – Inside pockets – no interfacing

**Fabric 2 – Bag Flap**

\_\_\_\_ (1) - 6 ½ long x 9 ½ wide – Bag flap outside - *Note: match size, cut and fuse fleece to outside flap*

\_\_\_\_ (1) - 6 ½ long x 9 ½ wide – Bag flap underside - *Note: match size, cut and Decorbond to underside flap*

\_\_ \_\_ (2) - 2 ½ x 10 ½ - inside pocket accent – no interfacing

\_\_\_\_ (1) – 3 x 9 ½ - Bag back top outside – *Cut Decorbond 2 x 9 ½, center on fabric and fuse. Then cut Fusible Fleece 2 x 9 ½, center and fuse on top of the Decorbond. Use pressing cloth or applique pressing sheet.*

\_\_\_\_ (1) – 3 x 9 ½ - Bag back top lining – no interfacing

\_\_\_\_ (1) – 2 x 9 ½ - Bag back top facing - *Cut Decorbond 1 x 9 ½, center on fabric and fuse.*

***Are you labeling all of your fabric pieces?***

**Fabric 3 – Bag Sides**

\_\_ \_\_ (2) – 13 long x 8 wide – Bag sides 9 - *Note: match size, cut and fuse fleece to bag sides. We will cut them using the pattern pieces in class.*

*\_\_ \_\_Cut (2) 4 x 8 pieces of Decorbond, pin to bag sides and bring them with you to class.*

**Fabric 4 – Straps, handle, and bag bottom**

\_\_ \_\_ For stationary straps (2) - 3 ½ x 29 – Backpack straps

**OR**

\_\_ \_\_ For adjustable straps (2) - 3 ½ x 39 – Backpack straps

\_\_\_\_ (1) - 3 ½ x 25 – Handle and 4 D-Rings connectors

\_\_\_\_ (1) – 5 ½ x 9 ½ - Bag bottom – *Note: match size and cut (1) fusible fleece and (1) Decorbond – DO NOT fuse yet!*

*\_\_\_\_Cut (1) 4 ½ x 8 Peltex – Now fuse fusible fleece to fabric bag bottom then center and fuse Peltex, then fuse Decorbond.*

*(Layers will be 1. fabric, 2. Fusible fleece, 3. Peltex - centered, 4. Decorbond. Use pressing cloth or applique pressing sheet to put on top of the fusibles as you layer them onto the back of the fabric. If you have trouble with this just bring them to class.)*

**Fabric 5 – Bag lining**

\_\_ \_\_ (2) – 13 long x 8 wide – Bag side lining *Note: match size, cut and fuse fusible fleece to bag sides.*

*We will use pattern piece to cut these in class.*

\_\_ \_\_(2) – 10 ½ long x 9 ½ wide – Bag front/back lining *Note: match size, cut and fuse fusible fleece*

\_\_\_\_ (1) – 5 ½ x 9 ½ - Bag bottom lining *Note: match size, cut and fuse fusible fleece*

**Extra – bring to class**

**Peltex**  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (6) – 1 x 1 ½ Peltex for snap interfacing

**Decorbond** \_\_ \_\_ (2) 1 x 29 (for stationary straps) **or** (2) 1 x 39 (for adjustable straps)

\_\_\_\_ (1) 1 x 25 for handle and connectors

**Fusible Fleece** \_\_ \_\_ (2) 1 x 29 (for stationary straps) **or** (2) 1 x 39 (for adjustable straps)

\_\_\_\_ (1) 1 x 14 ½ for handle (yes that’s the correct dimensions)

Bring a snack or lunch to class. We have to keep our strength up!

**How to fuse the fusibles:**

Fusible fleece – Iron this to the wrong side of the fabric. It doesn’t take a lot of time. I count to 3 or 4 slowly then move my iron to another spot. Don’t leave it on long or it will begin to melt and scrunch up the fabric. Use an applique pressing sheet or something like it if ironing from the fleece side. I try whenever possible to iron from the fabric side.

Decorbond – Iron this to the wrong side of the fabric. This takes a bit of patience. You do not want to slide your iron over it. You will press the iron on and pick it up each time you move it. Press, count slowly to 5 or 6, pick the iron up, then check to make sure it is fusing. If not leave on a few more seconds. Once you figure out your counting, 5 or 6 or 7 or 8…., you’ll be good to go. Remember, be patient.

Please trim off any excess fusible around the fabric once you’ve fused it on. This will help you when sewing pieces together.

\*\*Whew! Thanks for all you did to get ready for class. It sure does make things move along and helps us get our project done!

\*\*\*If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail me before class begins. Once class starts, I will be

teaching and am unable to help you get ready. Thanks for your understanding.

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***P.S. Did you label all of your fabric pieces?***