

SEW TOGETHER BAG

HERE WE GO!

Fabrics for the bag exterior include quilting cotton, linen, cotton/linens blends, home dec and canvas. For all the other fabrics used in the bag, quilting weight cotton is recommended so the bulk of the bag is manageable. If using quilting cotton for the bag exterior, I recommend interfacing to give it extra body. Interfacing is not needed for canvas and is optional for home dec fabrics. The interfacing I use and recommend is Pellon Shape-Flex SF101. The bag exterior can be pieced and/or quilted. I use Pellon 987F Fusible Fleece.

Before class: cut and prepare the bag fabrics referring to the “Before Class” section below.

Before Class

Please read through the pattern and the online tutorial by the Quilt Barn
<http://quiltbarn.blogspot.com/2014/03/sew-long.html>

Refer to pattern page 3, Cutting Directions and cut out all pattern pieces. NOTE: cut the exterior bag piece a little larger than the pattern instructions (15” x 11”), fuse it to the fusible fleece and quilt it. Do not trim it down until class 2. Interface the two side panel pieces and the B1, B2, B3, and B4 lining pieces with the shape-flex. Cut the binding fabric as follows: two strips 2 ¼” x 15” for side binding, two strips 2 ¼” x 23” for exterior zipper binds and two strips 2 ¼” x 6 ½” for zipper tabs.

Zippers

I recommend nylon coil zippers (not metal teeth) for both the bag pockets and the exterior. If you find a molded teeth zipper for the exterior of the bag that is the color you want, we can work around it.

SUPPLIES

Sew Together Bag pattern by Sew Demented

All bag supplies listed in the pattern. Fabrics should be prepared as described in the "Before Class" section:

- Two exterior side panels and interfaced side panel linings
- Interfaced B1, B2, B3 and B4 lining rectangles (8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ")
- 6 pocket lining rectangles (4" x 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ")

Zippers: instead of the 9" zippers called for in the pattern, it is much easier to install 12" or longer zippers and trim them to size. I also used a longer zipper for the bag handles which allows the bag to open nearly flat. I purchase a 24" nylon coil zipper intended for jackets or sweater and again trimmed it to size.

Bring your sewing machine in top notch working order with power cord, foot control, manual, quarter-inch foot, zipper foot. Optional: walking foot

Basic sewing supplies: topstitch or other sharp needles size 80/12 and topstitch or jeans/denim size 100/14 needles for sewing through the bulkier parts of the bag, small sharp scissors/snips, seam ripper, pins, your favorite marking pens /pencils, rotary cutter and mat.

- $\frac{1}{4}$ " Wonder tape for zipper installation
- Wonder Clips (Optional)
- Threads for top-stitching the side panel pieces, binding fabric and the zippers.
- Personal iron and ironing mat

If you have questions, please email me at groganps@gmail.com