

Bagmaking Basics Workshop - Part 1

Join Mary for a six hour workshop to make a beginner friendly tote bag with lots of hands-on instructions as she guides you step by step through the process of creating a fully lined tote with pockets.

This will be a relaxed, supportive class focused on teaching you basic bagmaking skills that you can use again and again. Even if you are an experienced sewer you can refresh a forgotten technique or learn a new or different way to approach the process.

This tote is a good way to build your bag making foundation. You will learn interfacing application, boxing corners, quilting and top stitching techniques, adding a magnetic snap and more. When signing up for the class please let the store know if you need a kit. A kit is available to purchase that includes everything needed - fabric, interfacing, etc.

If you are NOT purchasing a kit, you need fabric and interfacing

Cotton quilting fabric - Directional fabric is fine for this project.

Fabric for the upper panels: ½ yard

Contrast fabric for the lower panel and straps: ½ yard

Lining Fabric: ½ yard

Option to select another coordinating fabric for straps: ¼ yd.

Interfacing: Pellon Shape Flex, woven fusible interfacing - 1-1/2yd

Pellon TP917F Thermolam fusible fleece - ½ yd **Please select Thermolam**

Whether you are buying the bag kit or supplying your fabric and interfacing, you need to bring these supplies:

- Sewing machine** in good working order with slide on tray and knee lift and bobbins
- Thread to complement fabrics** - use polyester thread #40 weight
- Needle:** 80/12 or 90/14 top stitch needle
- Presser feet:** ¼" foot with a guide if you have it. An edge foot and a walking foot with a guide is helpful.
- Bernina feet** - #34 foot or #20 with guide, #10 edge foot, walking foot with guide
- Small quilting ruler for marking placement lines - example 2 x 12 or 3 x 18
- Seam ripper - I use the Bernina seam ripper
- Straight pins for sewing (ball glass heads) and wonder clips
- One full bobbin with white polyester 40 wt. thread - for quilting
- Fabric turning tool such as Dritz quick turn fabric tube
- Bodkin such as Dritz Ezy pull or Clover Clip n Glide Bodkin
- Rotary cutter, scissors, snips
- Removable markers for marking - chalk or heat erasable Frixion pen
- Optional: fabric glue pen and **double sided adhesive tape for sewing is helpful.**

☞< 🧰 If you don't have some of these supplies, I will have them and show you how to use them. Sewing success starts with the right tools and proper knowledge to use them. Begin to build your sewing tool kit slowly. These tools can save time and fabric and by using them over and over with confidence, you will improve your sewing results. Magnetic snap, D ring, swivel hook, bow charm instructions are included.

If you are supplying your fabric and interfacing you will need to do the following prior to class. If you need help, please WAIT FOR CLASS especially if you want a fussy cut. Press fabrics before cutting.

From your exterior cotton fabric:

Cut two upper panels - 17" w x 14" h

Cut one lower panel - 17" w x 11" h - use a coordinating fabric

Cut one exterior pocket - 14" h x 7" w. (option to have a second pocket)

Wait to cut pockets if you want a fussy cut

Straps are cut in class from coordinating fabric. 2-¾ wide by your desired length.

Note: The upper, lower and bottom panels and pocket will be quilted in class, then cut to the correct size.

From Shape Flex Interfacing cut:

Two 16" x 13 for upper panels

One 16" x 10" for lower panel

One 6-½" w x 6-½" h for pocket (or one more if you are adding a second pocket)

From Thermolam fleece cut:

Two 17 x 14 for upper panels

One 17 x 11 for lower panel

One or two for pockets - 13-½ x 6-½

Lining fabric - To be cut in class. Allow ½ yard fabric and ½ yard Shape Flex

Interior Pocket Use a contrast fabric 14" h x 17" w and Shape Flex interfacing 6" x 16"

TO DO: Center the Shape Flex interfacing to the wrong side of the upper and lower panels. Press to fuse. **Do not add the Thermolam fusible fleece.**

If you are buying the bag kit, then you just need to show up with the supplies on page 1.
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Class registration policy: All classes must be paid for at the time of registration. If a class is canceled due to a lack of minimum enrollment, the class fee will be refunded. Any cancellation must be made at least 72 hours in advance to receive a refund. Teachers need time to prepare class handouts and supplies. Please register early as possible to ensure your place and to avoid disappointment.

Please have working knowledge of your machine as the educator will not have time to instruct on the use of your machine