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## Traverse Bag

Short Description: A compact zip top cross body bag.

Long Description: The Traverse Bag includes two different sizes (regular and mini) to sew making this a wonderfully versatile cross body bag pattern. Here's a few of the features of this bag:

- zippered main compartment
- back zippered pocket
- front pocket for the things you reach for most (phone and keys!)
- cross body style with adjustable strap
- interior slip pocket

A bag for traveling and for summer and one that'll hold all your essentials securely.

Finished dimensions: REGULAR: 12"W x 9" H x 2" deep  
MINI: 10" W x 7 ½" tall.

Date: 7/15/18

Time: 10am – 4pm

### Pattern – Traverse Bag by Noodlehead

Hardware for the Regular size bag is the same as the Butterfly Sling (modification). The snap will be replaced with the turn lock.

Pattern and hardware to be purchased at Gigi's Fabric Shop.

### Materials Needed for Regular sized bag: (as written on the pattern)

Exterior Fabric	¾ yard
Lining Fabric	¾ yard
Accent Fabric	½ yard
Fusible Woven Interfacing Pellon SF 101 – 20" wide	1 yard (less due to fleece)
Pellon 987F Fusible Fleece *see note regarding modifications	½ yard
(1) 14" zipper	
(1) 8" zipper or longer	
(1) <del>size 24 metal snap</del> turn lock	*part of Butterfly Sling hardware kit

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**Supplies:**

Review the pattern for recommended fabrics and additional supplies & tools.

**Supplies Needed for Day of Class:**

- Sewing machine with appropriate thread, zipper foot, walking foot
- Size 14 or 16 denim or Microtex needle
- Pins, rotary cutter, rulers (6 ½ x 12 is a useful size), cutting mat for personal use
- Pencil, chalk, water soluble pen or thin marker to mark with
- Wonder clips
- ¼" Steam-a-Seam or similar double-sided tape (helpful with installing zippers)

All classes are supported by fabric purchases at Gigi's. A 10% discount will be provided for all class materials. Please do not bring in fabrics purchased outside of Gigi's. This is how we keep our doors open. We appreciate your support.

This is an all-day class. Feel free to bring something to eat and drink while you work on your project.

**HOMEWORK....It is recommended to complete this before the day of the class to help ensure you finish the Traverse bag the day of the class.**

You will be cutting out all the pieces needed and fusing the interfacings to the corresponding fabric before class begins. As you cut each piece, pin the label to the fabric. Hint: write the interfacing/size used on the label that corresponds with the fabric piece. Trace the pattern piece for the flap onto freezer paper. This will make it easier to transfer onto the fabric. You can iron the freezer paper onto the fabric. Then cut out the pattern piece. Trace the pattern piece onto the fusible fleece and the SF101 with a thin marker before cutting out these pieces with a rotary cutter or scissors.

You will be learning how to measure and cut fabrics & stabilizers, install zippers and purse hardware and continue to develop your skills of reading patterns.

Read through the directions on the pattern to familiarize yourself with the information.

**Modifications made to the pattern:**

**Fusible fleece has been added to different pieces to provide more softness and stability to the purse.**

The straps have been increased from 3" wide to 4" wide to better fit the hardware in the butterfly sling kit. The snap has also been replaced with the turn lock. You will not use the magnetic snaps in the kit.

**Begin on page 3 of the pattern with the cutting tips and cutting instructions. The table below will assist in the cutting instructions and the corresponding interfacings.**

## Cutting Instructions—Fabric & Interfacings:

(all cutting measurements are length x height)

From Exterior Fabric:	Size:	Interfacing & Size:
(1) Bottom Main	10" x 14"	987 (1) 9" x 13"
(1) Top Main	2" x 14"	987 (1) 1" x 13"
(1) Front Pocket	7 ½" x 14"	987 (1) 6 ½" x 13"
(1) Front Flap	Use pattern piece	978 (1) pattern piece* cut away ½" on all sides
(1) Zipper Bottom Panel (B)	8" x 9"	987 7" x 8"
(1) Zipper Top Panel (A)	3" x 9"	987 2" x 8"
(2) Back Side Panel	11" x 3 ½"	987 (2) 10" x 2 ½"
<b>From Lining Fabric:</b>		
(2) Lining Main	11" x 14"	SF 101 (2) 11" x 14"
(1) Front Pocket	7 ½" x 14"	SF 101 7 ½" x 14"
(1) Front Flap	Use pattern piece	SF 101 (1) use pattern piece (full size)
(1) Zipper Bottom Panel (B)	8" x 9"	none
(1) Zipper Pocket Lining (C)	8 ½" x 9"	none
(2) Interior Slip Pocket	6" x 8"	(1) SF 101 6" x 8"
(1) Zipper End Tab	2" x 3"	none
<b>From Accent Fabric:</b>		
(2) Strap Holder	<del>2 x 3</del> 2" x 4"	SF101 (2) 1" x 4"
(2) Strap	<del>3 x 28</del> 4" x 32"	SF101 (2) 4" x 32"
(optional) 25" – 1 ½" bias cut strip for making piping		

**\*\*Modifications in cutting made here**

The pattern includes suggested cutting layouts to assist in cutting out the pieces.

Prepare: Apply Interfacing & Make Piping (adding the piping to your bag is optional):

1. Fuse and center the 987 Fusible Fleece to the wrong side of Bottom Main, Top Main, Front Pocket, Front Flap, Zipper Bottom Panel (B), Zipper Top Panel (A) and Back Side Panels **exterior pieces**.
2. Fuse the woven interfacing (SF101) to the wrong side of both Lining Main, Lining Front Flap and ONE Interior Slip Pocket lining piece.
3. If you are adding piping to your bag, make this in advance. Make piping for the flap accent following the directions written in this section. TIP: See tutorial for making piping on website: <http://noodle-head.com/2012/03/tutorial-handmade-piping.html>

Complete Step 1 on page 4: Make Strap and Strap Holders. I have increased the width to fit the Butterfly sling hardware. The result is a 1" wide strap instead of ¾" wide. This is also true for the Strap. You may choose the length (28" – 32")—personal preference. You could always go longer now and trim later.

Let's make a couple pockets in advance!

Complete Step 3a & 3b on page 6: Make Front Pocket. Follow the directions as written for the two steps. The seam allowance is  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (see page 2 for pattern information on vocabulary). Pin a label onto the front pocket and bring it to class.

Complete Step 5a & 5b on page 8: Interior Slip Pocket. Follow the directions as written for the two steps. Pin a label onto the interior slip pocket and bring it to class.

Bring with you all your pieces and any extra fabric/stabilizers as well to class with you.

We will begin with Step 2: Assemble the Back Exterior.

If you have any questions about the directions in the pattern or my instructions, do not hesitate to contact me at [maryquilts913@gmail.com](mailto:maryquilts913@gmail.com) . I will be happy to give you a call and assist you over the phone or by email.

Enjoy, Mary

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- \* All classes all supported by fabric purchases at Gigi's. A 10% discount will be provided for all class materials. Please do not bring in fabrics purchased outside of Gigi's. This is how we keep our doors open. We appreciate your support.