

The PENNY LANE Bag



CAUTION: Making these bags is addictive! Once you start, you can't stop!!!!

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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE:

Planning and cutting

1. Plan carefully to make sure that your pattern pieces make the most of the designs in our fabric. Take particular care to make sure that the wildlife on your fabric are heads-up. Consider how strange the featured bag would look if the birds were upside down or sideways.
2. Cut 2 Main Bag pieces from your main fabric & 2 out of the lining. Clip at the pleat marks.
3. Cut 2 Handles out of whichever fabric you want. Keep in mind that the Handles show from both sides. Make sure the handles are long enough for you.
4. Cut 4 Top Band pieces. Often, these will be cut 2 out of the main and 2 out of the lining, then sewn as accent pieces. Clip at the pleat marks.
5. Cut one pocket out of each fabric, if you want pockets.

Create the bag

1. Create the pockets by folding twice at the top and topstitching. Fold in the other 3 sides & press.
2. Sew on the pockets, one on the main fabric and one on the lining fabric.
3. Right sides together, sew a 3/8 inch seam around the main bag pieces, from dot to dot. Press seam allowance open above the dots.
4. In the same way, sew the 2 lining bag pieces together and press open above the dots.
5. Wrong sides together, stuff the lining in. Above the dots, match the folded edges and edgestitch.
6. Keeping both pieces of fabric together, create the pleat folds at the dots and pin in place.
7. Right sides together, sew the outer Top Bands to the top of the outer main bag, matching the clips.

Create the Handles

1. Right sides together, sew the long edges of the two Handles in a 3/8 inch seam. Press seam open & turn right side out. Press flat.
2. Attach both ends of each Handle to each of the outer Top Bands. Leave 3/8 " on the side for the seams.

Finish the Top Bands

1. Right sides together, sew the inner Top Bands to the outer Top Bands along three sides, enclosing the Handles in the top seam. Keep the Handles free from the side seams.
2. Press the seams open as much as possible and turn. Press flat.
3. Turn under the remaining long edge of the inner Top Bands and baste in place.
4. Top stitch around all four edges of the Top Bands & then remove the basting.
5. Sew on your buttons.

Your bag is done, it's time to go shopping!

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PLANNING AND CUTTING

Take whatever time you need to make sure that your pattern pieces make best use of your fabric design. In this sample, the fabric design is a subtle one-way design, since the apples simply must be upright. The fabric is 45" wide, so I have opened it up and am cutting each piece singly, to make sure that the apples are happy & upright on the main bag piece.

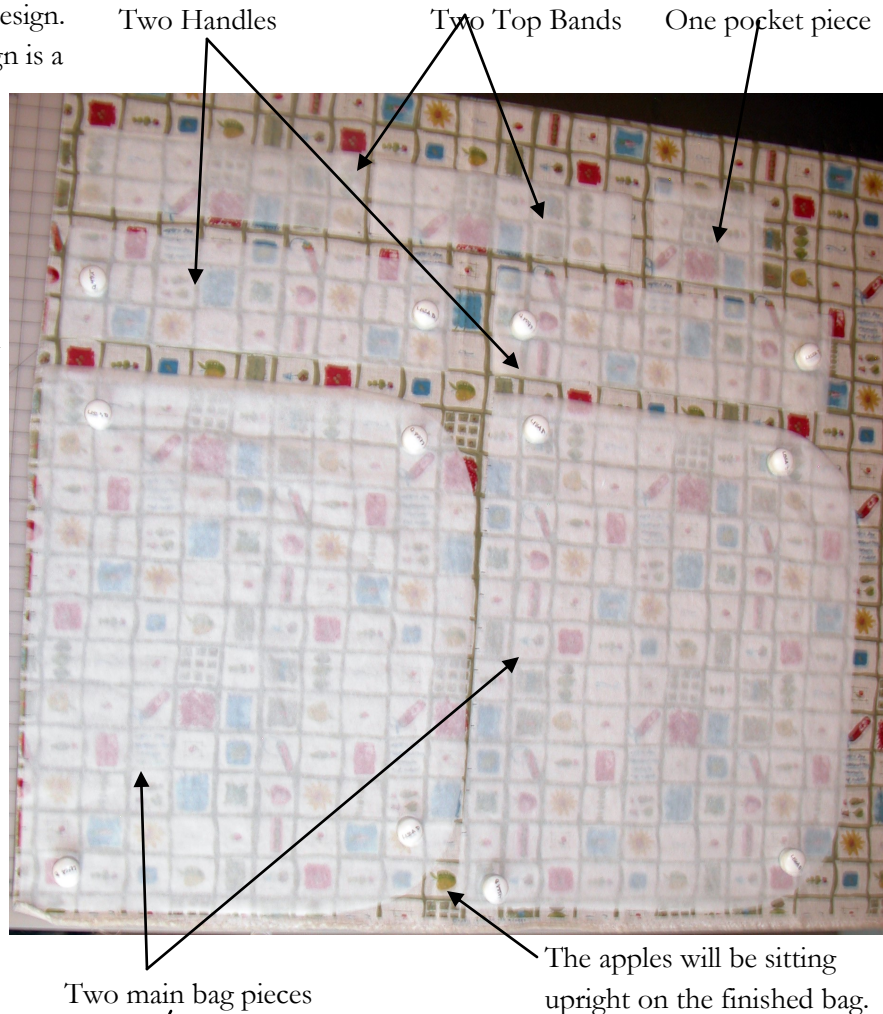
On the Handle, there isn't any way to make sure that the apples are all upright. But, I prefer them to be up-and-down, rather than sideways, so I have cut the Handles lengthwise.

On the Top Bands, I have avoided the apples altogether.

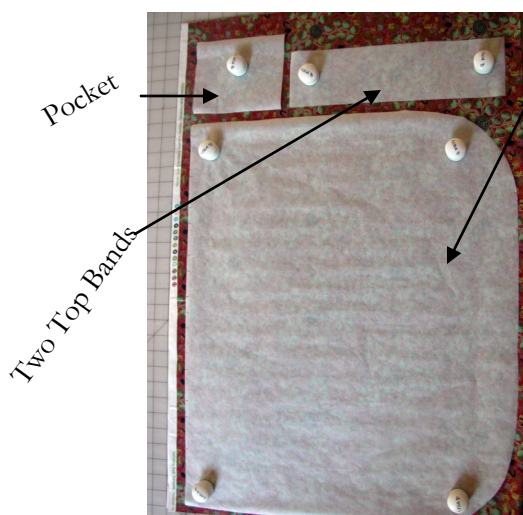
Make sure that your bag is fully reversible and beautiful on both sides.

The Main Fabric Cutting Layout

As shown in Layout #3 on page 10.



The Lining Cutting Layout



THE LINING: In this example, the lining is cut on the cross-wise grain, which is the best way to conserve fabric. This particular fabric is happy when cut this way, as the design can go any way. See Layout #2 on page 9.

CONSERVING FABRIC: If your budget, your fabric design or your desires dictate a smaller bag, feel free to down-size the main bag piece! For example, if you fall in love with an expensive 45" wide fabric that needs to be cut lengthwise, reduce the width of the main bag piece so that you need purchase only 5/8 yards for the main bag pieces. Cut the straps out of the lining fabric. See Layout #4 on page 10.

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CREATE THE BAG

1. Create two pockets by folding twice at the top and topstitching. Fold in the other 3 sides & press.
2. Sew on the pockets, one on the main fabric and one on the lining fabric.
3. Right sides together, sew a $\frac{3}{8}$ inch seam around the main bag pieces, from dot to dot. Press open above the dots.
4. In the same way, sew the 2 lining pieces together & press.
5. Wrong sides together, stuff the lining inside the bag. Above the dots, match the folded edges and edgestitch.
6. Keeping both pieces of fabric together, create the pleat folds at the dots and pin in place.
7. Right sides together, pin the outer Top Bands to the tops of the outer Main Bags, matching the clips. Adjust the pleat folds so that the main bag exactly fits the Top Band, with $\frac{3}{8}$ " seams left at the sides. Sew across the top.



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Create the Handles

1. Right sides together, sew the long edges of the two Handles in a $\frac{3}{8}$ inch seam. Press seam open & turn right side out. Press flat.
2. Attach both ends of each Handle to each of the outer Top Bands. Leave $\frac{3}{8}$ " on the side for the seams.



$\frac{3}{8}$ " of the Top Band sticks out on both sides



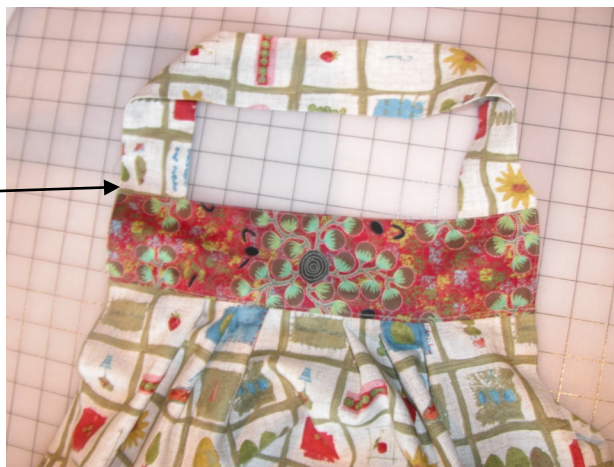
Finish the Top Bands

1. Right sides together, sew the inner Top Bands to the outer Top Band along three sides, enclosing the Handles. Make sure the Handles are stitched into the seam at the top and NOT stitched in to the seams at the sides.
2. Double stitch and then trim the corners. Press the seams open as much as possible. Turn and press flat.
3. Turn under the remaining long edge of the inner Top Bands and baste in place.
4. Top stitch around all four edges of the Top Bands & then remove the basting.
5. Sew on your buttons, if desired.

Sew on all three sides



When you turn, make sure that your Handle is free of the side seams.



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The finished bag — beautiful on both sides!

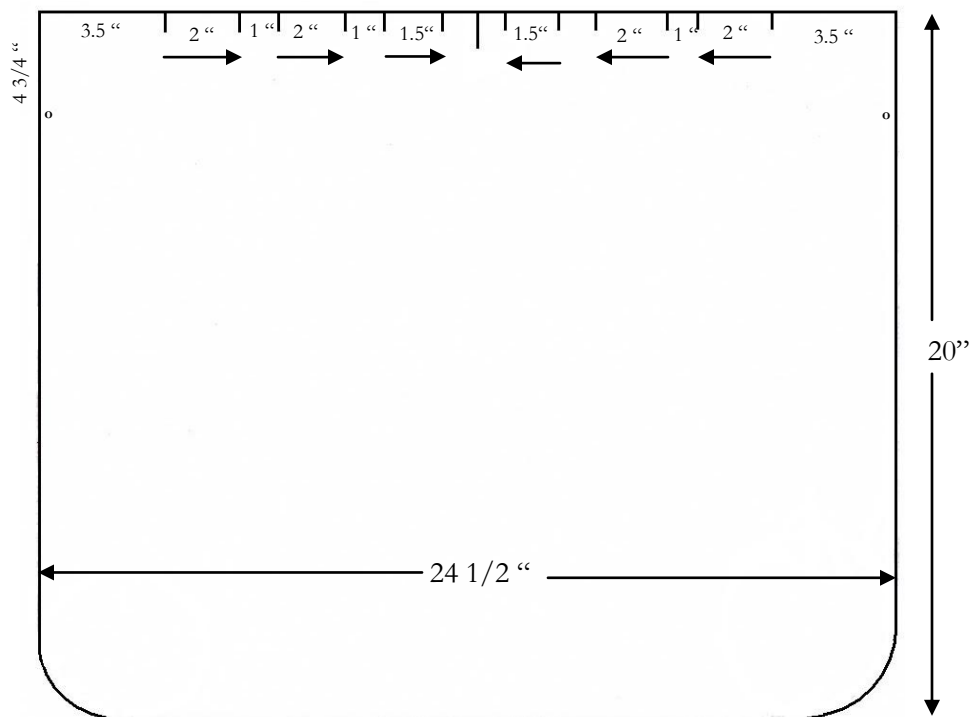


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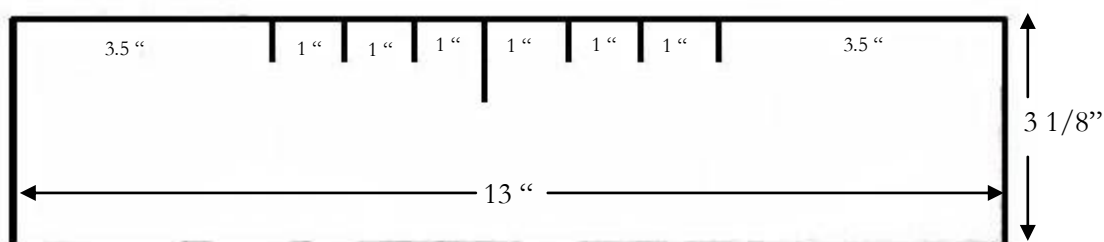
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PATTERN PIECES

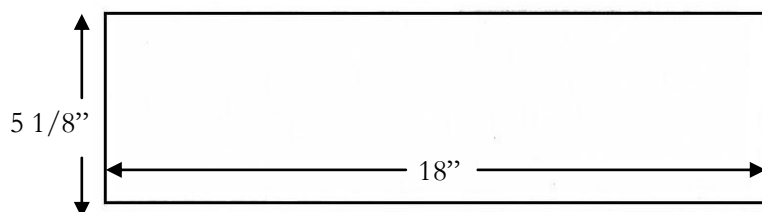
Main Bag: 20" by 24 1/2", with rounded corners on the bottom.



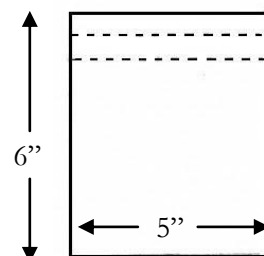
Top Band: 13 by 3 1/8 inches, with clips for matching pleats and centers.



Handle: 18 by 5 1/8 inches. (NOTE: change the length of this pattern piece to suit your own shoulder!)



Pocket: 5" by 6": (Not included in the book.)

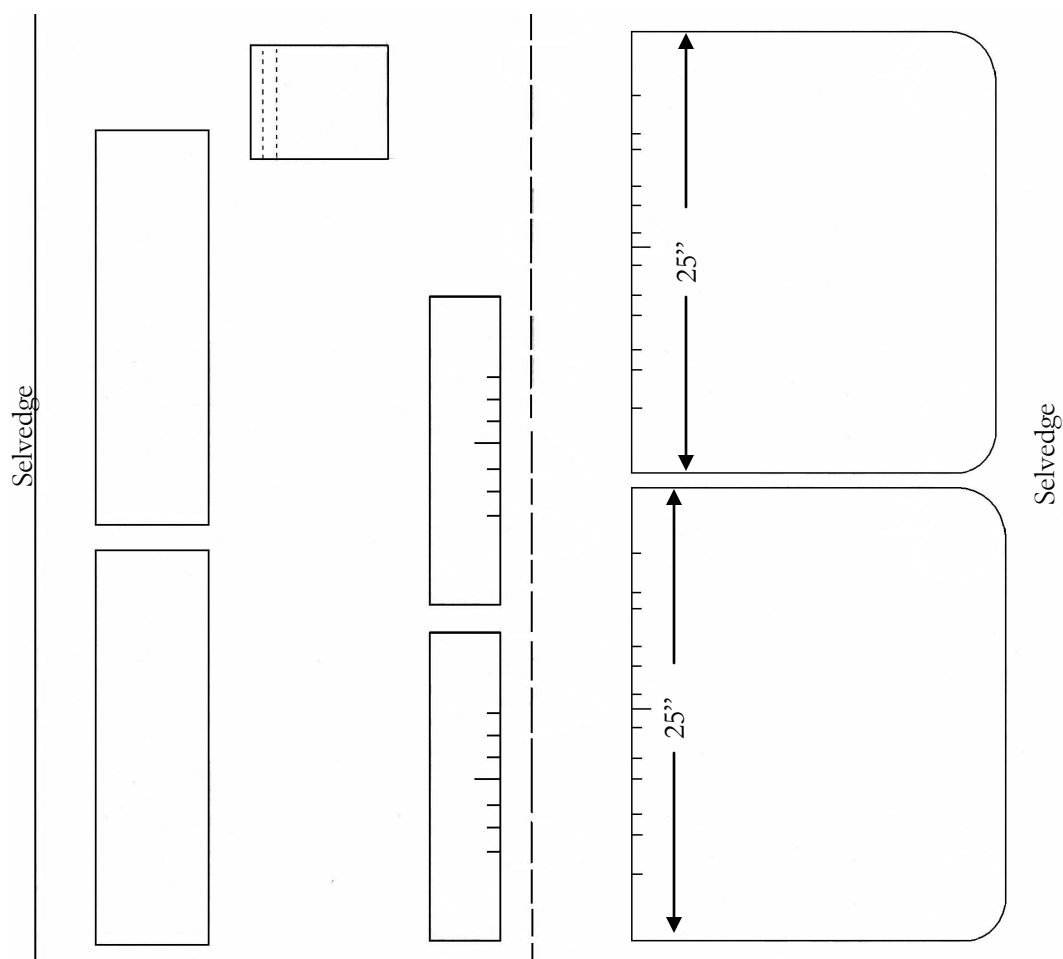


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Layout for border print (similar to the birds on the front cover). Fabric requirement: **1 1/2 yards**

45 inch fabric, opened up and cut singly.

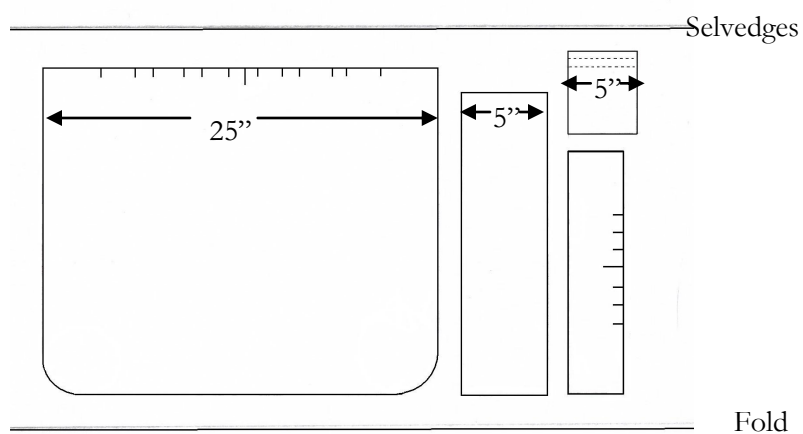
Sample Layout #1



Layout for fabrics without a lengthwise design.. Fabric requirement: **1 yard**

45 inch fabric, folded lengthwise

Sample Layout #2

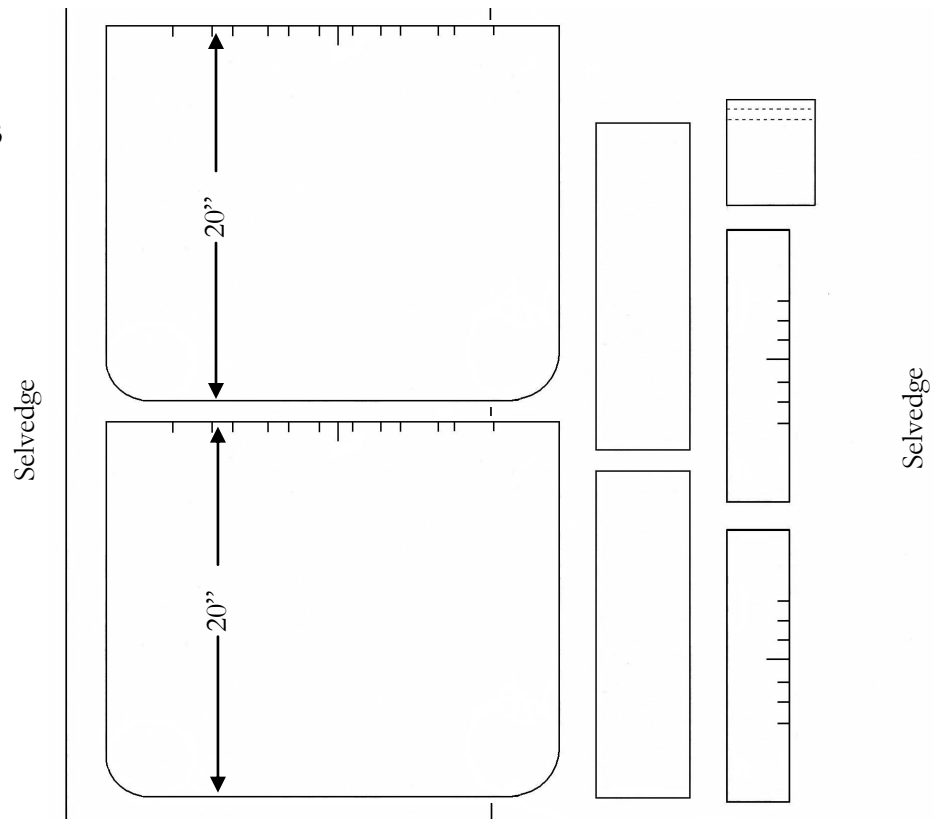


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Layout for lengthwise design (as in the sample on page 3). Fabric requirement: **1 1/8 yards**

45 inch wide fabric, opened up and cut singly.

Sample Layout #3



Narrow bag for minimum fabric requirement and a lengthwise design. Fabric requirement: **7/8 yards**

NOTE: you must cut the bag narrower by 3" to make this layout work!

45 inch wide fabric, folded lengthwise

Sample Layout #4

