

# Ultimate Travel Bag

1.75 yards fabric for outside of bag

2.25 yds fabric for lining

1 yard for straps

Ultimate Travel Bag by Annie pattern

A note about fabric choices:

Use quilting cotton or something similar. I have used cotton/linen blends with success. Please stay away from canvas or heavy upholstery weight fabric of any type as sewing the bag together entails going through 4 layers of foam and 8 layers of fabric at one point.

43 inches of Bosal In-r-foam (58 inches wide) NOT FUSIBLE

**Sheri will have hardware kits for sale on Thursday, April 2, between 11 - 1.**

Scraps of SF101 Shape flex (1/8 yd is plenty)

5.25 yards of 1.5-inch lightweight polypro strapping

Hardware set for Townsend Travel Bag-Sallie Tomato (we will not use the 4 rectangle rings)

6- 5/8-inch purse feet

2- 30-inch double slide zippers OR size #5 zippers by the yard.

1 package mesh- By Annie is the best

6 inches of 3/4- inch Velcro

8X15 foam core base

Pre-class instructions:

Quilt together the outside and lining fabric. I load the lining fabric on the longarm, place the foam and outside fabric on top and quilt using the longarm. You need the full 58 inch length, so ask your quilter to apply (or you can) 'helper leaders' to the lining fabric so you can quilt the full amount) If you do not have a longarm, contact a friend who does and ask them to quilt it. I would NOT recommend trying this on your domestic machine. It can be very unwieldly to try and shove a piece of 43X58 inch foam through your machine. An alternative would be to cut oversize pieces of the bag, but this would create a lot of unusable waste. Ask Marianne what she would charge for you to do this at the Quilt Gallery. If you are having trouble getting this done, I know a few quilters who might do this for you, and if given enough time, I might be convinced to help you out. (I live in Eureka)

The quilting should be an allover, random, stipple or grid, as the pieces will be cut out and covered with pockets and straps and you cannot see a specific design when assembled.

Bring this piece to class and we will cut it out there.

Cut out straps which are 5-3.75-inch full width strips of your handle fabric. Leave them as full strips please.

Sewing Supplies:

Standard sewing supplies, whatever you like to use in the way of scissors and small rulers.

¼ inch foot for your sewing machine.

Zipper foot for sewing machine.

Thread to match the outside AND inside of your bag. Bobbins wound please.

Tube turner or a X-Large safety pin. You will need the safety pin to run the webbing through unless you can actually get a bodkin to work for a 53-inch length!!!

Small iron and pad to use at your sewing station or we will all be competing at the beginning of class. We are ironing the straps.

Rotary cutter and mat. You will need a x-large rotary cutter at one point, but we can borrow and share.

Rulers, an 8.5X18.5 works great but don't buy one. An 8.5X12.5 works also.

Fabric marking pens. I use Flexion pens but be careful when marking on the outside of the bags, sometimes they leave lines. I also use a permanent marking pen to mark the middles. I have a 05 black Micron Pen, but again, don't buy one! I use the permanent pen to mark in the seam allowance because the Flexion pens disappear when ironed!!

CLIPS- regular size is sufficient, small will not work. LOTS

Needles size 100 Jean needles for sewing the bag together, bring a pack because you could very conceivably break a few. If you wear glasses or reading glasses bring them (I use them as safety goggles for the last part!)

Needles-whatever size and type you use for regular sewing on cottons.

Fray check- we just need it to attach feet, sharing is good!

We will be putting together hardware kits for purchase. Please get fabric first so you can pick zipper and hardware colors.

We will have a meeting 2 weeks before the class, bring your fabrics and you can pick hardware, zipper and mesh colors. We will get them ordered and have them for the first day of class.

YOU CAN DO THIS, one step at a time and I will let you know when it gets hard!!!