

Messenger Bag

Finished Size: 8" x 9"



Supplies Needed

- 1 yd. Little Dress Boutique™ Damask
- ½ yd. Little Dress Boutique™ Large Red Dot
- Mid-weight fusible interfacing: 18" x 42"
- 2 Coordinating buttons: 1" and ¾"
- Snap (large)
- Cardboard: 2 ½" x 7 ½"
- Craft glue
- Rotary cutter, acrylic ruler & mat
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine
- Iron & pressing surface

Directions

Read all instructions before beginning project. Do not prewash fabrics. Use a ¼" seam allowance and sew fabrics with right sides together (**RST**) unless otherwise noted. Before cutting, press fabrics with a dry iron on cotton setting. Backstitch at the beginning and end of seams. Remove any selvages before cutting. Finish seams using zigzag or serge stitching.

Cutting:

Damask: Cut 1 – 11 ½" x 21" (bag)

Cut 1 – 11 ½" x 11 ½" (pocket)

Cut 2 – 2 ½" x 36" (strap)

Large Red Dot: Cut 1 – 11 ½" x 21" (bag lining)

Cut 1 – 11 ½" x 11 ½" (pocket lining)

Cut 1 – 3" x 15" (closure flap)

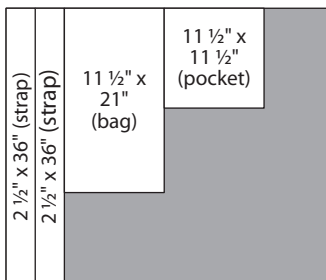
Cut 1 – 4" x 9 ½" (bottom insert)

Interfacing: Cut 1 – 11 ½" x 21" (bag)

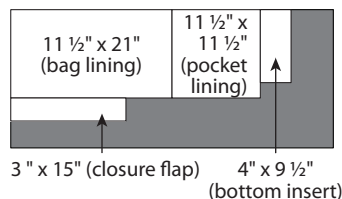
Cut 1 – 11 ½" x 11 ½" (pocket)

Cut 1 – 2 ½" x 36" (strap)

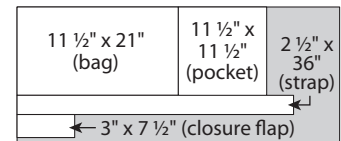
Cut 1 – 3" x 7 ½" (closure flap)



Damask - 36" x 42"



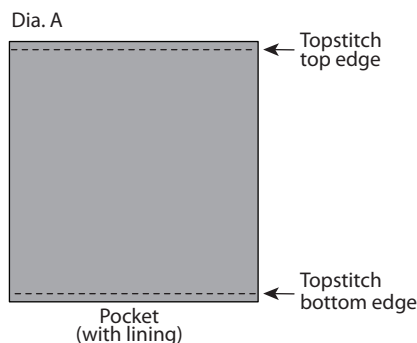
Large Red Dot - 18" x 42"



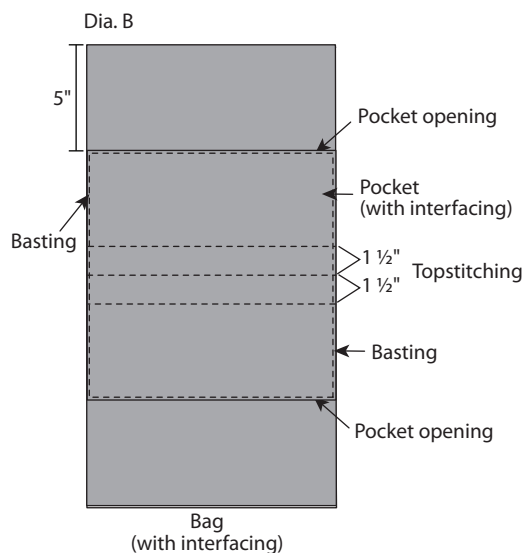
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Sewing:

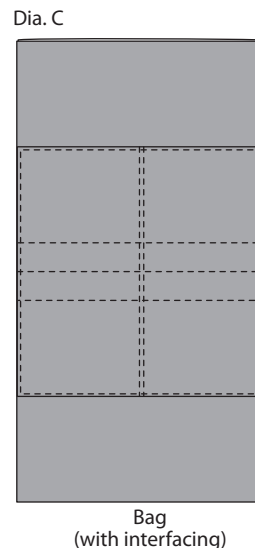
- Before sewing, follow manufacturer's directions to apply fusible interfacing to the following pieces: 11 ½" x 21" (bag), 11 ½" x 11 ½" (pocket), 2 ½" x 36" (one strap), 3" x 15" (closure flap from one end to middle).
- Layer the Damask pocket (11 ½" x 11 ½") on top of the Large Red Dot pocket lining (11 ½" x 11 ½") **RST**; pin. Sew along the top and bottom edges. Turn right side out, press and topstitch close to sewn edges (Dia. A).



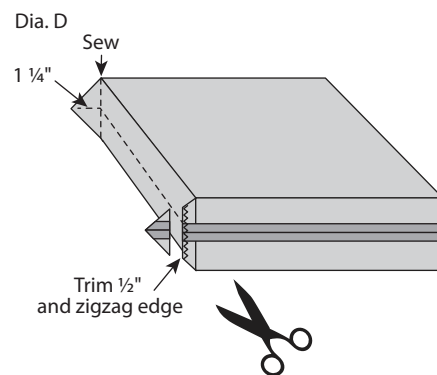
- Center pocket right side up on the right side of the Damask bag (11 ½" x 21"), 5" from one short end, with cut edges even as shown; baste. Topstitch across the center width, then measure 1 ½" on each side of stitching and stitch again (Dia. B).



- Sew two rows ⅛" apart down the pocket center to divide into four pockets (Dia. C).

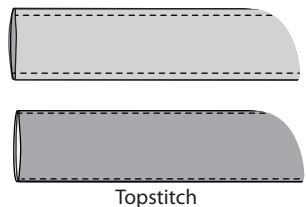


- Fold bag **RST** so short edges meet. Match top edges of pockets and pin. Stitch along each side using a ½" seam allowance. Press seams open.
- To give the bottom a boxed shape, match the side seam on one side to the center topstitching along the bottom; pin. Measure and mark 1 ¼" from the point and sew from edge to edge along marks. Trim corner ½" from stitching; zigzag cut edges (Dia. D). Repeat for the other side. Turn the bag right side out.



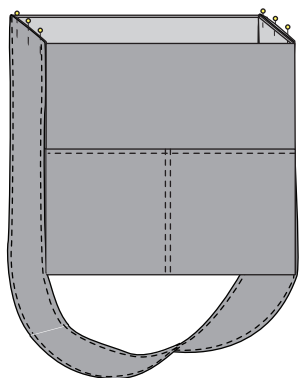
7. Place the two Damask straps (2 ½" x 36") **RST** and sew the long edges. Turn right side out; press. Topstitch along long edges (Dia. E).

Dia. E



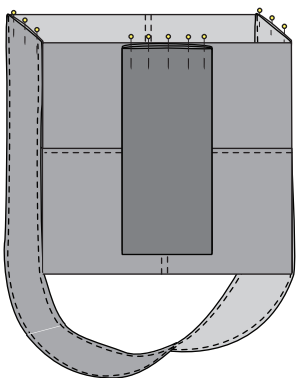
8. Place ends of straps centered over side seams of bag on the right side with edges even; pin and sew (Dia. F).

Dia. F



9. Fold the Large Red Dot closure flap (3" x 15") in half **wrong** sides together so short edges meet. Press crease firmly. Open closure flap with **wrong** side facing up. Fuse interfacing to one end. Sew both long edges. Turn right side out; press.

Dia. G



10. Pin closure flap centered at the top edge of the bag back **RST** with cut edges even; pin and sew (Dia. G).
11. Fold lining **RST** so short edges meet; press fold to crease. Sew along each side using ½" seam allowance, leaving a 5" opening at the center on one side for turning.
12. To give the bottom a boxed shape, match the side seam on one side to the center crease along the bottom; pin. Measure 1 ¼" from the point and sew from edge to edge. Trim corner ½" from stitching; zigzag cut edges (Dia. D). Repeat for the other side.
13. Place bag into lining **RST** with top edges even. Pin and sew around the top edge using ½" seam. Turn right side out through opening. Sew opening closed and press top edge flat; topstitch close to top edge.
14. Sew the snap top to the back side of the flap centered 1" from the folded edge. Sew the snap bottom centered ½" from top of pocket.
15. Stack the buttons, place above the area where the snap is sewn and sew to the front of the flap.
16. Center the cardboard (2 ½" x 7 ½") on the **wrong** side of the Large Red Dot bottom insert. Wrap the sides over the edge of the cardboard and glue in place. Allow glue to dry and place in bottom of bag.

Finished Care Instructions:

Note: Remove bottom insert before washing. Machine wash cold, gentle cycle. Hang to dry and press as needed.