



Orbit Bag

Helen's Closet

Instructor: Cairie Riney

Location: Treelotta (In-person attendance is assumed. Please let us know if you plan to join us via Zoom instead.)

Class Description:

Join us for a fun and creative class where you'll make an adorable round purse — perfect for using up scraps or showing off a favorite print! This versatile pattern includes two design options, so you can choose the style you love most to sew in class.

This bag can be as simple or as detailed as you'd like — make it with just one fabric for the exterior and lining, or go all out with a super scrappy look. It's completely up to you!

Cairie will guide you through piecing a star block and quilting your front bag panel — or bring an orphan block, and she'll help you turn it into a one-of-a-kind bag front. You'll also learn how to embellish your bag with labels and ribbon for a personal touch.

To finish things off, you'll explore a variety of interior finishing techniques, including binding, serging, and zig-zag stitching — pick the method that best matches your style and skill level!

Skill level: Advanced Beginner

Please complete before first class:

- Please come to class with **all your fabric, batting, and interfacing pieces cut out** and if you have extra time to prep, complete steps 14 - 21, otherwise we can do all that in class together. Be sure to label each piece using the labels provided in the pattern to keep everything organized. **This will take 2+ hours of prep work**
- Figure out if you're going to have a fixed strap length (who wants that?!) or if you'd like a slider (page 3 - 6, requires 2 x 1" D-rings). We can go over how to make an adjustable strap in class. I've made a full strap with lobster claws and can show you how to do that too!
- We're going to demonstrate how to sew the star and quilt the front, so if you're planning to make that version of the bag, be sure to bring all the fabric you'll need for the front.

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- If you have an orphan block (a quilt block you've made but never used) feel free to bring it and we'll figure out how to incorporate it into your bag front
- If you're going to do a scrappy star that has fabric of multiple weights, starch your fabric using Best Press before cutting
- Print out & tape the included pattern pieces, it's only a few pages, easy peasy

Supplies:

- Universal & Denim Needle
- Walking foot or dual feed on your sewing machine for quilting
- Polyester thread for bag construction: I prefer SoFine or Wonderfil HomeDec
- Thread for quilting (Aurifil or SoFine) and thread that'll match your lining fabric that's the same weight or brand of the top! You can use the same thread in the bobbin but it's also fun to have different thread colors for the top and bobbin
- ByAnnie Double Sided Tape
- [Hera Marker](#) or [Chaco Liner Pen](#) for marking quilt lines
- [Wonder Clips](#) and pins
- Any [cute labels](#) or ribbon that you'd like to embellish your cute bag. (There's a ton of cute ribbons in the shop!)
- [Curved safety pins](#) or [505 spray](#) to secure your quilt sandwich
- All the rest of the supplies listed in the pattern

Treelotta Class Policies

We are a fragrance-free shop: As a courtesy to individuals who are sensitive to fragrances, we would ask that you refrain from wearing any perfumes, scented lotions or body sprays, or strong scents in general. Thank you.


Class cancellation: Classes fill up quickly and we often have a waiting list. **If you cannot make it to class, please let us know at least three days in advance to receive store credit.** Out of consideration for our instructors, cancellations less than three days before class (or no-shows) will be charged full price. If you are experiencing any fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other flu/Covid-like symptoms please do not come to class. Please contact us to let us know by phone at 303-997-4372.

Classes with registration of fewer than three participants three days prior to class date may be canceled by the instructor. In the event of inclement weather, the instructor will have the discretion to cancel class.

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Classes start on time. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to get set up.

Parking: Parking is available on the street in front of the shop as well as in our parking lot behind the shop. For after-hours or weekend parking, you may also park in the Malley Recreation Center lot (which is across the alley from the parking lot behind our building). Please do not park in this lot on weekdays from 9-5 as you will likely be ticketed.

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