



Renaissance Ribbons Sewing

Chevron Ribbon Shoulder Bag

Description:

Finished size: 8 " by 7"

This is a cross body shoulder lined bag, ideal to carry your essentials for just about any occasion. The front exterior features a ribbon patchwork technique, straps and lining are one fabric, back panel a coordinated fabric.

Material List:

Fabrics and Interfacing-

- 1.Exterior back: fabric A ($\frac{1}{8}$ of a yard)
- 2.Lining: fabric B
- 3.Straps: fabric B ($\frac{1}{4}$ of a yd)
- 4.Pellon 808 for the exterior front
- 5.Fusible Fleece for the exterior back

Ribbons:

- Large (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") Wide ribbon 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yd
- Medium ($\frac{7}{8}$ ") Wide ribbon 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yd
- Narrow ($\frac{3}{8}$ ") wide ribbon 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yd

Notions

- 1 Magnetic snap silver 14mm

Not included

- Threads for the ribbon patchwork: invisible thread such as Wonderfil or Superior or color coordinated 40W regular sewing machine thread -
- Optional: double stick lite fusible tape $\frac{1}{4}$ " (Pellon EZ2L-40T)- to help position the ribbon on the strap

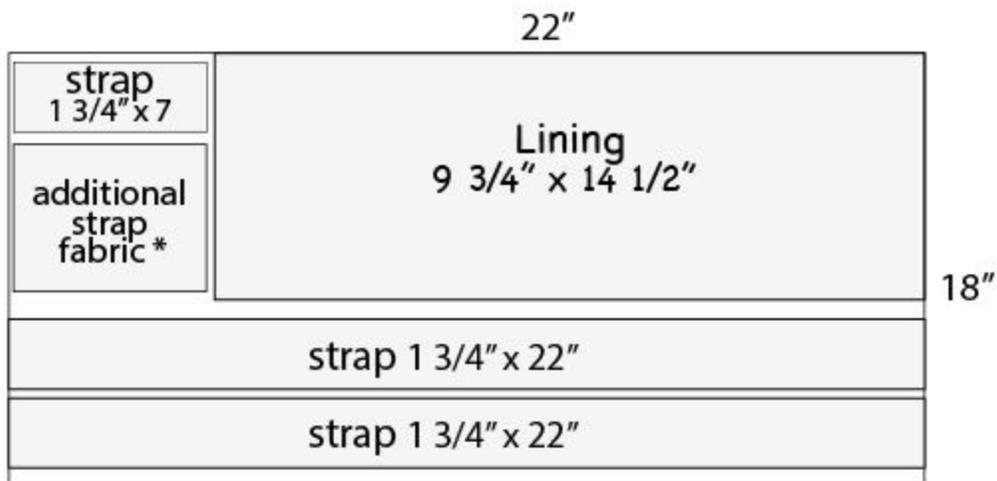
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Instructions

1) **Cut the fabric and interfacings according as follow:**

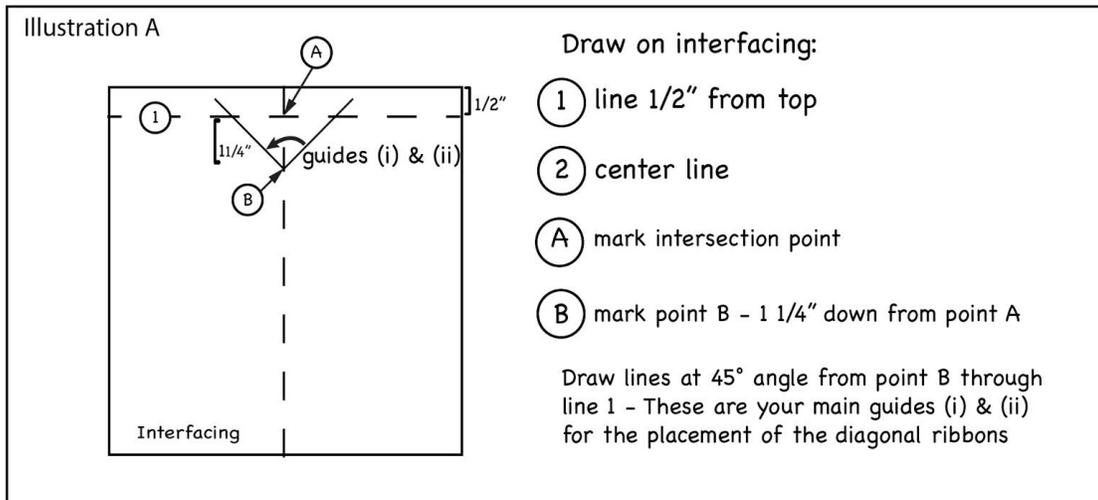
- Exterior back: fabric A **cut** 1 piece 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide
- Lining: fabric B **cut** 1 piece 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " by 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide - see *illustration to maximize fabric B*
- Straps: fabric B **cut** a few pieces 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide to get the length that fits you for a cross body straps - between 48" to 56" see *illustration to maximize fabric B*
- Pellon fusible 808 (craft Fuse) for the exterior front **cut** 1 piece 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide
- Fusible Fleece for the exterior back **cut** 1 piece 8" by 7"



2) **Create the Ribbon front Exterior piece**

This Pellon 808 (Fusible craft weight interfacing) is used as a base to stitch the ribbons on. Place shiny face up, but do not iron until the end!

Mark a horizontal line $\frac{1}{2}$ " from top (that will be your seam line when you are assembling front and back, a vertical line marking the middle and a few 45 degree lines from your middle line - see *illustration A* - *TIP: be sure to respect the 45 degree angle*



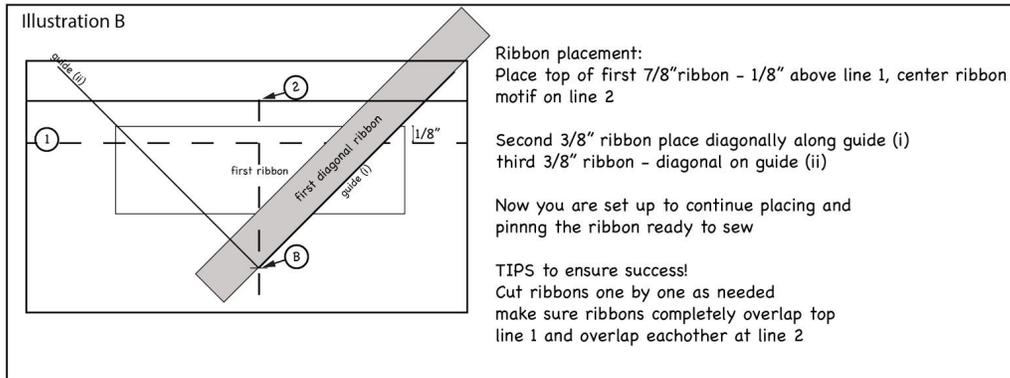
Prepare the ribbons:

- Cut a 2" piece of 7/8" ribbon - fussy cutting the motif you want and position on center line 2, 1/8" above the marked line 1- stitch on all sides zig zag with invisible thread or color coordinated thread.

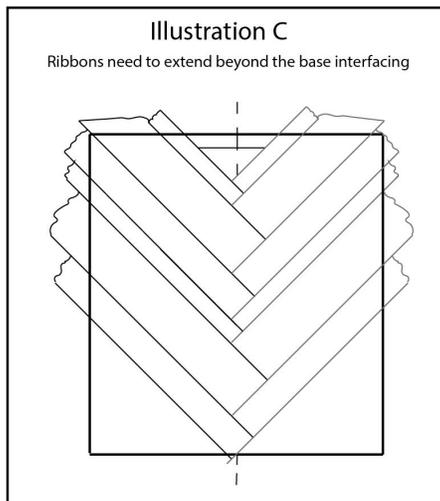


- Cut 2 pieces 3" long of narrow (3/8") ribbon. Position one piece at a 45 degree angle along guides (i) - repeat with second piece along guide (ii). - **see illustration B**

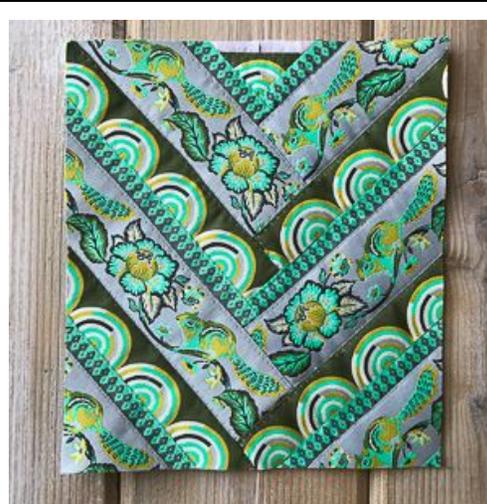
TIP: Make sure the two ribbons overlap exactly on center line 2 and overlap the top of the base Pellon piece - this will determine the rest of the ribbon placement.- **see illustration B**



- Continue building your chevron pattern making sure that the ends of the ribbons consistently overlap the line 1 and the center line 2. - **see illustration C** (Photo on Blog)

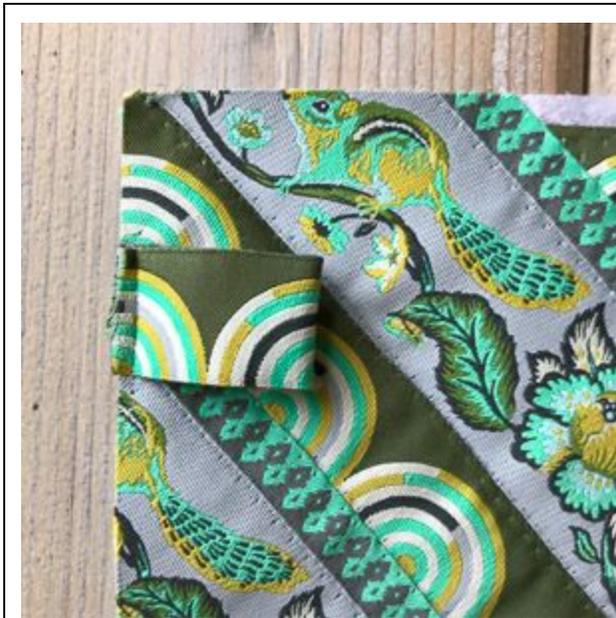


- Trim the ribbons and Pellon to 8 1/2" x 7 1/2" to match the back fabric. (Photo on Blog)
- Press the finished Ribbon Panel from the wrong side.



- Cut a 3" piece from the $\frac{7}{8}$ " ribbon to make the **tag**, position it 1" from top of ribbon, baste in place on the Exterior - *see illustration D.*

3) Assemble front and back:



TIP: To avoid bulky seams we precut the fleece panel $\frac{3}{8}$ " smaller than the fabric.

Center the fusible fleece panel on top of the WS of the exterior back panel (fabric A) - Iron and fuse fleece and fabric.

Square both panels at the same size, align and stitch RS together with a $\frac{5}{8}$ " SA on sides and bottom, trim the corners, turn inside out, gently poking the corners out.

4) Prepare the fabric straps:

Cut a few pieces 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide to make 48" to 56" long, whatever size is best for your project.

Fold twice in such a way that your final width is $\frac{5}{8}$ " wide.

Cut the same length from the $\frac{3}{8}$ " ribbon"

TIP: Optional add $\frac{1}{4}$ " lite fusible tape to help position ribbon.

Center the ribbon to hide the fold. Stitch either with invisible thread or your color coordinated thread along both edges. Press.



5) Prepare and assemble the lining and the bag

Fold in two. Stitch up the 9" vertical side with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance making a tube.

TIP: before stitching, check that the lining and the assembled bag fit exactly.

Assemble the lining following these steps:

a. Insert exterior bag inside the lining tube, right sides together.

b. Insert both ends of the straps - one on front and other on back side of the bag - $\frac{3}{4}$ " away from seams, pin or baste in place, making sure they are not twisted and the ribbon will end up facing out

c. Align and pin neatly both raw edges (lining and bag), keep the lining very tight. Make sure the straps are not caught anywhere- the lining is wide open at the bottom, therefore the straps can be pulled out

d. Stitch along the top edge, carefully matching both

e) Push inside the lining - make a $\frac{1}{2}$ " border - press with fingers and stitch on outside along the seam *TIP: stitch in the ditch for a better finish*



6) **Insert the magnetic closure and finish**

Take it apart and insert in the lining following the usual procedure to insert a magnetic snap, if you are new to doing this- check the video tutorial here:

*TIP: Place the metal support of the **snap** on the interfacing and mark its placement. Use sharp scissors to cut slits where the prongs will come through the fabric. Keep the slits as small as possible. Insert the prongs through the slits from the right side to the wrong side of the fabric*

More tutorials:

<https://noodle-head.com/2013/05/magnetic-snap-tutorial.html>

[You Tube 1 minute video](#)

To complete the bag, pull out lining and finish the bottom seam with a straight stitch

Voila!