

Haralson Crossbody Belt Bag

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McKinney Knittery Class Handout

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Preparing Your Materials:

Interfacing: For the interfacing layer of this handy bag, Fusible Fleece is an excellent choice for adding soft structure to the exterior fabric. A very lightweight fusible interfacing such as Pellon SF101 is good for the lining fabric. The bag pockets do not require any interfacing.

Pins or Clips: Long, sturdy pins will secure the bag pieces for sewing. Sewing clips are an alternative tool that make it easy to hold the bag's layers together for seaming. This will be demonstrated on a class sample.

Sewing Machine Needles: Depending on fabric and interfacing choices, a strong sewing machine needle is recommended. 90/14 up to 110/18 Universal needles, or 14-16 Denim needles are typically good choices for bags made with a combination of fabric weights and interfacings. Bring extra sewing machine needles to class in case one breaks.

Scissors and Rotary Cutter: The sharper, the better!

Pre-Class Homework - Complete at Home and Bring to Class

1. Choose your exterior and lining fabrics, accent fabric for front flap, interfacing(s), thread colors, zippers, webbing, and bag hardware including your preferred closure(s). Cam snaps will be provided for those who would like to use them to secure the bag flap.
2. Cut your exterior and lining fabrics and interfacing to match the pattern pieces, as specified in the pattern booklet instructions. Iron the interfacings to the bag pieces. *Remember to cut interfacings to the dotted line (which makes them ½" smaller all the way around than fabrics and full-sized interfacings) where the instructions tell you to. These interfacings need to be ironed onto the fabrics first, and then the larger interfacings are ironed on top of them (so two layers).*
3. *Remember to trim the interfacing at the long edge of the Strap Connectors to reduce bulk. This is illustrated in the pattern instruction booklet.*
4. Bring bag strap and strap tab webbing pieces to class, cut to size. Decide on a comfortable length before making your cuts and remember that the webbing strap length is meant to be adjustable. We will assemble these in class.

5. Bring zippers to class. We will install these during the class, and you will be zipper experts once you've completed this project!
6. I recommend using the labels that are included with the Haralson pattern pieces, as they make it much easier to identify all the pieces when you're sewing your bag.

Sew Bag Pieces and Install Zippers – Done in Class

The Haralson Bag is an Intermediate project, so we will go step by step through the directions to ensure that students finish with a bag to be proud of.

Assemble Bag Body – Done in Class

We will walk through the bag assembly process following the pattern instructions, so that every student can sew her project together during class. Having all the bag pieces cut out, interfacing applied at home, and ready to go for the first class will help to ensure that you take a completed bag home with you at the end.

Note: Cam snaps for the bag flap closure will be provided in class by the instructor. If you have not decided on alternative closure hardware, they can be added to your project in the second session.

Congratulations - You have finished your Haralson Crossbody Belt Bag!