



Bag Making Basics *with Kristin Link*

Reversible Tote & Zipper Pouch

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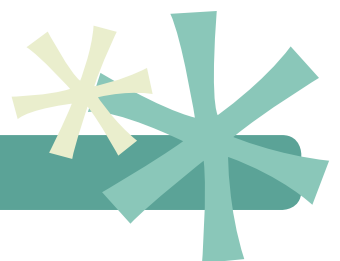
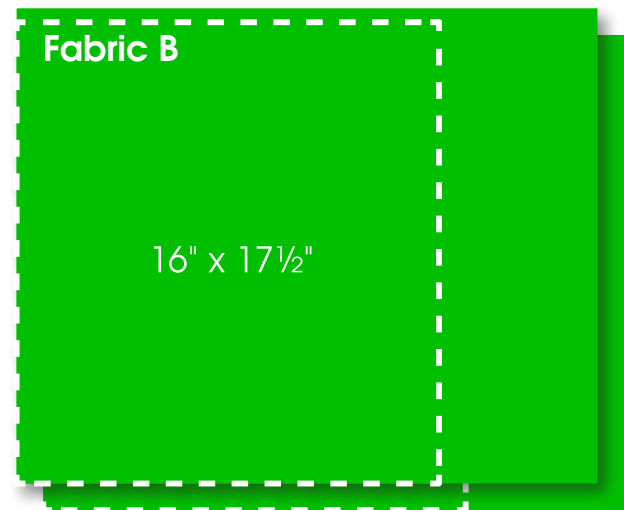
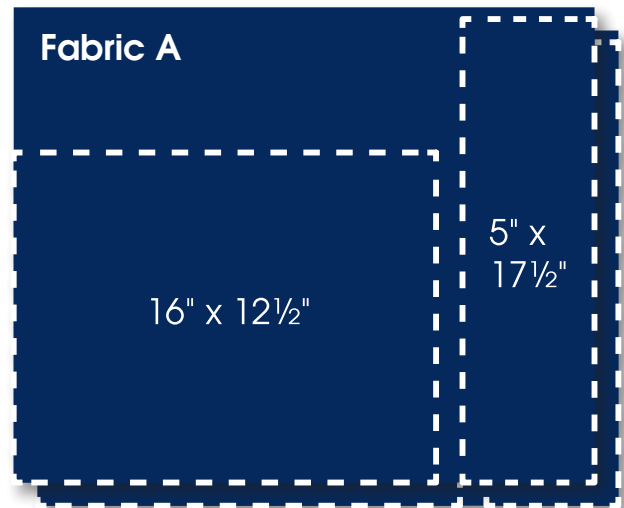
- ½ yard exterior fabric (Fabric A)
- ½ yard lining fabric (Fabric B)
- 1 fat quarter (18" x 22") exterior and pocket fabric (Fabric C)

Fabric A (44" x 18" folded)

- Exterior bottom (Two @ 16" x 12½")
- Handles (Two @ 5" x 17½")

Fabric B (44" x 18" folded)

- Lining (Two @ 16" x 17½")





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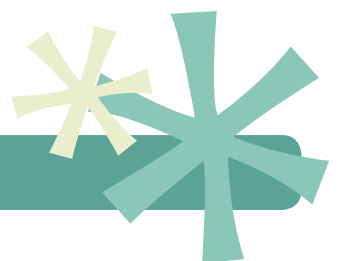
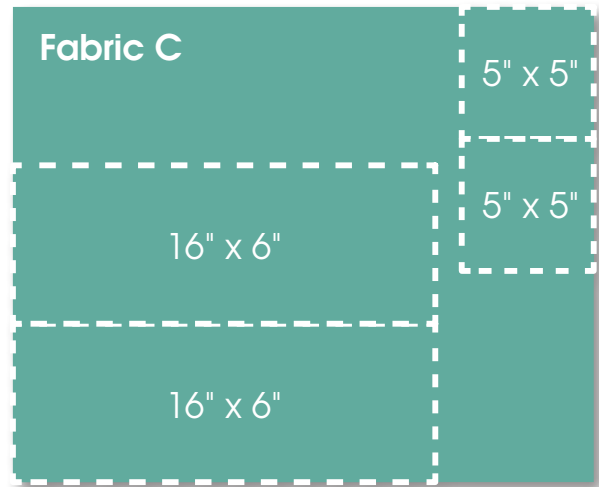
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Fabric C (22" x 18")

- Pocket (Two @ 5" x 5")
- Exterior top (Two @ 16" x 6")





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Cut Pieces

Refer to Cutting Instructions for dimensions.

Sew Bag Exterior

1. Sew one exterior top to one exterior bottom along 16" edge, right sides together. Repeat with other pieces.
2. Press seams open.
3. Pin assembled exterior pieces right sides together. Sew sides and bottom.
4. Press seams open.

Box the Bottom of the Exterior

Pin bottom seam of exterior to one side seam to create boxed bottom. Measure in 1½" from corner and mark. Sew across, creating a triangle at the corner. Repeat on the other side. Trim corners to ½" from stitch line.

Make Handles

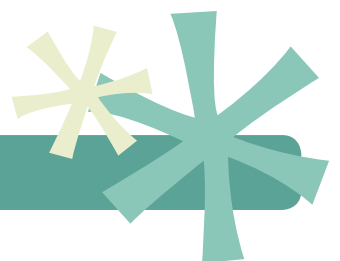
1. Fold one handle in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Open, then fold both long edges toward the center crease and press. Refold along

center crease and press. Repeat with other handle.

2. Edgestitch long edges of each handle.
3. With exterior bag right side out, measure 4" in from each side seam and mark on both front and back. Center short edges of handles over marks, with raw edges aligned, and pin in place. Sew in place using a ¼" seam allowance.

Make Patch Pocket

1. Pin pocket pieces right sides together. Sew all sides, using a ¼" seam allowance, leaving a 2½" opening for turning.
2. Turn pocket right side out and press, folding in the seam allowance of the opening.
3. Pin pocket to the right side of one of the lining pieces near the top right corner. (Make sure the unsewn opening is on one of the sides or the bottom.) Topstitch pocket to lining along both sides and bottom.





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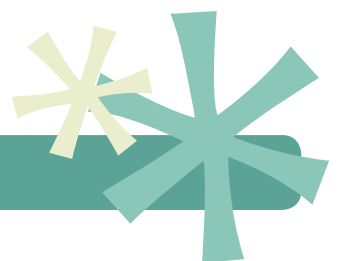
Sew Lining

1. Pin lining pieces right sides together. Sew along both sides and the bottom.
2. Box the bottom of the lining the same as the exterior (step 3).

Sew Lining to Exterior

1. Turn exterior inside out.
2. Turn lining right side out.
3. Place lining inside exterior so right sides are together and pin along the top, matching the side seams. Mark a 3" opening between the handles on the back of the bag. Sew around the top edge, leaving the marked 3" gap unsewn.
4. Turn bag right side out through the opening.

5. Tuck in the seam allowance of the opening. Press top edge of bag, then edge stitch all the way around.





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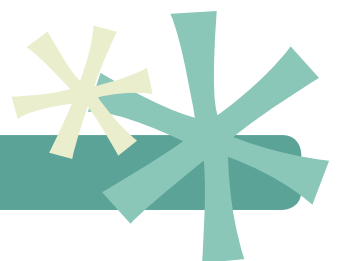
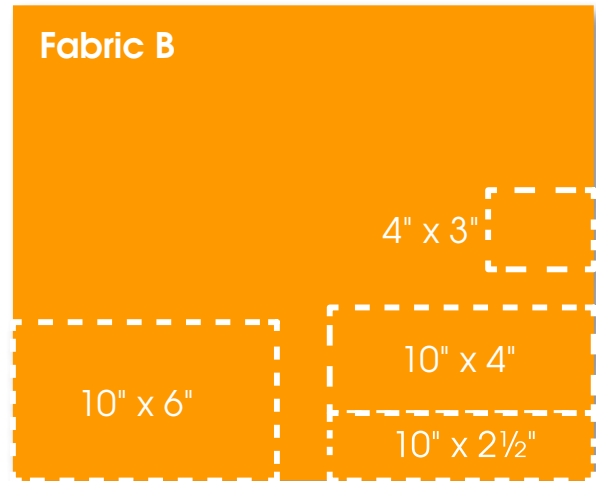
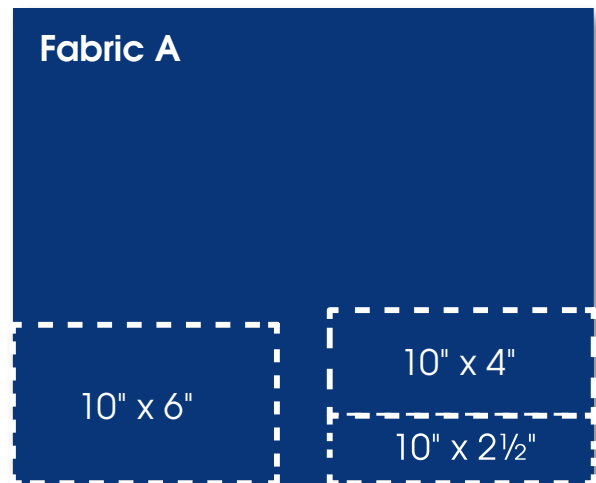
- 1 fat quarter exterior fabric (Fabric A)
- 1 fat quarter lining fabric (Fabric B)
- ½ yard medium weight fusible interfacing
- One 9" zipper
- Thread
- Glue stick

Fabric A (22" x 18")

- Exterior back (10" x 6")
- Exterior front bottom (10" x 4")
- Exterior front top (10" x 2½")

Fabric B (22" x 18")

- Lining back (10" x 6")
- Lining front bottom (10" x 4")
- Lining front top (10" x 2½")
- Strap (4" x 3")





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Fuse Interfacing

Fuse interfacing pieces to the wrong sides of the corresponding exterior pieces.

Sew Zipper

1. Place exterior front bottom piece face up on the table. Apply glue stick to top edge (10" edge). Place zipper face down on glue with the pull on left side, centered and with long edge of zipper tape aligned with fabric raw edge. Finger press.
2. Apply glue to top edge of zipper tape wrong side. Place the top edge of the lining front bottom piece right-side-down on glue so that raw edges of both fabrics are aligned. Finger press.
3. Sew the three layers using a zipper foot.
4. Flip exterior and lining pieces to the right side and press with an iron.
5. Repeat the process on the other side of the zipper with the front top exterior

and lining pieces. (Zipper pull will be face down on the right side this time.)

6. Top stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the folded edges on both sides of the zipper.

Sew Strap

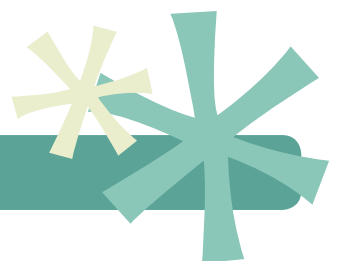
Fold strap in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Open, then fold both long edges toward the center crease and press. Refold along center crease. Edge stitch both long edges.

Sew Strap to Body

Fold the strap in half widthwise to form a loop. Fold the lining top section of the pouch out of the way. Pin the loop to the left side of the exterior front top section only, with raw edges aligned. Stitch loop in place securely with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Sew Body

1. Unzip zipper halfway.
2. Place lining back right side up on the table. Put the stack with the zipper on top of the lining, exterior side up. Put the exterior back on top of that, wrong side up.





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3. Sew through all the layers along the top edge.
4. Bring the two exterior pieces together and sew along the bottom edge.
5. Bring the two lining pieces together and sew along on the bottom edge, but leave a 4" opening for turning.
6. Sew along both sides of all layers.
7. Trim seam allowance and clip corners.

Turn and Press

1. Turn layers through opening in lining, then through zipper opening.
2. Push corners out with a blunt tool, such as a chopstick.
3. Press.

Complete Lining

Machine- or hand-stitch the opening in the lining closed.

