

SEW TOGETHER BAG CLASS

The Sew Together Bag pattern is by Sew Demented. All fabric and notions requirements are in the pattern. You can also order a PDF pattern (instant download) from the designer at Payhip.com/sewdemented

Be as scrappy and creative as you want when choosing your fabrics! The side panel fabric will be visible on the outside and inside of the bag - use 2 different fabrics! I typically choose light colored fabrics for the inside of the pockets, the better to see the contents ;)

This bag really lends itself to stash busting and using up what you have. Have some fun with your fabric pull! Fat quarters work well. Bindings will be cut on the straight grain.

I frequently use repurposed zippers, but note that zippers with metal teeth are not suitable for this project.

The pattern calls for Pellon SF 101 which works great, as will any medium weight fusible stabilizer/interfacing. It adds stability to the bag without bulk.

It is VERY IMPORTANT to complete the homework PRIOR TO CLASS! This is necessary to ensure the bag is completed by the end of class. The final steps are sewing the exterior zipper so you definitely want to be at that step with the rest of the class or sadly you will be finishing on your own :(

I encourage you to make notes on your pattern as we sew, it is very helpful as you sew more for gifts ;)

There will be minimal pressing. Pressing stations will be available.

1. Basic sewing kit needed. Include the zipper foot for your machine if you have one. Also extra needles & a SHARP rotary cutter. We cut & trim through many layers! WInd an extra bobbin. Clover clips (or any type of clip) are very helpful with this project. I have used small binder clips also.
2. **Zippers 12" and longer than the 9" listed in the pattern are best**, we can easily trim vinyl/nylon zippers. Use what you have. I repurpose the zippers from the vinyl storage bags bedding often comes in - really long zippers that work great for this bag.
3. I mix up my zipper colors, matchy matchy is not my thing. You do you!
4. Don't forget an extension cord !

Homework:

Cut ALL fabric prior to class.

Exterior - 9.75" x 13.5" 9.75 widths are the top of the bag. Piece it, use orphan quilt blocks, or one fabric - be creative. If you have a directional fabric, cut 2 pieces 9.75" x 7" and sew together with a .25" seam at the center/bottom, so the direction of the design goes away from the 9.75" "top" edges.

The sample bags were both pieced, one using 2.5" squares trimmed to the size indicated on the pattern.

Iron on some fusible batting, then quilt as desired. The fusible gives a bit of structure without bulk. I have often used regular batting if there was a lot of piecing. Again, use your judgement and what you have on hand. NOTE: this piece does NOT have a backing, it will be backed by the interior pocket sections. DO NOT use a foam product like Bosal or Soft and Stable. It adds too much bulk.

Cut out ALL pieces per pattern instructions. There is a template for the side panels. Be sure to cut on a fold or trace the pattern piece full size to cut 4 panels total (seam allowance is included in the template). Both sides of these panels will be visible, have some fun and use one fabric for the outside and another for the inside!

Please fuse all pieces with fusible stabilizer/interfacing as the pattern indicates. Any light or medium weight fusible works just fine - use what you have!

The exterior piece is quilted and requires no interfacing.

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