

PANEL BOOK BAG

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Featuring



BORN 2 TRAVEL



Finished size 13" x 15" x 3"





Difficulty Rating: **Beginner**

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Fabric and Supplies Needed

Fabric amounts based on yardage that is 42" wide.

Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage	Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage
	A	AXP-21079-195 BRIGHT	1/2 yard		C	AXP-21076-195 BRIGHT	2/3 yard (one complete panel)
	B	AXP-21078-195 BRIGHT	5/8 yard		D	K001-1845 HARBOR	5/8 yard
Copyright 2022, Robert Kaufman For individual use only - Not for resale				You will also need: 1/2 yard Fusible Fleece (44" wide)			

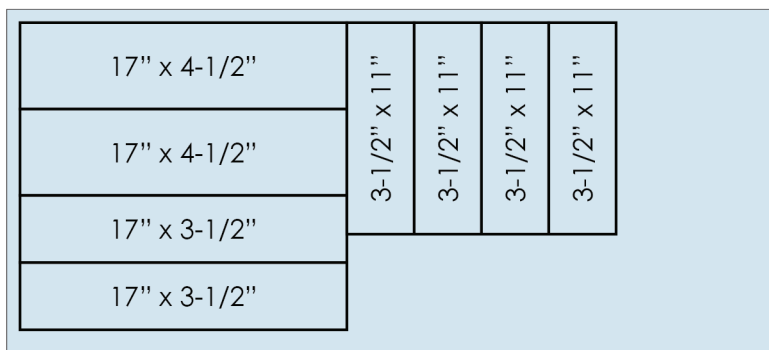
Notes Before You Begin

- Read through all of the instructions before beginning.
- All of the seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.
- Press seam allowances open unless otherwise noted.
- Width of fabric (WOF) is equal to at least 42" wide.
- Right sides together has been abbreviated to RST.
- Remember to measure twice and cut once!

Cutting Instructions

From Fabric A, cut, following the diagram:

four 3-1/2" x 11" rectangles for the left and right borders
two 17" x 4-1/2" rectangles for the top borders
two 17" x 3-1/2" rectangles for the bottom borders



Note: For non-directional fabrics, 3/8 yards of Fabric A is needed. Cut:

- one 4-1/2" x WOF strip, subcutting two 4-1/2" x 17" rectangles
- two 3-1/2" x WOF strips, subcutting one 3-1/2" x 17" rectangle and two 3-1/2" x 11" rectangles from each strip

From Fabric B, cut:

one 18" x WOF strip. Subcut:
two 17" x 18" rectangles for the lining

From Fabric C, fussy cut:

two 11" squares for the front and back Center Panels

From Fabric D, cut:

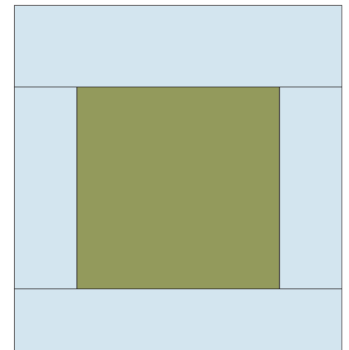
two 3-1/2" x 22" rectangles for the straps

From the Fusible Fleece, cut:

two 17" x 18" rectangles

Assemble the Front and Back Panels

Step 1: Sew the left and right Fabric A rectangles to the left and right edges of the Fabric C Center Panels. Press. Sew the top and bottom Fabric A rectangles to the top and bottom. Press. The resulting front and back panels should each measure 17" x 18".



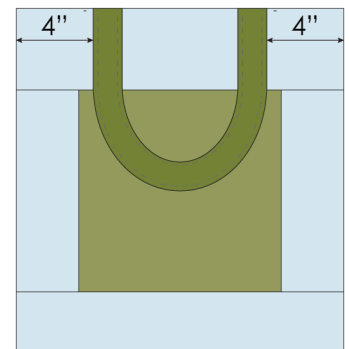
Assemble the Bag

Step 2: Iron the fusible fleece to the wrong side of a completed Step 1 panel. Repeat to create both exterior panels.

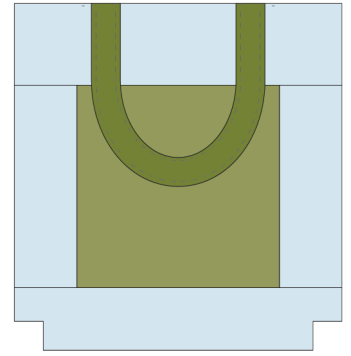
Step 3: Fold one Fabric D strap piece in half along the length, RST. Sew along the 22" raw edge, backstitching at both ends. Using a safety pin, turn the strap right side out. Press flat, with the seam at one side. Topstitch 1/4" from the edge along both long sides. Repeat to create the second strap. Set aside.



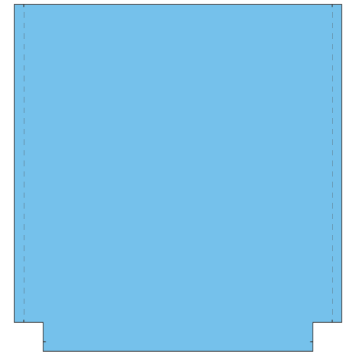
Step 4: Pin a strap to the top edge of each exterior panel, RST and raw edges aligned and 4" from each side edge. Ensure that straps are not twisted. Baste in place with 1/4" seam.



Step 5: Cut a 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" square from the bottom corners of both exterior and both lining panels.

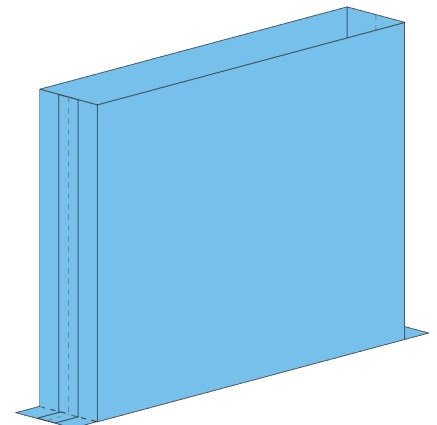


Step 6: Place exterior panels RST with straps tucked between the panels. Sew along both sides and the bottom edge, using a 1/2" seam allowance. Corner cutouts will remain unsewn. Press seams open.



Step 7: Bring corners together, pinching to bring the side and bottom seams together to form the bag's box corner. Sew, using a 1/2" seam and backstitching at both ends. Repeat for remaining corner.

Step 8: Repeat Steps 6 and 7 with the lining panels, leaving a 6" opening along the bottom seam for turning. Press the seam allowance open at the opening.



Step 9: With exterior right side out and lining wrong side out, place exterior inside the lining, tucking straps between the layers. Pin at side seams and around the bag opening. Sew, using 1/2" seam, around entire bag opening.

Step 10: Pull the bag through the opening in the lining. Tuck raw edges of the lining opening in and edge stitch closed.

Step 11: Press seam at the top of the bag. Top stitch 1/4" from top edge, around the entire bag.

Your tote is finished! Fill with books and enjoy!

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