

Sew Together Bag - with Betty Kozak

Date: Saturday, March 29th, 2025

Location: St. Mark's Anglican Church, 138 Hoylake Rd. Qualicum Beach, BC

The Sew Together Bag is a versatile bag; which can be used for everything from cosmetics to sewing notions. This bag provides an opportunity to mix & match your fabrics as it uses smaller quantities – so go coordinated or scrappy with your fabric selection – have fun – experiment!

Supplies:

- Sew Together Bag Pattern by Sew Demented (available at Sweet Pea Quilting)
- Exterior fabric: 1 fat quarter (18" x 22")
- Lining fabric: .5 m x width of fabric (WOF)
- Pocket lining: .3 m x WOF
- Binding fabric: 1 fat quarter (18" x 22")
- Fusible interfacing: .5 m of medium weight interfacing 1x18" (45cm) zipper - nylon coil or a dressmaker's zipper (this zipper forms your outside handles) match or contrast to your exterior fabric
- 3 x 9" (23cm) nylon coil or a dressmaker's zippers (avoid metal teeth for your first bag)
- Fabric for zipper tabs 1 strip 2" x 24" (see page 2 for more information)

Thread: for use in topstitching – pre-wind 4-5 bobbins to match your fabrics and zippers so when you have a contrasting fabric, the bobbin thread will match & also save time in the class too! Or pick one colour of thread and use it everywhere.

Sewing notions:

- Regular sewing needles (size 11 or 12) & jean weight needles (size 16 or 18), a stylus tool or sewing awl, a jumper foot (an assist for thick seams; if you have), fabric marker, point turner, pins and Wonder Clips (if you have)

Sewing machine attachments: zipper foot (a must) & walking foot (quite helpful)

Workshop essentials:

- sewing machine: cords and manual,
- small cutting mat, rotary cutter, and rulers (1x18" long & 1x6" ruler)
- usual workshop tools: scissors, seam ripper, extra bobbins, extra needles for your machine
- pen & paper
- name tag, coffee mug, and lunch

Essential workshop preparation: See Page 2

Workshop Preparation

Once you have your Sew Together Bag pattern, please read through all the instructions.

Please note: I am suggesting cutting the outside piece longer (see below)

For your first bag and this class, I would not recommend making your exterior piece out of patchwork pieces or quilting it, as that adds bulk and additional layers.

Trace the pattern piece for the side panel and transfer all pattern markings. I used a piece of muslin and made the pattern piece the full size with all of the markings

Following the cutting directions that come with the pattern:

1. Cut the exterior piece **15"x 9 ¾"** (yes, that is 1 ½" longer than the pattern instructions - this will give us a bit of flexibility later in the assembly process)
2. Continue following the cutting steps 1-4 as described in the pattern. Then in Step 5 - also cut the interfacing **15"x 9 ¾"**
3. **An extra step zipper tabs:** - Cut 1 strip 2 " x 24" (this will be used for the 9" zippers) These pieces are **not interfaced**. If your zippers are different colours, cut 1 strip 2" x 8" per colour. Label as: inside zipper tabs

Label pieces as you cut – painter's tape works well

Fuse your interfacing to the pieces as described in the pattern instructions. Use at least a medium weight interfacing. (a medium weight interfacing gives your bag more strength vs. the light wt. interfacing the pattern suggests) You may want to protect your ironing surface when fusing; parchment paper or a Teflon pressing sheet under the fabric piece will help catch any interfacing bits that extend beyond the fabric pieces.

Move your labels to the fused pieces as you go – so when you are done fusing - each piece has a label.

We are not making the pincushion and/or the needle landing in the class. (See page 6 of the pattern), if you wish to have them in your bag – please make ahead.

*** Please bring any of your leftover Sew Together Bag fabric with you - for "just in case"!

Thanks for joining us for the day – it's going to be fun!