About Town Bag
Skill Level: Intermediate



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A cute and functional tote complete with concealed top zipper and six interior pockets.

Fabric Needed

Seven charms or seven 5" squares of fabric	
Linen or other coordinating fabric	1 yard
Lining	1/2 yard
Interior Pockets	1/2 yard

Materials Needed

Pellon® #987F Fusible Fleece	1/2 yard
Pellon® #810 Tru Grid™	1 yard
Zipper	One 12"
Thread	

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
Rotary cutter and related supplies (optional)
Iron
Scissors
Pencil

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Cutting and Assembly Instructions

Cut out pieces following instructions on Tru Grid Layout.

Center Braid Panel

Place two 2 1/2" x 5" rectangles together as shown. Stitch seam using a 1/4" seam allowance as shown. Press seam to one side.





Place the next rectangle, right sides together on the lower left side of the braid and stitch the long side as shown. Press toward the rectangle just sewn.





Place the next rectangle on the right side, right sides together. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press toward the rectangle just sewn.

Continue alternating rectangles until the braid has 13 rectangles.



Square up braid, cutting off points on the top, bottom and sides of the braid. Final braid measure should be 5" x 14 1/2". Trim more off the top and bottom to make length measure 14 1/2" if necessary.





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Place the two 5" x 14 1/2" front pieces to either side of the braid, right sides together. Stitching using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press toward front piece fabric.



Fuse the Pellon® Fusible Fleece to the wrong side of the front of the bag and the back of the bag.



Place front and back of bag right sides together. Stitch the side seams and bottom seam using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Pull one corner of the bag out and flatten. Match the side seam to the bottom seam. Place a ruler 2" from the corner and draw a line. Stitch on this line. Trim to 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat with other corner. Turn bag right side out.



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Handles

Fold the two 4" x 29" straps in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Press. Open strap and fold each edge toward center. Press. Fold in half again and stitch 1/4" on both long edges.

Measure 2" in from side seams on front and back of bag. Pin handles in place, matching raw edges. Baste using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Lining

Fold one 14 1/2" square of pocket fabric in half, wrong sides together. Press. Topstitch 1/2" in from edge. Repeat with other pocket square.

Pin pockets to the right side of lining pieces, aligning raw edges at the bottom. Baste in place along bottom and sides using a 1/8" seam allowance.

Measure 5" in from each side of pockets and draw a line. Stitch on these lines, creating 3 pocket sections.

Zip Tab

Place zip tab pieces right sides together. Sew on sides and bottom, leaving a 1 1/2" gap for turning. Turn right side out and press.





Placed the closed end of the zipper into zip tab. Topstitch on all sides.

Zip Casing

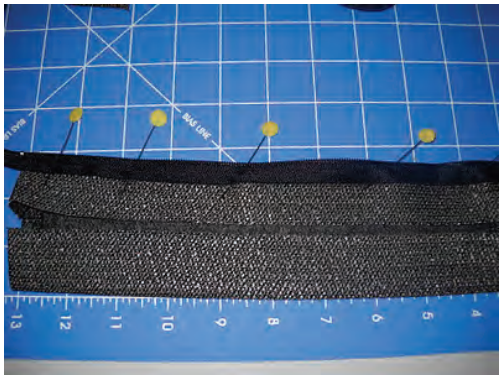
Take casing pieces and fold in both short edges 1/4". Fold in half lengthwise. Press. Open and fold each edge toward center and press.



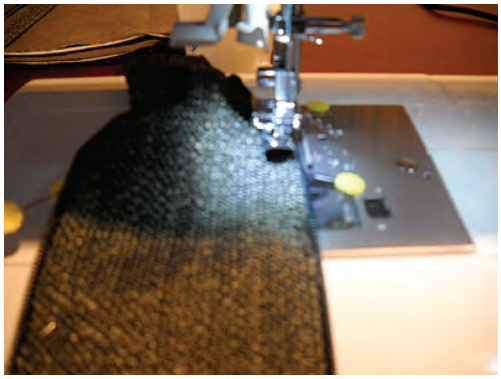


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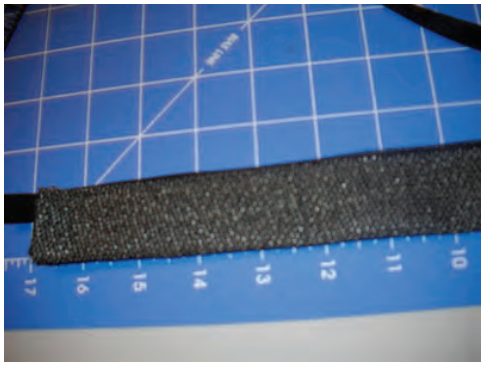
Unzip the zipper. Place the zipper wrong side up on the casing as shown. Casing is open at this point as shown. Use the end of the zipper that is not encased in the zip tab.



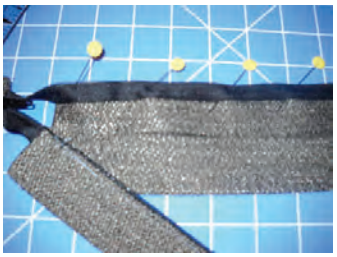
Stitch zipper using a zipper foot as shown.

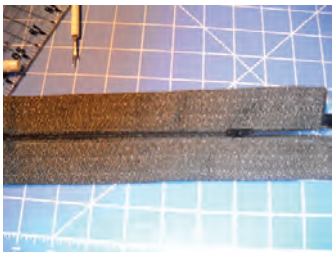


Fold casing wrong sides together, encasing zipper. Topstitch around all edges of the zip casing.



Repeat these steps with the other zip casing and other half of the zipper.

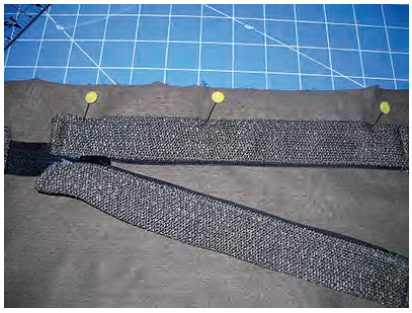




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Open the zipper. Measure and mark the halfway point on one piece of the lining. Mark the center of your zip casing. Measure down 1 1/2" from top of lining and pin zip casing in place. Topstitch the zip casing right side out to the right side of the lining.

Repeat with the other side of the zip casing and the other lining piece.



Pin sides and bottom of the lining pieces right sides together and stitch, leaving a 3" opening in the bottom of the bag for turning.

Make a flat bottom the same as for the outside of the bag.

Place bag exterior into lining, right sides together. Match top edges and side seams. Handles should be tucked down between the two layers. Stitch around top of bag, reinforcing at handle points with backstitching.

Turn bag right side out through opening in lining. Slip stitch opening closed.

Press top edge and topstitch with 1/4" seam allowance.



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About Town Tru Grid™ Layout

Use the grid and draw out the pattern pieces to the dimensions listed. Cut out pattern pieces and place on fabric, cutting out the number of pieces needed.

OPTIONAL: Cut the bag pieces using your rotary cutting tools and following dimensions listed on each pattern piece.

