

Easy Does It

Store and carry all your essentials in this handy zippered bag with attached handles. Fabric quilted with Soft and Stable® gives great body and stability and ensures long-lasting wear.

Finished: 6"H x 9"W x 4¼"D

YOU WILL NEED:

- ❑ Main, lining, and coordinating fabrics: fat quarter of each
- ❑ ByAnnie's Soft and Stable*: 18" x 21"
- ❑ Fusible interfacing*: 8" x 6"
- ❑ ByAnnie's handbag zipper*: 24" single-slide zipper (or use one 30" double-slide zipper to make two bags)

* Available at www.ByAnnie.com

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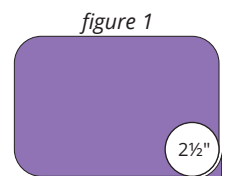
Check out the FREE Add-on Video Tutorial at ByAnnie.com for help with this project. Video comes with PDF cutting layouts, labels for cut pieces, and template for 2½" circle.



Pictured: Monkey Wrench
by Tula Pink for FreeSpirit Fabrics



- ❑ 2. Round all four corners on the Bag Front and the Bag Back using a 2½" circular object (figure 1).
- ❑ 3. Stitch all around each quilted piece ⅛" from edge to secure the layers and "seal" the edges.



I. CUT AND QUILT

A. Cut

NOTE: Cutting dimensions are height (lengthwise grain) of fabric x width (crosswise grain with selvages on sides) of fabric. For best use of fabric, cut in the order listed.

From main fabric cut:

- ❑ Bag Body (to be quilted) — 18" x 21"

From lining fabric cut:

- ❑ Bag Body Lining (to be quilted) — 18" x 21"

From coordinating fabric cut*:

- ❑ Bias Binding — 14" x 14"
- ❑ Handles — two 4" x 5¾"
- ❑ Side Strip Bindings — two 2" x 4¾"

From ByAnnie's Soft and Stable® cut:

- ❑ Bag Body Stabilizer (to be quilted) — 18" x 21"

From fusible interfacing cut:

- ❑ Handle Interfacings — two 4" x 5¾"

B. Quilt

- ❑ 1. Sandwich the three 18" x 21" Bag Body pieces (lining face down, ByAnnie's Soft and Stable®, main fabric face up); pin to join.
- ❑ 2. Quilt as desired using a medium-length machine stitch.
TIP: See the Add-On Video for help.

C. Cut Quilted Fabric and Seal Edges

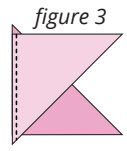
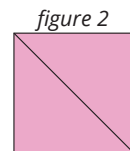
- ❑ 1. From the 18" x 21" piece of quilted fabric, cut*:
 - ❑ a. Bag Front and Bag Back — two 6½" x 9½"
 - ❑ b. Side Strip — 4¾" x 18"
 - ❑ c. Zipper Strips — two 2¼" x 13"

II. PREPARE COMPONENTS

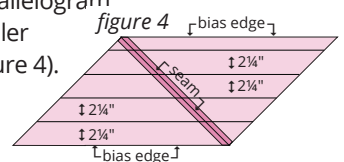
Use accurate ¼" seams unless directed otherwise.

A. Prepare Bias Binding

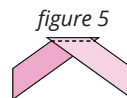
- ❑ 1. Cut the 14" x 14" Bias Binding (coordinating fabric) in half diagonally (figure 2).
- ❑ 2. With right sides together, sew the two triangles together along one short side, offsetting tips (figure 3). Press seam open.



- ❑ 3. From the resulting parallelogram cut 2¼" strips, aligning ruler along long bias edge (figure 4).

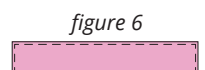


- ❑ 4. With right sides together, join ends of strips, offsetting tips (figure 5). Stitch strips together with ¼" seam; press seams open. Trim tips even with the strip; set aside.



B. Prepare Handles

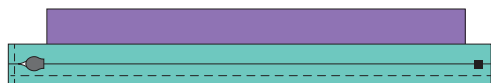
- ❑ 1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse a 4" x 5¾" Handle Interfacing (fusible interfacing) to the wrong side of each 4" x 5¾" Handle (coordinating fabric), aligning all raw edges.
- ❑ 2. With right sides out, fold each interfaced Handle in half to 2" x 5¾"; press to mark center fold. Open and bring long raw edges to pressed center line; press again. Fold in half again to create a 1" x 5¾" handle. Topstitch around all sides, sewing ⅛" from edge (figure 6); set aside.



C. Prepare Zipper Strip

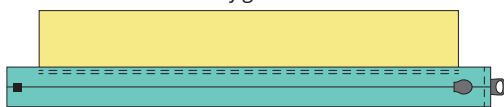
- 1. With right sides together, align a 15" or longer zipper along the long bottom edge of one 2¼" x 13" Zipper Strip (quilted fabric). Allow the ends of the zipper to extend beyond the quilted fabric on each end and the long edge of the zipper to extend ⅙" to ⅛" beyond the long edge of the quilted fabric. Attach the zipper to the strip, sewing a generous ¼" from the edge (figure 7).

figure 7



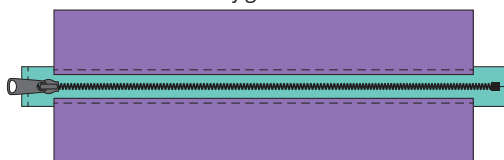
- 2. Turn the zipper tape to the inside of the strip and sew along the very edge of the zipper tape, flattening it against the strip as you go (figure 8). This will enclose the raw edges and give you a nice ¼" line of topstitching on the outside of the strip.

figure 8



- 3. Being careful to align the quilted fabric on each end, follow steps 1 and 2 above to sew the other side of the zipper to the long edge of the remaining 2¼" x 13" Zipper Strip (quilted fabric) (figure 9).

figure 9

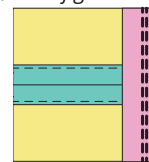


- 4. Move the zipper slide to the inside of the strip and stitch across each end of the zipper tape slightly inside the ends of the quilted fabric to create new stops. Trim the excess zipper tape even with the quilted fabric on each end. This combined piece will now be called the Zipper Strip.

D. Prepare Zipper/Side Strip and Attach Handles

- 1. With right sides together, attach one short end of the 4¾" x 18" Side Strip to one short end of the prepared Zipper Strip, matching the ends and sewing across those ends with a ¼" seam.
- 2. With right side out, fold a 2" x 4¾" Side Strip Binding (coordinating fabric) in half lengthwise (1" x 4¾"); pin.

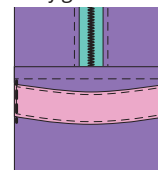
- 3. On the *zipper side* of the just-sewn seam, align one binding piece with its raw edges matching the raw edges of the seam. Sew across the binding strip with a ⅜" seam. Sew additional lines at ⅙" and ¼" from the edge to reduce bulk (figure 10).



- 4. Fold binding over raw edge and **flatten** onto Side Strip, enclosing raw edge; stitch down along folded edge. **TIP:** See the Add-On Video for help.

- 5. On main fabric side of Side Strip, attach one of the prepared Handles to the Side Strip. As shown in figure 11, position the folded edge of the Handle below the last line of stitching made in the previous step, aligning the raw edges of the Handle with the raw edges of the Side Strip. (The Handle will be longer than the Side Strip so will lift up a bit in the middle.) Stitch along each short side of the Handle, sewing ⅙" from the edge (figure 11). Make a fold in the Handle to flatten it; pin it to the Side Strip to get it out of the way for the next steps.

figure 11



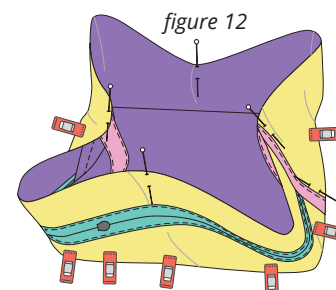
- 6. Repeat steps 1 through 5 to join the other end of the Side Strip to the other end of the Zipper Strip, finish the seam, and attach the other Handle. This loop will now be called the Zipper/Side Strip.

III. ASSEMBLE THE BAG

A. Join Pieces and Bind

- 1. Find the centers of the top, bottom, and sides of the Zipper/Side Strip; mark by inserting pins on each side of the loop at each point. Find centers of top, bottom, and sides of Bag Front and Bag Back; mark with pins. **TIP:** See the Add-On Video for help.

- 2. With right sides together, pin/clip the Bag Front to the Zipper/Side Strip, aligning marked centers (figure 12). With Bag Front against bed of machine, stitch together.



- 3. Using the 2¼" bias binding prepared earlier, bind the raw edges of the Bag Front, joining ends using the method of your choice. **TIP:** See the Add-On Video for help.
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to attach the Bag Back to the Zipper/Side Strip and bind the raw edges. Turn bag right side out and push out all corners. Fill and enjoy!

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