

## THE ULTIMATE TRAVEL BAG CLASS

This is a great travel bag featuring a total of 8 pockets inside and out, 2 that have zipper closures. Additional features include easy-to-grab handles or adjustable padded shoulder strap, and a back strap to secure to a rolling suitcase. Buttons on the bottom of the bag helps reduce wear and tear. This bag is carry-on compliant.

### **PRE CLASS WORK**

1) Purchase the Ultimate Travel Bag pattern, by Annie, and the supplies as listed on the back of the pattern. All supplies are available at the store. We have wooden bases for the bottom that can be substituted for the acrylic bottom.

Annie's 30 inch zippers work best for the bag, you will need to purchase 2, if we don't have the color you need, we can order them for you.

2) **Complete the following steps before class:**

a) First steps: Cut and Quilt A, B, and C on pages 1, 2, & 3. On page 12 are the labels to attach to the pieces as you cut and quilt them. **Keep the pieces labeled;** it will make it easier when constructing the bag. I suggest making a copy of the labels and use the copy in case you want to make another bag.

b) Second steps, Straps and Handles A, B, C, and D following the steps on pages 2 and 3 of the pattern. If you have not worked with purse hardware before, bring the hardware and we can do this in class.

Cutting lengths for nylon straps

1 - 57 inches (Shoulder strap)

2 - 13 inches (Strap ends)

2 - 41 inches (Handles)

1 - 18 inches (Back Strap)

Either before the first class or **definitely** before the second class; make the binding. See page 1, section called "Making the Binding". This binding is used to cover all the seams inside the bag and is used in the final construction of the bag. Directions in the pattern makes approximately 196 inches binding.

*Tip: Don't wait till the night before class to do these steps; it takes can 6-8 hours to do the quilting and cutting.*

### **Additional items to bring to class:**

Sewing machine (or call to reserve a machine)

1/4 inch foot

Zipper foot

Scissors, thread snips

Wonder clips

Pins (the quilting pins with yellow heads work best, they need to be sturdy) )

Marking tool that will wash out (chalk, pen etc.)

Seam ripper

Turning tool

Double- sided basting tape ¼ inch (used for placing and holding zippers for stitching)

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Universal or Denim needles 90/14

A stiletto is useful when sewing binding to the seams on the inside of bag.

Note: Ironing stations, cutting mats, some rulers, and rotary cutters are available in the classroom or you may bring yours if you chose.

Tools that are not necessary but make the job easier!

Turn-It-All or Quick Turn by Dritz – used to turn the handles of this bag

Alligator clamp with the long snout – great for pulling the strapping through the handles

Creative Grid Circles – used to round the top and bottom edges of the front and back pieces

By Annie's Stiletto and Pressing Tool – the wooden end works great for pressing seams

**Don't forget to bring your lunch and any beverages you would like. Coffee and tea are available.**

Looking forward to seeing you in class.

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