

## 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.

### **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.

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

a) First steps, Cut and Quilt A, B, and C on pages 1 and 2. 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 purse hardware before, bring the hardware and we can do this in class.

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.

Tip: Don't wait till the night before class to do these steps, it takes several 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, walking foot

Scissors, thread snips

Wonder clips

Pins ( the quilting pins with yellow heads work best )

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

Seam ripper

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

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

**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.

Carol