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Bag of the Week round-up for
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Welcome!

It's so easy to forget where you saw a bag pattern that you really liked. Even if you remember that it was in one of my emails it is a pain to have to scroll back through them all.

So, I thought let's be organised! Yes, I can do that. (Occasionally 😊) So here's an e-book that you can download to keep all the patterns handy for easy reference.

Here is a round up of the featured bags of the week so far.

Hardware Kits are available for all these bags if you live in New Zealand.

[Show me the Kits!](#)



The Clamshell Sling by Spencer Ogg Patterns



The first featured pattern in our “soft” trials was the Clamshell Sling. If you thought Bum Bags were a thing of the past you were wrong.

Can be worn around the waist or as a sling and who knew you could fit so many pockets into a little bag.

What I love about this pattern is that it's:

- Well-written and easy to follow
 - Comes with a great video tutorial
 - Domestic machine-friendly
- Roomy enough to be truly useful
- Offers various strap options so that you can wear it how you choose
- Can be made uni-sex or non-gender specific
- Intermediate level, but Diane makes all her patterns definitely doable if you're a beginner with a little patience. [Get the pattern](#)

The Sophia Tote By Crafted By Leanne



What's not to love?

It's a beautiful tote style bag with a recessed zipper and gorgeous curves.

Bling it up with O rings like the picture above or use rectangular rings.

What I love about this pattern is that it's:

- A gorgeously curved top and roomy interior.
- Practical with a zipper pocket and a slip pocket.
- Extremely well written instructions
- Great video tutorial
- Not too heavy on the hardware, just enough to bling it up.
- Best seller on Etsy so I'm not alone in my thinking....

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The Karvi Mini Backpack by Bagstock Designs



Are you a fan of portable bags? What about compact backpacks that allow you to carry all your necessary items for a day out? The bag features lots of pockets and is a fun and slightly challenging make.

What I love about this pattern is that it's:

- Well-written with easy to follow instructions and pictures
- There's a great video tutorial by Siah Swag (see below)
- Domestic machine-friendly
- Pockets galore
- Perfect for smaller humans or a great everyday bag for larger ones.
- Skill level is confident beginner

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The Double Trouble Collection By Bags By Bags Of Style



The Double Trouble Collection boasts a clutch and crossbody bag in a unique double compartment style that closes with a single zipper. The collection features a cross body bag and a smaller clutch version, which can also double as a cross body.

What I love about this pattern is that it's:

- Well-written with easy-to-follow instructions and pictures
- Bonus skill instructions: learn how to bury and tie off your threads, attach a zipper pull to zipper tape and create nice, neat corners to the ends of your zipper.
- Fantastic video tutorial broken down into small bite sized chunks with links at the end of each section of the pattern.
- Domestic machine-friendly
- Skill level: aimed at beginners but also has options for a more experienced bagmaker.

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The Himalaya Cross-body Bag by Hemazing Patterns.



The Himalaya Crossbody Bag is the perfect accessory for busy people. This small bag measuring 10" H x 9.5" W x 3 is the ideal size for daily errands or a night out.

What I love about this pattern is that it's:

- Well-written with 27 detailed pages of instructions and pictures
- Files in different sizes for printing and projector
- Facebook group for support and of course showing off your make :)
- Customizable exterior so that you can really make it your own
- Skill Level: Intermediate or confident beginner

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The Vega Backpack by Crafted By Leanne



The Vega Backpack

From Crafted By Leanne

A fun and functional backpack...with NO BINDING? Yep, due to its crafty construction there is not a stitch of binding in sight. This nifty backpack has a handle as well as straps and features an interior zipper pocket and a slip pocket.

But the really cool thing is this: Lift the flap and uncover a vertical zipper which undoes all the way to the bottom of the bag, peeling back the sides for easy access to all your goodies.

What I love about this pattern is:

- Well-written with easy-to-follow instructions and pictures
- Fantastic video tutorial by Leanne. Watch below!
- Domestic machine-friendly
- Unique construction.
- Separate lining pattern pieces to ensure that your lining fits snugly inside your finished bag.
- Amazingly supportive Facebook group for advice and showing off your finished bag :)
- Skill level: The pattern is aimed at advanced beginners.

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The Corkordion Raw Edge Wallet By Spencer Ogg Sewing Patterns



Designed for non-fraying fabrics such as cork, vinyl, clear vinyl, jelly vinyl and leather. It's an excellent batch making pattern for sew-to-sell, as its quick, has very few components and uses just the smallest scrap of fabric. Super-slim this accordion design comes in two sizes.

What I love about this pattern is that it's:

- Beginner Friendly and designed to be made on a domestic sewing machine.
- Comes with a fantastic and easy to follow video tutorial
- Dozens of bonus tips for choosing fabrics, cutting out accurately, concealing threads, and finishing seams neatly.
- 2 sizes included with various closure methods
- Skill level: Beginner
- Virtually no hardware - budget friendly

[Get The Pattern](#)



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