



MATERIALS

Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

Two Coats & Clark™ Coil Separating Zippers, 22" (56cm)

Coats & Clark™ All-purpose Zipper, 14" (35.5cm)

1¼ yd (1m) sport-weight print fabric

1¾ yd (2m) double-sided fusible foam, 20"

½ yd (46cm) woven fusible interfacing, 20" (51cm)

1¼ yd (1m) cotton lining fabric

⅓ yd (30.5cm) binding fabric

3 yds (3m) webbing, 1" (2.5cm)

¾ yd (1m) small cord

Two adjustable slides, 1" (2.5cm)

Pattern tracing cloth

Zipper foot



SEWING | SKILL LEVEL: **EXPERIENCED**

Featuring Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread and Coats & Clark™ Zippers

Students of all ages will love this roomy book bag that can be worn as a backpack or carried like a tote. Make sure the seams are sturdy with Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread. The zippered outside pocket keeps small items handy.

CUTTING

Trace the book bag body and lower pocket patterns onto pattern tracing cloth. Cut out.

Note: If printing the templates. Print the book bag body and lower pocket patterns on pages 4-5 at 200%.

From the sport-weight print, cut:

(2) book bag body

(1) book bag lower pocket

(2) strips, 6" x 36" (15cm x 91cm), for side panels

(1) strip, 6½" x 17½" (16.5cm x 44.5cm), for bag bottom

(1) strip, 2½" x 12½" (6.5cm x 32cm), for upper pocket

From the lining fabric, cut:

(2) book bag body

(1) strip, 6½" x 17½" (16.5cm x 44.5cm), for bag bottom

From the binding fabric, cut:

(3) strips, 2¼" x width of fabric (6cm x WOF)

From fusible foam, cut:

(2) book bag body

(1) strip, 6½" x 17½" (16.5cm x 44.5cm), for bag bottom

(2) strips, 2¾" x 35" (7cm x 89cm), for side panel

From fusible interfacing, cut:

(1) book bag lower pocket

(1) strip, 2½" x 12½" (6.5cm x 32cm), for upper pocket



PREPARATION

1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the foam between each book bag Body piece and corresponding lining piece. Transfer pattern markings to the pieces.
2. Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of the upper and lower pocket pieces.

Note: If you want to add any interior pockets, do so before fusing the lining to the foam sections. Note the placement of the seamlines crossing the pieces so that they avoid the pockets.

ASSEMBLING THE BAG BACK

1. Cut the webbing into two 19" (48cm) lengths and two 14" (36cm) lengths. If the webbing is synthetic (nylon or polyester), sear the cut ends with a candle flame to prevent fraying. Or, turn under one end of each piece and stitch. Caution! Do not sear cotton webbing.
2. Matching raw edges, baste the webbing lengths to the pack as marked, placing the longer lengths on the top portion and the shorter lengths on the bottom portion.

3. Cut a 14" (36cm) length of webbing. Sear the ends and position just outside the shoulder strap webbing edges. Baste in place. Fold the webbing in half matching the long edges and stitch, starting and stopping 1" (2.5cm) from the seamline.
4. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to attach the adjustable slide to the lower webbing strip. Fold back the webbing and stitch a box to anchor each lower strap. Thread the top strap through the buckle.

ASSEMBLING THE BAG FRONT

1. Press under ½" (1cm) on the upper pocket strip long edges.
2. Align the pressed under pocket edges ⅛" (.5cm) from the zipper tape on both sides and stitch using a zipper foot. The pull should be ⅝" (1.5cm) from one side edge.
3. Position the pocket on the Bag Body front, aligning the bottom and side edges. Pin in place. Stitch the upper pocket top edge to the bag front, then baste the side and lower edges together.

4. Pin-mark the upper and lower bag front centers.
5. To make the handle, cut a 20" (51cm) length of webbing. Sear the ends and turn under ¼" (1cm). Position the handle on the bag front 2" (5cm) each side of the center and 4" (10cm) down from the cut edge. Sew the webbing in place with a 2" (5cm) tall box. Measure 1" (2.5cm) up from the box top and fold the webbing in half, matching the long edges. Stitch the layers together until you reach 1" (2.5cm) from the opposite box top.

ASSEMBLING THE SIDE PANEL AND BAG BOTTOM

1. Hand-stitch the top of the two long zippers together, aligning pulls and tape edges.
2. Keeping the pulls centered, stitch across the zipper lower ends several times 17" (43cm) from center. Trim the excess zipper length ½" (1cm) beyond the stitching line.
3. Press each side panel strip in half wrong sides together and matching long raw edges.

4. Align each folded panel edge ⅛" (.5cm) from, the zipper teeth and using a zipper foot, stitch along the edge, sliding the pulls out of the way as needed for access.
5. Slip the fusible foam strip between the panel layers on each side and push up against the zipper stitching. Fuse in place; trim any extending foam. Stitch the zipper ⅛" (.5cm) from the first rows of stitching.
6. Baste together the long edges of the panel on both sides. Trim any excess length to match the zipper length.
7. Fuse the foam between the bag bottom and bag bottom lining.
8. With right sides together, sew the side panel to the bag bottom.
9. Sew the binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. With wrong sides together, press the binding in half, matching the long raw edges. Bind the panel seams, then turn the binding to the underside of the seam and hand-stitch in place covering the stitching line. Press the seams toward the bag bottom.

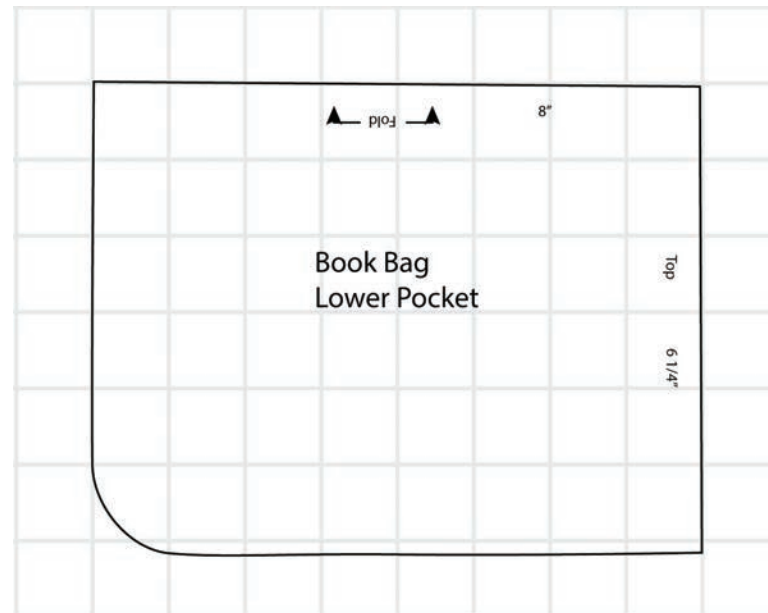
ASSEMBLING THE BOOK BAG

1. Mark the bag bottom center. With right sides together and matching the top center (zipper intersection) and the bottom center, pin the panel around the bag front, easing corners as needed. Pin the handles out of the way of the seamline. Stitch the perimeter of the bag.
2. Repeat Step 1 to attach the panel to the bag back.
3. Sew the binding to the panel/bag seam allowances, turn to the underside and hand-stitch in place, covering the original stitching line.

FINISHING

1. Try on the book bag and adjust the strap length using the slider.
2. Cut the small cord into three 8" (20.5cm) lengths. Sear the ends, if needed. Thread a length through each zipper pull and tie an overhand knot.

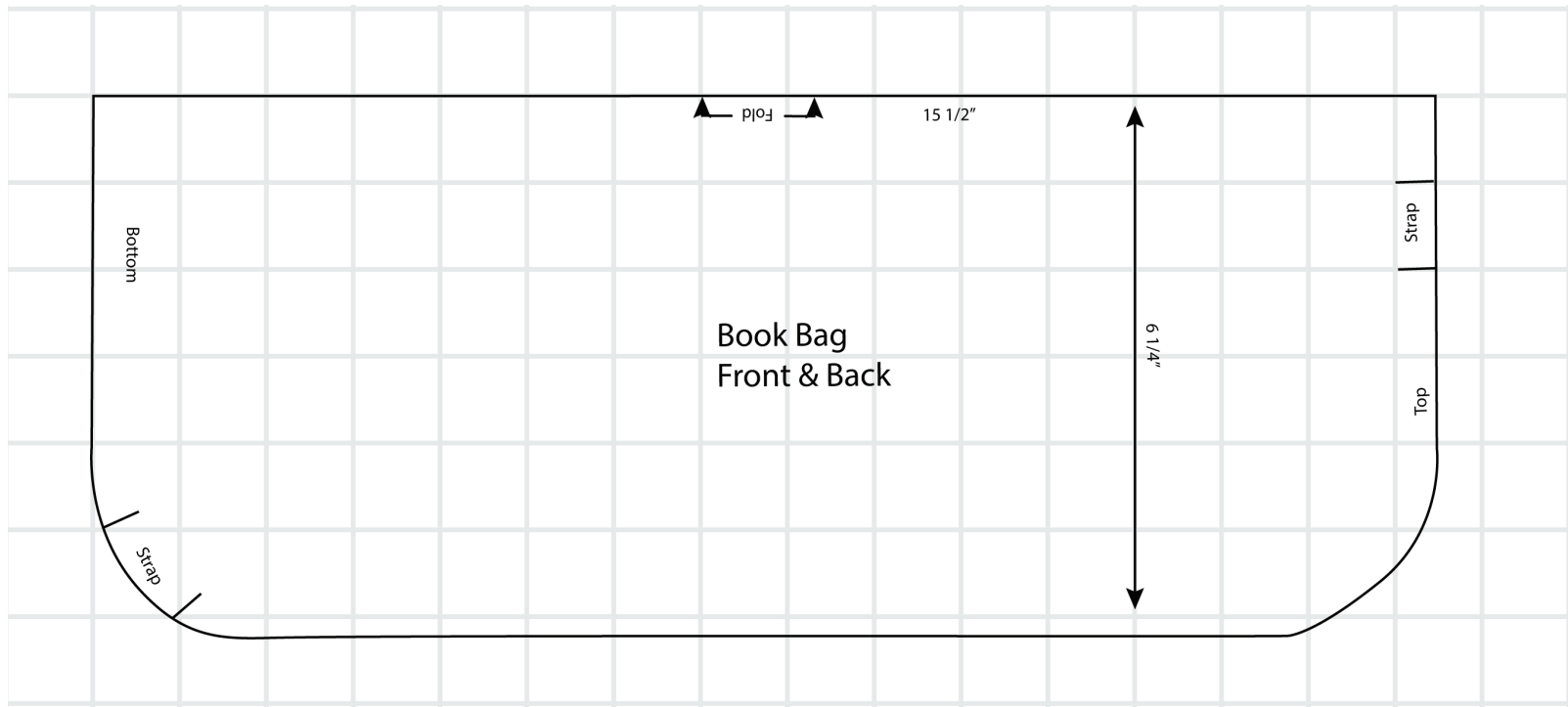




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