



Technique:	Sewing
Designed By:	Linda Turner Griepentrog
Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting Time:	Weekend
Finished size:	16" (40.64cm) tall (excluding handles) x 17½" (44.45cm) (bottom width) x 8" (20.32cm) deep (at base)

## Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®

This soft-sided bag is perfect for holding just what you need for a weekend get-away. A handy zippered outer pocket is a safe place to stow airline tickets, passports and some snacks to make your trip easy. Inside pockets add to the storage options.

## Supplies

- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- Four Coats® Zipper Pulls
- Two 12" (30.48cm) Coats® All-purpose Zippers
- Two 14" (35.56cm) Coats® All-purpose Zippers
- ½ yds (1.37m) home décor fabric, 45" wide
- ½ yds (1.37m) cotton fabric for lining
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) contrast home décor fabric, for pocket
- ½ yds (1.37m) fusible fleece
- 3 yds (2.74m) webbing, 1" (2.54cm) wide
- 7½" x 17¼" (19.05cm x 43.82cm) stiff plastic canvas
- Two 1" (2.54cm) metal rectangular rings
- Two 1¾" (4.45cm) metal swivel hooks
- Zipper foot

## Cutting

**Note:** Bag body template on page 4 needs to be printed at 200%

### From home décor fabric and fusible fleece, cut:

- (2) bag body
- (2) strips, 4½" x 28½" (11.43cm x 72.39cm), for zipper gussets
- (2) squares, 8½" (21.59cm), for sides
- (1) strip, 8½" x 18½" (21.59cm x 46.99cm), for bottom
- (2) strips, 4½" x 24½" (11.43cm x 62.23cm), for shoulder strap (adjust the strap length if needed before cutting)

### From cotton lining fabric, cut:

- (2) bag body
- (2) strips, 4½" x 28½" (11.43cm x 72.39cm), for zipper gussets
- (2) squares, 8½" (21.59cm), for sides
- (1) strip, 8½" x 18½" (21.59cm x 46.99cm), for bottom
- (2) rectangles, 8" x 9" (20.32cm x 22.86cm), for inside pockets

### From contrast home décor fabric, cut:

- (1) strip, 7" x 18½" (17.78cm x 46.99cm), for outside pocket

**Note:** Seam allowance is ½" (1.27cm).

## Preparation

- Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse all the fleece pieces to the wrong side of their matching counterparts.
- Mark the center of the bag body top and bottom and the gusset.

## Assemble the Bag Body

- Cut two 50" (1.27m) lengths of webbing for handles. Mark the vertical center point on each bag body section. Starting at the lower edge, pin the webbing 4½" (11.43cm) from the center point vertically on the bag body, placing a pin 12" (30.48cm) from the lower edge. Being careful not to twist, pin the webbing on the opposite half of the bag body piece 4½" (11.43cm) from the center point. Repeat for the second bag body.
- Edgestitch the webbing in place along both sides, stopping 12" (30.48cm) from the lower edge and double stitching across the webbing width at that point for reinforcement.

## Assemble the Bag Front

- Hand baste the 12" (30.48cm) zippers together at the pull ends, turning under the overlap section.
- With right sides together, center the combined zipper along one long edge of the outer pocket strip, and stitch ¼" (.32cm) in from the zipper tape edge. Press the seam away from the zipper and topstitch the seam. Stitch across the zipper ends and trim to match the pocket width.
- Center the pocket on the lower edge of one bag body piece, matching the lower raw edge and pin in place. Stitch the upper edge of the zipper tape across the bag width. Remove any visible basting.
- Stitch the lower pocket and side edges together. Trim the pocket ends even with the bag body.
- Sew the bottom rectangle to the lower edge of the bag front, stopping ½" (1.27cm) from each corner. Repeat for the bag back. Press the seams toward the bag bottom and topstitch the seams.

## Assemble the Gusset

- Hand baste the 14" (35.56cm) zippers together at the pull ends, turning under the overlap section.
- Press under ½" (1.27cm) along one long edge of each zipper gusset. Lap over the zipper tape and edgestitch a gusset to each side of the combined zipper, sliding the pulls as needed for access.
- Cut two 2" (5.08cm) strips of webbing, thread each through a metal rectangular ring and baste the raw edges together. With raw edges matching, center the tab over each end of the zipper and baste in place.
- Sew a side piece to each end of the zippered gusset. Press the seams toward the sides and topstitch the seam.
- Unzip the gusset zipper. With right side together and matching centers, pin the gusset/sides to the bag body, pivoting the body at the lower corners. Stitch the seam, turning at the lower corners. Press the seam.
- With the bag wrong side out, loosely stitch the plastic canvas to the bag bottom. Turn the bag right side out.

## Assemble the Lining

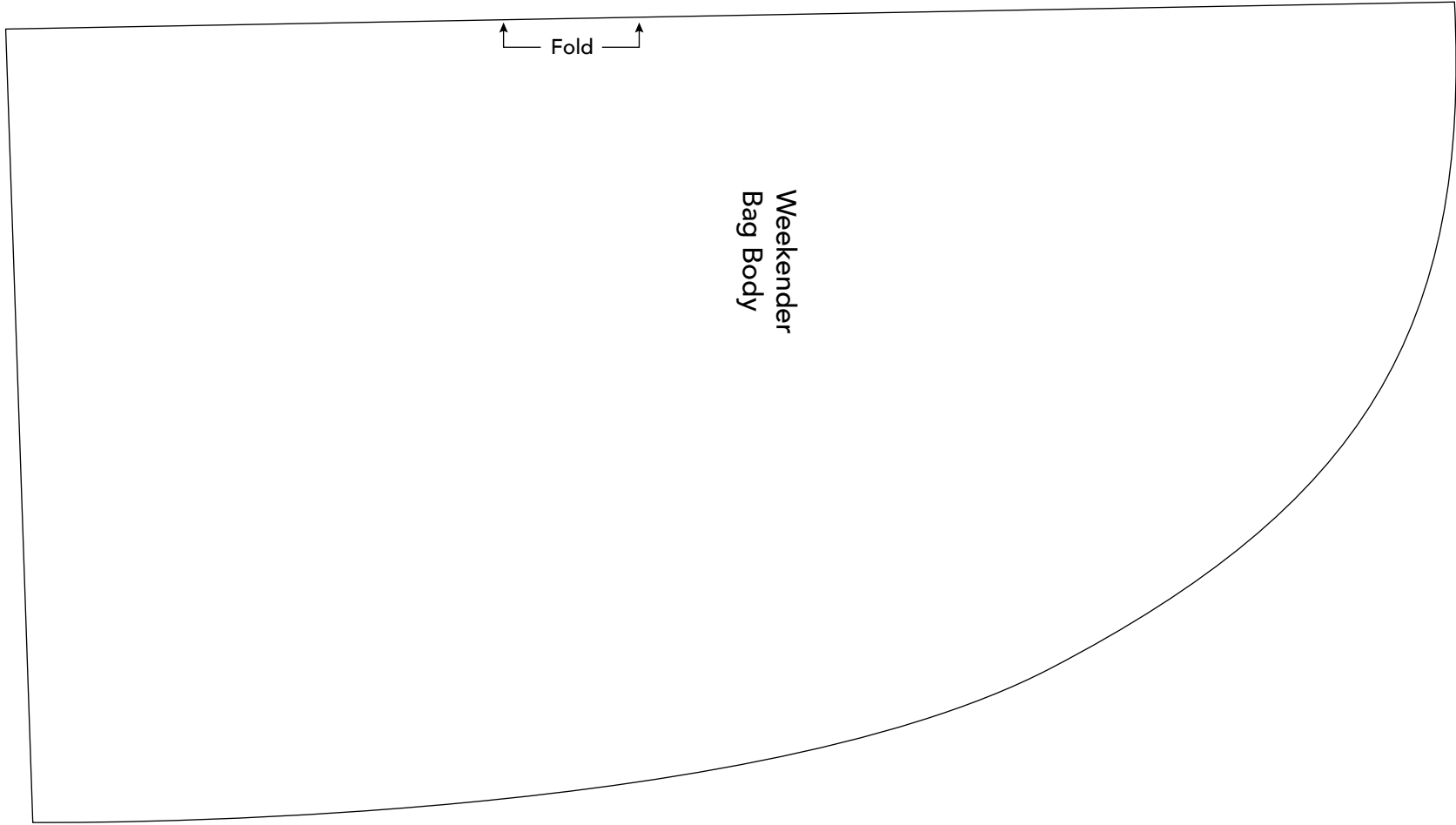
- Press under ¼" (.64cm), then ¾" (68.58cm) along one inside pocket short edge. Topstitch along the lower fold to form the top hem. Press under ½" (1.27cm) along the remaining pocket sides. Repeat for the second pocket.
- Center a pocket widthwise on the bag body lining piece, 3½" (8.89cm) from the lower edge. Edgestitch the side and lower edge in place, reinforcing the top corners with backstitching.

3. Sew the lining bottom to each lower edge of the lining bag body pieces, stopping  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.27cm) from each corner. Press the seams toward the bottom.
4. Press under  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (68.58cm) on one long edge of each gusset lining strip. Matching the outer edges, sew a side lining square to the gusset ends, noting that there is a gap in the center to fit around the zipper.
5. Sew the gusset to the bag body as for the outer bag, pivoting at the lower corners.

## Finishing

1. With wrong sides together, insert the lining into the bag and pin along the zipper opening, leaving at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.27cm) from the zipper tape to the lining folded edges. Hand-stitch the lining to gussets in place.
2. To make the detachable shoulder strap, seam the two strips together end to end, press the seam open. Press under  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.27cm) on each long edge of the strap. Press the strap in half. Edgestitch both long edges. Thread each end of the strap through the swivel hook loop; turn under the edges and stitch across the strap width. Snap the hooks onto the metal loops, if desired.
3. Remove pull tabs from zippers and attach a Coats Zipper Pull to the loop on the Slider.





This square should  
measure 1" x 1"  
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)  
when printed.

\*\*\* Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 200%\*\*\*