



Technique:	Piecing, Decorative Stitching
Designed By:	Linda Turner Griepentrog
Skill Level:	Experienced Beginner
Crafting Time:	A Weekend
Finished size:	8" x 9" (20.32cm x 22.86cm)

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

Bright and rainbow colored, this padded bag is a fun way to carry things when bicycling to and fro. Add decorative stitches sewn with Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread for a cute accent.

Supplies

- Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- Coats & Clark® Transparent Thread
- ½ yd (11.43cm) each:
 - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple and violet
- ½ yd (45.72cm) lining/binding fabric
- ½ yd (30.48cm) fusible fleece
- ¾ yd (60.96cm) nylon or polyester webbing, 1" (2.54cm)
- 3" (7.62cm) hook-and-loop fastener, ½" (1.27cm)
- Swivel hook, 1" (2.54cm)
- D-ring, 1" (2.54cm)
- Pattern tracing cloth
- Zipper foot
- Small candle/matches

Preparation

1. To make the bag body pattern, draw a rectangle 10½" (26.67cm) wide and 11½" (29.21cm) tall. Cut a 1½" (3.81cm) square from each lower corner.
2. Trace the bag flap pattern onto pattern tracing cloth.
3. Using the small candle flame, sear each end of the cut webbing pieces. Quickly pass the cut ends through the flame until you can see just a barely melted edge.

Cutting

From each of the ¼-yard pieces, cut:

- (1) strip, 2" x width of fabric (WOF) (5.08cm x WOF)

From the lining/binding fabric, cut:

- (2) bag body
 (1) bag flap
 (1) bias strip, 2¼" (5.72cm) x 21" (53.34cm)

From the fusible fleece, cut:

- (2) bag body
 (1) flap

From the webbing, cut:

- (5) strips, 3½" (8.89cm)
 (1) strip, 6" (15.24cm)

Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm)

Assemble the Bag Front

1. Sew together the long edges of the rainbow colored strips in the order listed above. Press the seams in one direction.
2. From the pieced strip, cut two bag body pieces with the strip seams going vertically on the body pieces. Cut one flap piece with the strips going parallel to the straight flap edge.

3. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse both bag body fleece pieces to the strip pieced bag body pieces.
4. Using the 6" (15.24cm) webbing piece, thread one end through the D-ring and pin. Center the other end along the bag body lower front, matching raw edges. Sew across the lower edge. Using a zipper foot, sew the opposite end close to the D-ring, through the bag front and webbing.

Assemble the Bag Back

1. Cut the hook-and-loop tape length in half. Sew a hook strip to two webbing pieces about ½" (1.27cm) from the cut end. Sew a loop strip to the remaining two webbing strips in the same location.
2. Overlap the hook-and-loop tapes so the webbing strip pairs are 5" (12.70cm) long.
3. With the overlap on the top, position the webbing pairs on the bag back 2" (5.08cm) from center and 2½" (6.35cm) from the upper edge. Zigzag both ends in place with double stitching.



Assemble the Bag

1. Place the bag front and bag right sides together matching the cut edges. Sew the side and bottom seams. Press the seam allowances open.
2. To box the corners, place the side seam on top of the bottom seam and sew across the straight edge. Repeat for the second corner.
3. Turn the bag right side out.

Assemble the Flap

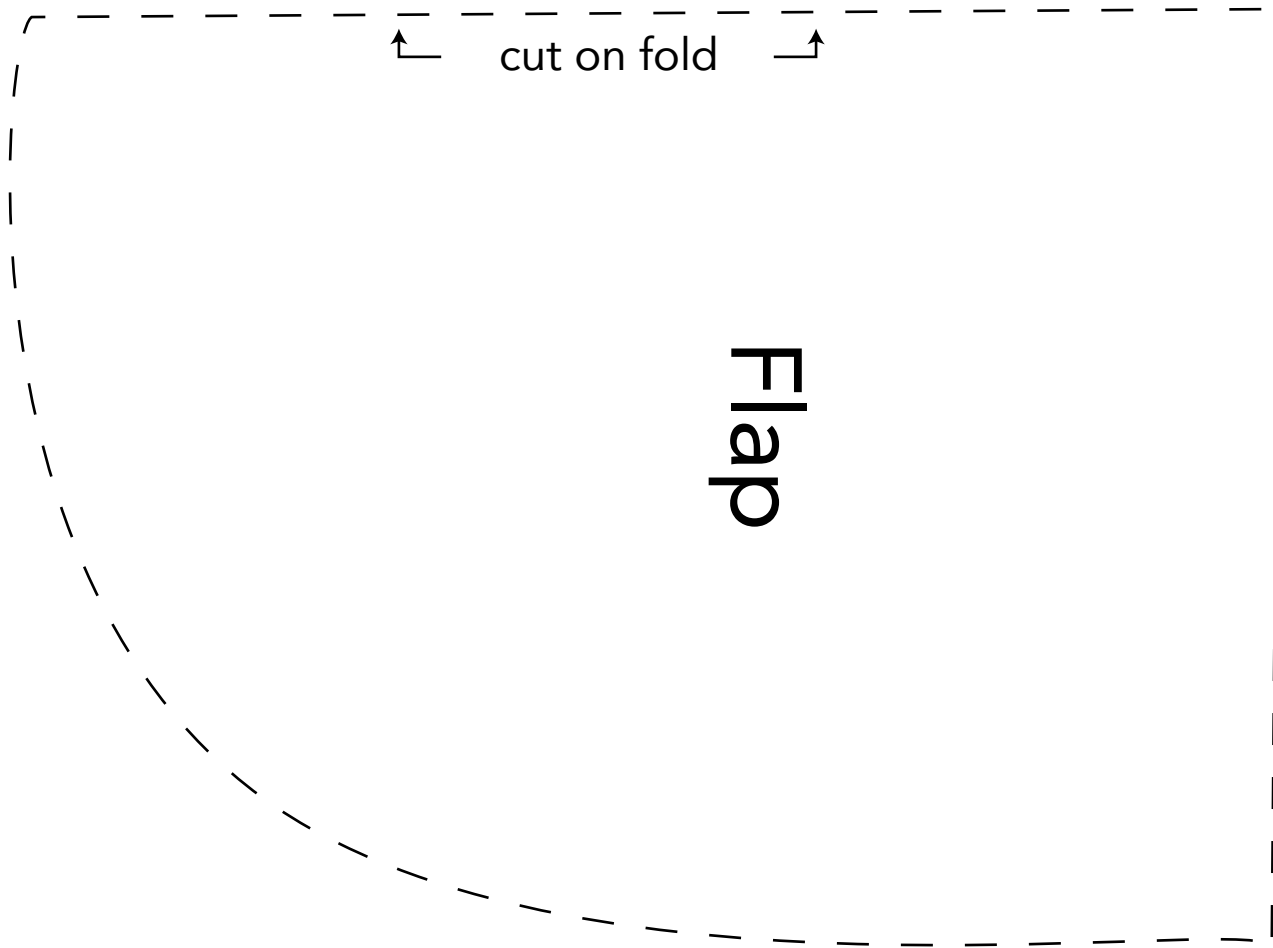
1. Fuse the pieced flap to the fleece flap.
2. Using decorative stitches, embellish the flap stripes as desired.
3. With wrong sides together, layer the pieced flap with the lining flap. Baste the edges together.
4. Fold the bias binding in half with wrong sides together and press.
5. With right sides together and matching raw edges, sew the binding to the curved flap edge. Ease the binding slightly around the curve.
6. Turn the binding to the wrong side of the flap and hand-stitch in place.
7. Thread a 3½" (8.89cm) piece of webbing through the swivel hook loop. Match the webbing cut ends and baste together. Overlap the basted edges with the bound edge curve center. Stitch the webbing to the flap using a box and X for reinforcement.

Assemble the Lining

1. With right sides together, sew the lining side and bottom seams, leaving a 4" opening in the bottom for turning.
2. To box the corners, place the side seam on top of the bottom seam and sew across the straight edge. Repeat for the second corner.

Finishing

1. With right sides together, center the flap straight edge on the bag back upper edge. Baste in place.
2. With right sides together, slip the lining over the bag, matching upper edges and side seams. Sew around the top of the bag.
3. Turn the bag right side out and close the lining opening. Push the lining into the bag, but leave ¼" (.64cm) showing around the upper edge. Stitch in the ditch of the seam using Transparent Thread.



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

*** Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 100%***