

Mala Tote Bag Project

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Supplies

Fabric 1: 3/8 yard faux leather (vinyl) fabric (54" wide)
Fabric 2: 1/2 yard yard of cotton quilting fabric <https://tidd.ly/3lqhm36>
Fabric 3: 1/2 yard yard of cotton quilting fabric <https://tidd.ly/3lqhm36>

Notes:

-the yardage requirements are an estimate based on 54" wide fabric (fabric 1); 44" wide fabric (fabric 2,3)
-alternative fabric choice for fabric 1 : cork, heavier canvas, no stretch heavier denim or any mid-heavy weight fabric
-alternative fabric choice for fabric 2&3 : linen, canvas.

9" x 12" (23 x 30.5 cm) fusible fleece (thermolam) Pellon TP971F <https://amzn.to/3CszmXa>
16" x 4" (40.5 x 10 cm) fusible woven interfacing - Pellon SF 101 <https://amzn.to/2N9E1td>
8" (20 cm) - teeth length; metal zipper - for the front exterior pocket* <https://amzn.to/3vQFIVm>
16" (40.5 cm) - teeth length; metal zipper - for the bag closure*
*you may use purse size (#5) nylon coil zipper instead
All purpose zipper at least 8" (20 cm) long; for the interior zipper pocket <https://amzn.to/3j4UB9Z>
4x set of rivets, i used medium 5/16" (8mm) size <https://amzn.to/3i2pGu6>
1" (25mm) inner measurement d-rings or rectangular rings 4x
1/8" or 1/4" basting tape <https://amzn.to/3BPXtjx>

Tools

Basic sewing notions
Walking foot
Zipper Foot
Polyester thread

Cutting

Bag Exterior

Panel 1 (upper front zipper pocket)
cut 1x from fabric 2 : 10" x 4 1/2" (25.5 x 11.4 cm)
cut 1x from FF : 9" x 3 3/4" (23 x 9.5 cm)

Panel 2 (lower front zipper pocket)
cut 1x from fabric 2 : 10" x 9" (25.5 x 23 cm)
cut 1x from FF : 9" x 8 1/4" (23 x 21 cm)

Panel 3 (inner front pocket), cut 1x from fabric 3 : 10" x 13" (25.5 x 33 cm)
Panel 4 (front sides), cut 2x from fabric 1 : 4 1/2" x 13" (11.4 x 33 cm)
Panel 5 (back), cut 1x from fabric 1 : 17" x 13" (43.2 x 33 cm)
Zipper tabs, cut 2x from fabric 2 : 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" (6.5 x 3.8 cm)

Bag Interior

Panel 6 (upper)
cut 2x from fabric 2 : 17" x 3" (43.2 x 7.5 cm)
cut 2x from FWI : 16" x 2" (40.5 x 5 cm)

Panel 7 (lower), cut 2x from fabric 3 : 17" x 11" (43.2 x 28 cm)
Panel 8 (slip pocket), cut 1x from fabric 2 : 12 1/2" x 13 1/2" (31.7 x 34.3 cm)
Panel 9 (zipper pocket), cut 1x from fabric 3 : 10" x 16" (25.5 x 40.5 cm)
Panel 10 (zipper panels), cut 2x from fabric 2 : 16" x 3" (40.5 x 7.5 cm)

Finished bag measurements :
approx. 16" x 11" x 4" (40.5 x 28 x 10 cm)



fabric 1



fabric 2



fabric 3



fusible woven
interfacing
(FWI)



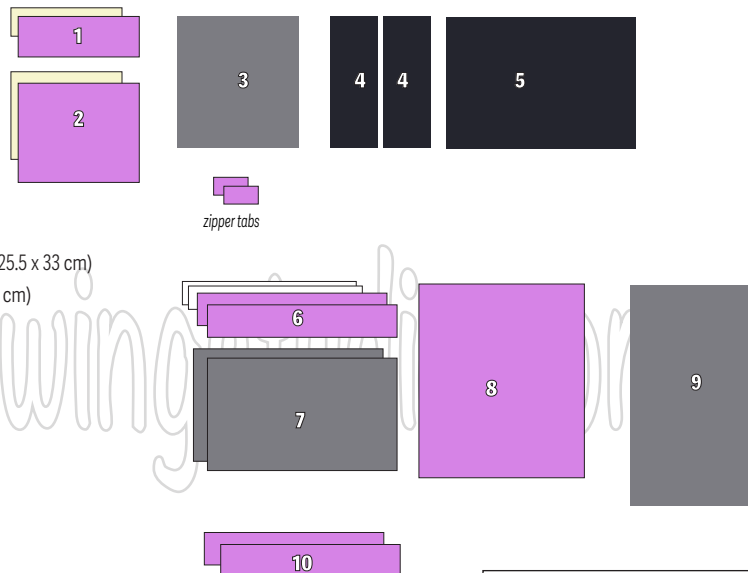
fusible fleece
(FF)

Abbreviation

FWI : Fusible Woven Interfacing

FF : Fusible Fleece

watch the video tutorial
<https://youtu.be/Td5BVj7TxFO>



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Straps, d-ring tabs*

d-ring tabs, cut 4x from fabric 2 : 4" x 3" (10 x 7.5 cm)

shoulder straps

cut 2x from fabric 1 : 24" x 2" (61 x 5 cm)

cut 2x from fabric 2 : 24 1/2" x 1 3/4" (62 x 4.5 cm)

*feel free to make regular fabric straps, use webbing, or premade strap.



Directions

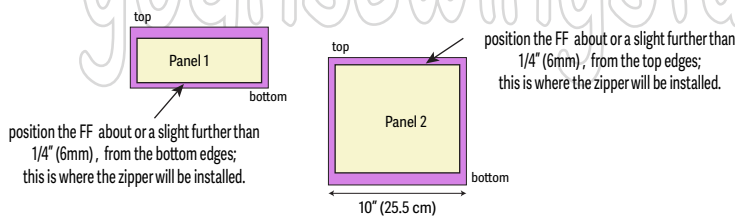
Seam allowances are **1/2" (1.2 cm)** unless otherwise stated.

Please watch the **Full Video Tutorial** for thorough demonstration.

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Bag Exterior

1. Apply the FF on the wrong side of panel 1 & 2. Please follow the direction given in the video tutorial, or refer to the below diagram.



2. Install the zipper tabs on both sides of the zipper extension tape.

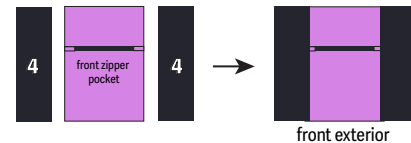
3. Sew and install the front zipper pocket use 1/4" (6mm) seam allowance.

4. Trim off the bottom of the front exterior panel, so that it will measure **13" (33cm)** tall

5. Sew both of the panel 4 to each side of the zipper pocket panel, finger press, then top stitch.

6. Cut 2" square notches at the bottom corners of both the front and back exterior panels.

7. With the right sides facing, sew the front and back exterior panels. Box the corners.



Strap

8. Sew and install the d-ring tabs to the front and back exterior.

9. Make the straps, then install them to each the front and back of the bag exterior.

*Link to the double sided strap tutorial : <https://youtu.be/KoORVD4tdWU?t=696>

Bag Interior

10. Apply FWI to the wrong side of both panel 6 (center the position).

11. With the right sides facing, sew panel 6 & 7, press the seams open, top stitch.

12. Sew and install the slip pocket to the front interior panel.

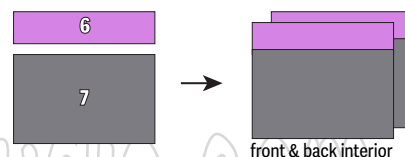
13. Sew and install the zipper pocket to the back interior panel.

14. Cut 2" square notches at the bottom corners of both the front and back interior panels.

15. Fold and press panel 10 to make the zipper panels, sew them to each side of the zipper tape.

16. Install the zipper closure.

17. Assemble the bag interior the same way as the back exterior, leave an opening at the bottom.



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Final assembling, finishing

18. With the bag interior right side out, and the bag exterior wrong side out, insert the bag interior into the bag exterior;

make sure that the front side of the interior is touching the front side of the exterior,

and the back side of the interior is touching the back side of the exterior. Align the top edges, clip, then sew.

19. Turn the bag right side out through the bottom opening, topstitch the top edges.

20. Fold the raw edges of the bottom opening, sew the edges to close the opening, and your bag is done.

Supporting links

Link to the double sided strap tutorial : <https://youtu.be/KoORVD4tdWU?t=696>

Link to the zipper pocket installation : https://youtu.be/EYT_iFmBEFA?t=310

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