

Bag Making Resources

ByAnnie

<https://www.byannie.com/>

Most patterns are \$10 and many come with a \$5 coupon to access super helpful videos specific to any tricky parts of the pattern.

Don't miss the free videos:

<https://www.byannie.com/add-on-videos>

also free patterns (name badge holder, small bags, seatbelt cushion):

https://www.byannie.com/patterns/free_patterns

and helpful zipper tips:

https://www.byannie.com/zippers_videos/

ByAnnie Patterns Shown
Ultimate Travel Bag 2.0



The original Ultimate Travel Bag is also a Craftsy class (pattern included).

In Control (smallest), Catch All Caddy 2.0 (medium) and Road Trip (giant size, found in the Kids section as it's sold as a pattern to hold kid's games and treats during a road trip)



Out To Lunch (not recommended! wait for 2.0 version)



Call Me (in the free pattern section)



Flippin' Out



Craftsy

Scrappy Market Tote class from Christina Cameli (<https://www.christinacameli.com/>)

<https://www.craftsy.com/class/the-scrappy-market-tote/>



Wallet

Craftsy class Sewing Wallets: Step by Step by Deby Coles (<https://so-sew-easy.com/>)



Craftsy also has many ByAnnie classes, as well as other bag making courses.

Sew Sweetness, Sara Lawson

Patterns, videos, cork, hardware. Signing up for her newsletter gets a free pattern for a craft bag similar to the ByAnnie caddies and she has a free YouTube video making the bag here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2XX1EWRgBs&feature=youtu.be>

Sheffield Tool Bag (\$15 includes pattern and video course) and many other unusual patterns (pet travel carrier!)

<https://sewsweetness.com/?v=7516fd43adaa>



Sara also has a nice demo explaining the basics of buying a hand press:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McpVNacC7jw>

And a weekly youtube show with bag making tips:

<https://sewsweetness.com/sewcial-sunday-2?v=7516fd43adaa>

And several Craftsy courses including a great intro to interfacing for bags:

[Building Better Bags: Interfacing & Structure](#)

ChrisWDesigns, Christine Welsh

<https://www.chriswdesigns.com/>

Chris has some fun short videos on common bag making mistakes:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj4xEbluFFh_j-1ON1kORFA

The Strapfield Convertible (pattern is available on Etsy; an excellent video course is available from Chris's web page and includes the pattern)



Ellen's Esplanade



Uniquely Michelle

<http://www.uniquelymichelle.com/>

Megan Travel Tote



Sew Many Creations, Jessica VanDenBurgh

<https://www.sewmanycreationsny.com/>

Cork, patterns & purse hardware (including "handmade" label)

Harper Handbag



Sarah Kirsten

Fanny pack pattern

<https://sarkirsten.com/patterns/fennel-fanny-pack>



Lillyella

Mini iron case (free pattern)

<https://lillyella.com/tutorials/mini-maker-case/>

and blog post sew along with videos and more details

<https://lillyella.com/2020/09/14/mini-maker-case-sal-kick-off-cutting-prep/>



Felicia's World

Snack bags with PUL (polyurethane lined fabric)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjG2Al8ipJ8>



OklaRoots

Mini boxy bags

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5Akv6LjVaw>



The video doesn't include any notes so here are the pertinent measurements and steps for reference.

Materials

- Exterior fabric: one piece 6.5" x 5" + two pieces 2" x 2" for the end tabs
- Lining: two pieces 3.5" x 5"
- Fusible fleece or quilt batting: 6.5" x 5" (though I find cutting this smaller (6" x 4.5") reduces the bulk when boxing the corners)
- 6" or longer zipper; stitch across the ends of the zipper to keep the pull from coming off inadvertently

Fuse fleece to exterior

Prepare side tabs

Press in half, open, then fold each side to meet the center crease; press and then fold on crease and stitch along each long side at 1/8". I find it helpful to stitch the short sides together too so they stay in place when attaching them. Remember to add your swivel hook or d-ring first if using.

Attach zipper

With the exterior fabric face up, lay the zipper face down along one short end, aligning edges. Then lay one piece of lining along the same edge so the zipper is sandwiched in between the exterior and lining. Stitch 1/4" seam allowance with a zipper foot if needed. Open so lining and exterior are wrong sides together, press and topstitch. Grab the bottom of the exterior and fold to the other edge of the zipper. Add the second lining piece so the zipper is sandwiched in between. Stitch 1/4" seam allowance, then open zipper, open lining and exterior and fold to the other side of the zipper. Press and topstitch.

Sew the lining

Put right sides of lining together and clip or pin. Sew down the sides with a 1/4" seam allowance. Sew across the bottom leaving a 2" opening for turning.

Sew the sides

Sew across the zipper tape just next to the seam allowance (or use tape to keep it closed) on the side where the tape is open. Adjust the lining so that the bottom seam is on top of the zipper teeth. On the side with the open zipper tape, add the tab with swivel hook next to the exterior fabric and with the tab and hook on the inside of the bag. Sew the side closed. On the side with the zipper pull, add the remaining tab next to the exterior fabric and sew the side closed.

Finish

Turn the bag through the lining opening; leave the bag inside out (so the lining side is out.) Box each corner across a 1" diagonal. Close the hole in the lining by machine or by hand. Turn the bag to the right side.

Tools

Hand press for rivets

I purchased this one because of their good selection of dies. Once I learned that not all of these take the same size dies, I was reluctant to order from a vendor who wasn't also selling dies.

https://www.etsy.com/shop/USAWholesaleSupplyCC?section_id=27214256



Print on demand fabric; print your own fabric
Spoonflower

<https://www.spoonflower.com/>

PUL (polyurethane lined) fabric

<https://www.joann.com/babyville-pul-fabric-white-pul-solid/11117264.html>

Piping Trimming Tool

Susan Cleveland, Pieces Be With You

<https://piecesbewithyou.com/tools>

Hot Ruler

<https://www.amazon.com/Clover-7811-Ruler-Press-Perfect/dp/B016OVK698/>

Bag Findings (O rings, D rings, purse feet, etc.)

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/BagmakerSupply>

Also recommended for small fun sewing/craft projects with a wide variety of techniques.

Stitches by Julia

<https://www.youtube.com/user/stitchesbyjulia/videos>