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ZIPPERED TOTE BAG

14" H x 6" D x 17-1/2" W



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MATERIALS:

1-3/4 yards ACSH Postcards, Navy
1 yard Pellon Flex Foam 20" Width
[1] Navy Zipper 18"
1/4 yard Pellon Craft Fuse
{3} Rectangle Metal Rings 1"
Quilt Basting Spray

RECOMMENDED TOOLS:

Creative Grids Rulers
The Big Easy 12-1/2" × 24-1/2"
(Item #CGR1224)

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING. USE A 3/8" SEAM ALLOWANCE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. SEW FABRICS RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER. USING THE PELLON FOAM FLEX CREATES A BAG WHICH STANDS UPRIGHT. IF YOU PREFER A MORE FLEXIBLE BAG, CONSIDER USING FUSIBLE FLEECE.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

From ACSH Postcards, Navy:

Cut [2] — 18" × WOF for exterior and inside sides
Subcut [4] — 18" × 20"
Cut [1] — 3" × WOF for binding the top
Cut [2] — 3" × WOF for the zippered top
Subcut [4] — 3" × 13"
Cut [1] — 4" × WOF" for strap
Cut [3] — 1-3/4" × WOF" for binding the sides and bottom
Subcut [3] — 1-3/4" × 20"
Subcut [2] — 1-3/4" × 8"
Cut [1] — 4" × WOF for tab loops
Subcut [3] — 4" × 4"

From Pellon Foam Flex:

Cut [2] - 18" × 20" for the sides

From Pellon Craft-Fuse:

Cut [3] — 3/4" × WOF" for the strap
Optional: Cut [2] — 3/4" × 4" for the tab loops

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS:

Create the Strap:

Method is similar to creating double-fold bias tape.

1. Using the 4" × 40" ACSH Postcards, Navy fabric, fold in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Press.
2. Open fabric. First fold one side lengthwise with the raw edge towards the center crease. Press. Repeat for the other side.
3. Open and insert the 3/4" Fusible Interfacing pieces the length of the strap. Press to adhere per product instructions.
4. Refold and topstitch along both outside edges to secure fabric layers.
Optional: Add additional topstitching.

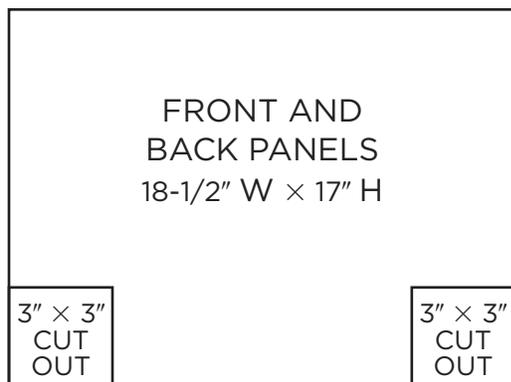
Optional: Create Tab Loops to Clip Items Inside the Tote Bag and Strap

1. Using the 4" × 4" ACSH Postcards, Navy fabric, fold in half with wrong sides together. Press.
2. Open fabric. First fold one side lengthwise with the raw edge towards the center crease. Press. Repeat for the other side.
3. Open and insert the 3/4" × 4" Fusible Interfacing. Press to adhere per product instructions.
4. Refold and topstitch along both outside edges to secure fabric layers.
Optional: Add additional topstitching.
5. Repeat creating two additional tab loops.

Create Sides:

1. Apply spray adhesive to the wrong side of one 18" × 20" ACSH Postcards, Navy fabric. Center Pellon Foam Flex on top of the wrong side of the fabric. Adhere according to instructions.
2. Apply spray adhesive to wrong side of another 18" × 20" panel. Adhere to the other side of the foam. You have created a side panel consisting of: Navy - Foam - Navy. The right sides of the fabric are visible on the outside.
3. Repeat the above process for the other side and base.
4. Machine quilt both sides and bottom. Lengthen stitch to 5 mm. Draw starting guideline. Use sewing foot as a guide. A walking foot is helpful. Quilting reduces the overall size of the panels. Trim sides to 17" × 18-1/2".

Orient the sides with the 18-1/2" as the width and the 17" as the height. Cut a 3" square from the lower right corner and lower left corner of both front and back pieces. See diagram.



Create the Zippered Top:

1. With [2] ACSH Postcards, Navy fabric use the [2] 3" × 13" rectangles to create the zippered enclosure. Place fabrics right side together. Sew 1/4" seam allowance on both short ends.
2. Turn right side out. Press.
3. Stitch 1/8" from both lengthwise raw edges to secure fabrics.
4. Repeat to create a second piece.
5. On the exterior of the zipper, align the raw edge of the fabric to the length of the zipper starting at the zipper head and extending along the length. The zipper extends further than the fabric.
6. Sew 1/4" from the lengthwise edge to secure the fabric to the zipper.
7. Turn fabric over away from the zipper and topstitch.
8. Repeat for the other side.

ASSEMBLY:

1. **Zippered Top:** Place zippered top right side up on the length of a side panel so the raw edges are matching. The panel will be horizontal with the 18-1/2" edge the width and the 17" the side. Measure 4" from the left side of the top. Pin.
2. Stitch 1/8" from the edge to secure.
3. Repeat for the other side of the zippered top using the other side panel. The top of the bag will have raw edges until the top binding is sewn.

4. Optional Top Loops for Clipping Items

Inside the Tote Bag: Place top loop fabric through metal ring. Bring raw edges together. Position 1" from zipper edge at the top of the side panel. Stitch in place 1/8" from the edge. Raw edges will be visible. Raw edges will be encased in binding later.

5. **Strap Tab Loops:** Place tab loop fabric through metal ring. Bring raw edges together. Position 1/2" from outside edge of the top of the side panel. Stitch in place 1/8" from the edge. Raw edges will be visible.

6. **Side & Bottom Assembly:** Layer one front and back panel right sides together. Place ACSH Postcards, Light Blue binding strip right sides together with the layers for each seam; the two sides and the bottom. Clip to secure. Sew 3/8" seam allowance.

7. Flip binding fabric to the other side. Fold inward so raw edge is inside and fold covers the stitch line. Place the fabric edge fold slightly past 1/8" stitch line. Topstitch. Trim ends to match the length. Repeat for each of the three seams; 2 sides and bottom. There will be a "hole" in each corner.
8. Pinch the side seam and the bottom together in the corner, nesting the seam. Sew across the corner to box it and then encase it in binding strips as you did the seams above. Repeat for the other corner.
9. **Finish the Top Edge:** Using the 3" × WOF ACSH Postcards, Navy fabric, fold in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Press.
10. Position top binding to the inside of the top edge of the tote bag matching raw edges. Determine where the binding ends meet. Cut strip 3/4" longer. Open the binding strip and sew a 3/8" seam allowance to connect the ends. Return binding to folded position and secure with pins or clips.
11. Sew 3/8" from the raw edges to secure the binding on the inside of the top of the tote bag.
12. Next, pull binding fabric over the top to the exterior. The folded edge of the binding will extend slightly past the stitched line.
13. Topstitch 1/8" from the folded edge.
14. **Attach the Strap:** Place strap fabric through metal bracket at the sides. Fold end into itself concealing the raw edge. Stitch in place. Repeat for the other end of the strap.



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The mother-daughter team - Crystal and teen daughters Brooklynn and Daytonna - thrive when creating together. They enjoy creating quality, easy to follow quilt patterns. DayBrook Designs, and connecting with quilters worldwide through online sewing events at Let's Quilt Along. Inspired by their Nebraska heritage and years spent in Florida, the now South Carolina family offers a variety of styles to their designs. From traditional to modern, or vintage with a flair, the gals are always ready to create something new and exciting to share with you! For inspiration and ideas, follow on Instagram, Facebook, and websites. Share your project pictures #DayBrookDesignsToteBag.