



## Plenty of Pockets Duffel Bag

### Skill Level: Intermediate

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A fun and practical bag that is amazing for organizing on the go. Two rows of pockets on the outside, another full row of pockets on the inside, a drawstring closure and adjustable straps make this a versatile bag for all occasions. Use it as an overnight bag, for the beach, or even as a backpack for school!

#### Fabrics Needed

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| Fabric A - Large pockets and shoulder straps | .75 meter |
| Fabric B - Outer fabric                      | .75 meter |
| Fabric C - Small pockets                     | .75 meter |
| Fabric D - Lining                            | .75 meter |

#### Materials Needed

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| Legacy L-987 Fusible Fleece | 1.75 meters |
| 3.2cm (1-1/2") Metal D-ring | 4           |
| 3mm (1/8") Double Cord Stop | 1           |
| Double Fold Bias Tape       | 1 pkg       |
| 3mm Cording                 | 1 meter     |
| Thread                      |             |

#### Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies  
Rotary cutter and related supplies  
Safety Pin

All seam allowances are 1/2" unless otherwise indicated.

Step 1. Cutting Instructions - Circle template is found on Page 8.

Fabric A                      One 21" x 34" rectangle for large pocket  
                                    Two 3" x 4" rectangles for strap rings  
                                    Two 4" x 18" rectangles for shoulder straps

Fabric B                      One 14-1/2" x 34" rectangle for outer bag  
                                    One 10-1/2" circle for bottom of bag

Fabric C                      Two 13" x 34" rectangles for small pockets

Fabric D                      One 16" x 34" rectangle for lining  
                                    One 10-1/2" circle for bottom of bag

Fusible Fleece              Two 2" x 4" rectangles for strap rings  
                                    Two 4" x 18" rectangles for shoulder straps  
                                    Two 6-1/2" x 34" rectangles for small pockets  
                                    One 14" x 34" rectangle  
                                    One 10-1/2" x 34" rectangle for large pocket  
                                    One 15-1/2" x 34" rectangle  
                                    Two 10" circles



Step 2. Fuse Fusible Fleece to the wrong side of all fabric pieces following manufacturer's instructions.

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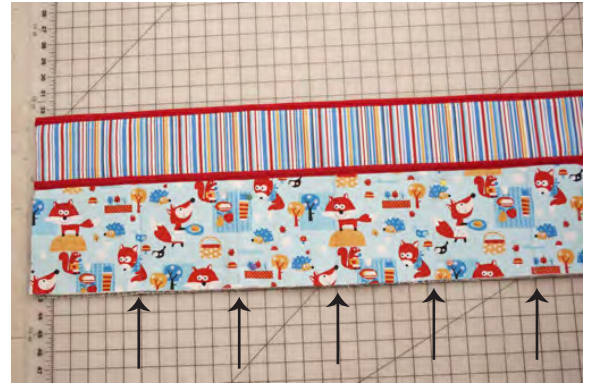
- The Fusible Fleece on the pockets should be aligned with the lower half of the rectangle so that the top half of the pocket can be folded over the Fusible Fleece.
- The Fusible Fleece Circle should be centered on the fabric circle to allow for a 1/2" seam allowance.
- The Fusible Fleece for the strap rings should allow for a 1/2" seam allowance on the top and bottom.



Step 3. Fold top (unfused) halves of large pocket pieces over the Fusible Fleece sides and press fold. Encase the folded side with the double fold bias tape and stitch together. Repeat this step with both small pocket pieces.



Step 4. Pin one small pocket piece to the front of the large pocket piece (both pieces with right side facing up and bottom edges aligned). Starting 1/2" in from the right edge, use a marking pen and ruler to draw a vertical line every 5-1/2", from bias tape to the bottom for pocket seams. Stitch the pocket seams.



Step 5. Repeat Step 4 with the remaining small pocket piece and the lining fabric rectangle. Stitch the pocket seams.



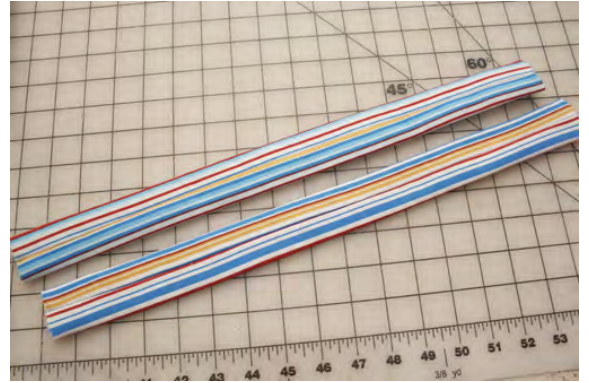
Step 6. Pin the outer pocket layers over the outer fabric rectangle with both sides right sides facing up and bottom edges aligned. Start 1/2" in from the right edge, use a marking pen and ruler to draw a vertical line, from bias tape to the bottom, every 11" for pocket seams. Stitch the pocket seams. Set aside.



Close-up Detail



Step 7. To make strap pieces, fold each shoulder strap piece lengthwise with right sides together. Stitch along the length and one short side with a 1/8" seam allowance. Turn right side out and press.



Step 8. Topstitch around all sides. Repeat this step with the strap ring pieces except do not stitch the short end.



Step 9. Fold each strap ring in half and place two D rings through the folded end. Baste raw edges together. Set aside.



Step 10. Fold the outer fabric rectangle in half widthwise with right sides facing. Stitch together along the width. Set aside.



Step 11. Fold the outer fabric 2" x 34" strip in half widthwise with right sides facing. Sew the short ends together leaving a 1" gap for the casing opening. Press the seam open and topstitch on either side of the opening as shown.



Step 12. Turn the outer fabric bag right side out. Place the outer fabric strip piece on the top of the bag with right sides facing and aligning raw edges. The casing opening of the strip should be placed at the front center of the bag.



Step 13. Place the raw edges of the shoulder straps between the fabric strip and the outer bag 1" from either side of the back seam. Pin pieces together around the bag. Sew edges together. Trim seam allowance and flip strip portion up.



Step 14. Place the raw edges of the strap rings over the bottom edge of the back of the bag. Align each strap to be 3" from the back seam. Baste layers together.



Step 15. Pin the bottom outer piece to the bottom of the outer bag with right sides facing. Stitch layers together.



Step 16. Trim the seam allowance and clip around the entire circle.

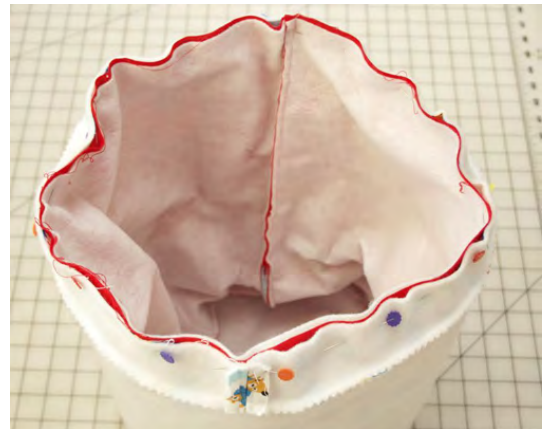




Step 17. Repeat this step with the lining fabric, leaving a 3" opening for turning.



Step 18. Turn the lining right side out and insert it into the outer bag. Right sides will be facing. Align the back seam. Pin around the top raw edge. Stitch layers together. Trim seam allowance and then turn bag right side out by pulling it through the opening in the bottom of the lining. Slipstitch the opening closed by hand.

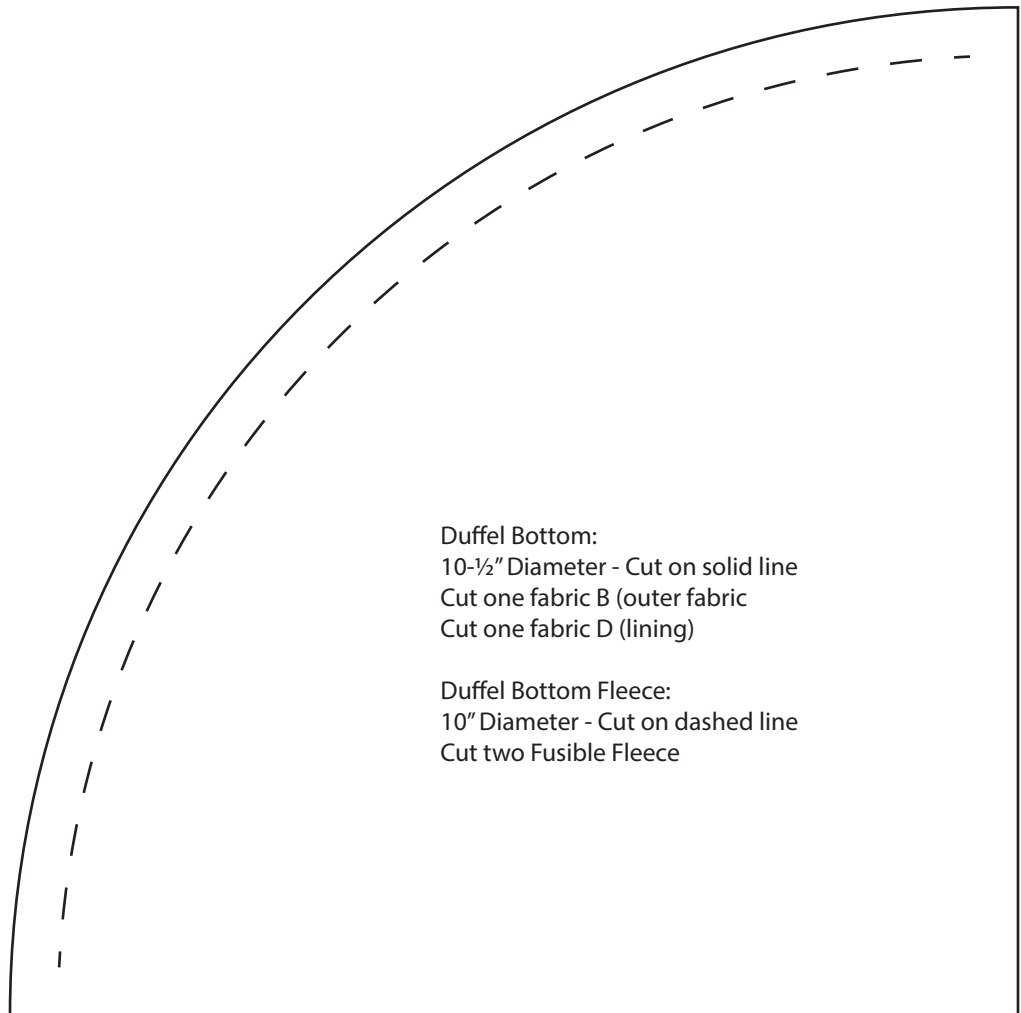
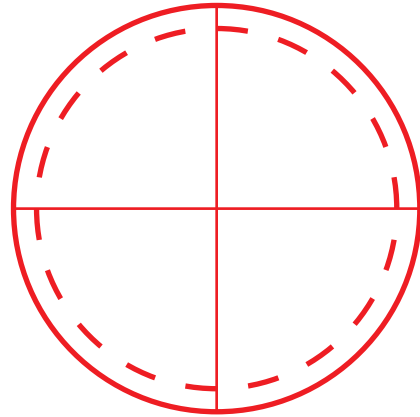


Step 19. Smooth the lining into the outer bag. Stitch around the top of the bag 1" from the top edge to create the drawstring casing. Attach a safety pin to the shoelace/cording and insert into the casing opening. Pull it all the way around to the opening. Attach a cord stop through both ends of the cord. Attach the shoulder straps through the D rings, adjusting length as needed.



## Plenty of Pockets Duffel Bag Circle Template

Set printer to 100%, actual size.  
Print four copies of the template. Cut out templates  
Place the four templates together as shown at right. Tape.  
Cut fabric pieces using the template.  
Trim the template on the dashed line.  
Cut the two Fusible Fleece circles.



Duffel Bottom:  
10-1/2" Diameter - Cut on solid line  
Cut one fabric B (outer fabric)  
Cut one fabric D (lining)

Duffel Bottom Fleece:  
10" Diameter - Cut on dashed line  
Cut two Fusible Fleece