

Clydebank Tote Small Project Bag

You can find the Clydebank Tote pattern here,
<https://sewsweetness.com/products/clydebank-tote>

Cutting Instructions

- Print pattern pieces at 80%. Cut all from exterior fabric, lining fabric, foam or fleece and Shape Flex.
- Cut Bottom at 10-1/2" x 3-1/4", from exterior fabric, lining fabric, foam or fleece and Shape Flex.
- Cut Pocket at 12" x 7", from exterior fabric, lining fabric, foam or fleece and Shape Flex.

Supplies:

- One 8" #3 regular zipper (can use a handbag zipper if you prefer)
- One magnetic snap or Kam Snap
- Four 1/2" grommets (or larger if you want)

Make the Exterior Zipper Pocket

Before you construct the bag...

1. Fuse Shape Flex according to manufacturer's instructions.
2. Mark a 'T' on the 12" edge, so you know where the top is.
3. Measure down from the top and draw lines at 6-1/2", 6-3/4" then at 7". Measure in 1" from the right and left hand edge; make a mark to join the lines you made previously. You will have created a box with a line in the middle. Then draw a line on each end, inside the box, 1/4" away from the 1" line.

Attach the Pocket

4. Place the pocket, right sides together with the exterior panel. The pocket will be 1" up from the bottom.
5. Pin in place and sew the outer box, back stitching at start and stop.
6. Draw a "V" in that small box you created on the end. Using your seam ripper, start cutting where the line in the middle is, just to start a hole, then cut the rest with your scissors. Stop when you reach the "V" then cut on an angle to the corners, careful not to clip your stitches.
7. Pull your fabric through the hole you created and press. I like to trim away any excess foam from the zipper pocket. If using cork, vinyl or faux leather you can press the opening on the lining side but be very careful not to touch the materials. Use a pressing cloth for protection. For cork, vinyl or faux leather, I will place a piece of scrap fabric over the zipper opening and hammer the fabrics to flatten them. I find this helps it lay flatter when you sew the zipper in.
8. Using Dritz Wash Away tape or washable glue stick (if using glue stick allow it to dry for about 10 minutes before you sew or press it with a hot dry iron and a pressing cloth) or pin your zipper

centered to the hole. Make sure you place your zipper so it zips up towards the top on the panel.

9. Sew around the zipper. Don't forget to make sure the zipper head is in the middle of the box so you don't sew it out of the hole.

10. Trim any excess zipper off.

11. Line up the bottom and sides of the zipper pocket, pin the fabrics together and sew using 1/4" seam allowance.

12. Continue with the pattern as per Sara's instructions.

NOTE - You can make a second pocket on the lining of the bag with or without the zipper. If you make it without the zipper, all the instructions are the same, except you're omitting the steps for sewing in the zipper. This makes it a slip pocket instead.

Attach the Snap Closure

1. Measure and make a mark on both Lining Main Panels, that is centered and 1-1/2" down from the top center of the Lining Main Panel.

2. Using the Snap of your choice, install one half of the snap on each Lining Main Panel. Place a piece of firm interfacing behind these snaps, for extra security.

3. Construct the whole bag, as per Sara's instructions.

***When you sew the Handles, instead of sewing the front together and then the back together, you'll sew one front with one back together (on the same side).**

Sewing the handles this way, makes it so you can carry the bag on your arm and knit, crochet or work on whatever small project you have inside, while on the go. You can still put it over your shoulder if you need to.

Install the Grommets

1. On the Side Panels, measure and make a mark that is centered and 1-1/4" down from the top center of the Side Panel.



2. Measure and make a mark that is 1/2" over to the left from the center of the Side Panel. If using a bigger grommet, you may want to go over 3/4" or 1".
3. Repeat Step 2 for the right side.
4. Install the grommets as per the manufacturer's instructions.
5. Repeat Steps 1 - 4 for the opposite Side Panel.



Extras

1. You can make the handles, using any of the Handle Hacks.
2. If you want to make a Zipper Panel, you will cut four Zipper Panels 11-1/2" x 1-1/2" from your fabric and 4 from Shape Flex. Fuse Shape Flex according to manufacturer's instructions. You will then sew and attach the Zipper Panels according to Sara's instructions.

Clydebank Tote Small Project Bag with a Kam Snap



Clydebank Tote Small Project Bag with Magnetic Snap



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