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# AOSH Mat Bag

26"x20"

## MATERIALS:

[1] AOSH Panel

3/4 yard Main Bag Fabric

3/4 yard Lining Fabric

1-1/2 yard of interfacing we used SF101

1-1/4 yard of 1" webbing (Either cotton or polyester webbing can be used)

Thread to match

Optional large snaps for closures

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## ASSEMBLY:

1. From the AOSH panel, cut the scene you would like to use as your front pocket along the printed edge. Trim to 13-1/2" x 20-1/2".
2. Cut the lining fabric to 13-1/2" x 20-1/2".



3. Using the interfacing of your choice, fuse interfacing to the wrong side of your pocket pieces from Steps 1 and 2 according to manufacturer's directions.
4. Place these [2] pieces RST. Using 1/2" seam allowance, stitch the sides and top, leaving the bottom edge open.



5. Clip the corners & turn right side out. Press.

6. Topstitch 1/4" from the top edge ONLY. Sides will be topstitched when added to mat bag front.
7. From the Main Bag Fabric, cut [1] piece 27" x WOF.
8. Cut this piece in half & trim to 27" x 21".
9. Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of the [2] pieces from Step 8 following the manufacturer's directions.
10. Take [1] of the pieces and center the pocket along the bottom edge with the pocket panel facing up. Topstitch 1/4" on the right and left side ONLY, leaving the top and bottom open.
11. With RST, sew the bottom seam first using a 1/2" seam allowance.
12. Stitch the side as well, leaving the top of the bag open. Press.
13. Clip the corners and turn bag right side out.



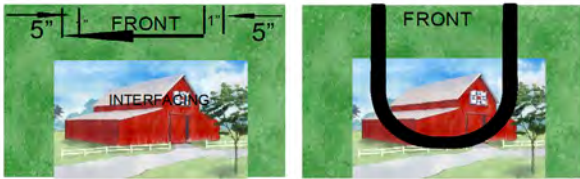
14. From coordinating fabric lining, cut [1] piece 27" x WOF. Trim to 27" x 42" if necessary.
15. With RST, fold in half and stitch side seams using 1/2" seam allowance, leaving an opening approximately 5" long on one side for turning the bag later.



## Handles

1. Cut [2] pieces of 1" webbing 21" long.
2. Measure 5" from each bag side seam towards the center of the front and back of the main bag section. NOTE: This can be adjusted if shorter/longer handles are preferred.

3. Pin the straps aligning with the edge of the bag, making sure they are not twisted. Baste in place.



## FINISHING:

1. Turn the bag lining inside out. Place the outer bag inside on the bag lining, RST.
2. Tuck the strap handles out of the way between the bag & the lining. Only the basted part of the handles should be caught in the next seam.



3. Match up the side seams and pin lining in place. Stitch around the top of the bag, using 1/2" seam allowance. For extra stability, we stitched over the handles twice.

4. Pull the outer bag out of the lining through the opening left in the lining.
5. Once you have the whole outer bag pulled out, push the lining to the inside of the bag. Bag & lining will now be wrong sides together. Topstitch the lining to the bag.
6. Hand stitch the lining opening closed. Give the bag a good press.



## Optional Finishes

You may choose to add a large snap to the pocket of the bag to keep it closed, preventing the possibility of losing anything placed in the pocket. You can also add one at the top of the mat bag opening, if desired

# AOSH Tote Bag

## MATERIALS:

3/8 yard Outer Fabric  
3/8 yard Coordinating Fabric  
1/2 yard Contrasting Solid Fabric  
3/8 yard of fusible interfacing 20" (we used SF101)  
1-1/2 yard of 1" webbing  
Thread to match

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## CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

### From Outer Bag Fabric:

Cut [2] — 11-1/2" × 21" rectangles

### From Coordinating Fabric:

Cut [2] — 11-1/2" × 21" rectangles

### From Solid Fabric:

Cut [2] — 15" × 21" rectangles

## ASSEMBLY:

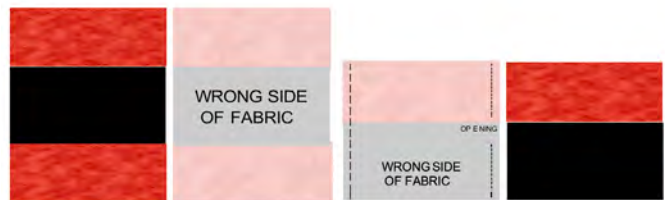
1. For the outside of the bag, sew the front and back panels to the bottom piece, RST, using 1/2" seam allowance. Press.
2. Using the interfacing of your choice, fuse interfacing to the wrong side of your pieces according to manufacturer's directions.



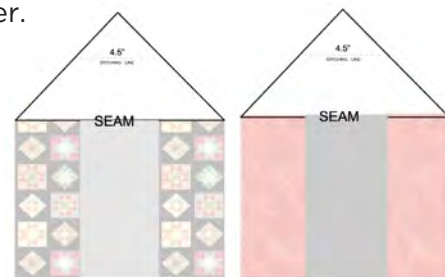
3. With RST, match up the sides of the bag, making sure the seams match up where you stitched the top pieces to the bottom piece, sew using a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seam to [1] side.
4. Clip corners & turn bag right side out.

## LINING ASSEMBLY:

1. Sew the front and back panels to the bottom piece, RST using a 1/2" seam allowance. Press. NOTE: If you want to use interfacing on the lining as well, add it now, following manufacturer's directions.
2. With RST, match up the sides of the bag, making sure the seams match up where you stitched the top pieces to the bottom piece, sew using a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seam to one side. Leave an opening on one side of about 6" for turning.

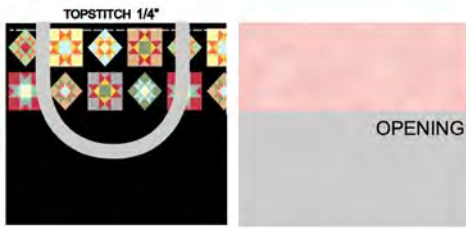


3. You can choose to box the bottom or not, but boxing it gives the bag some depth. We used the 'dog ear' method. On each side of the bag, with the wrong side facing out and the right side inside, fold the bottom section to a point where the seam allowance is, so it looks like a triangle. Make sure your seam line is in the center of this triangle.
4. Measure up about 4.5" from the top/bottom seam and draw a stitching line.
5. Double check before stitch that this line is even. Stitch on the line. Do this on the outer bag piece and the lining piece.
6. Trim off the triangles, leaving approximately 1/4". You can zigzag or pin the edges if you prefer.



7. Measure 5" from each side seam towards the center of the front and back of the main bag section.

8. Pin the straps aligning with the edge of the bag, making sure they are not twisted. Baste in place.



## FINISHING:

1. Turn the bag lining inside out and place the outer bag inside on the bag lining, RST.
2. Tuck the strap handles out of the way between the bag and the lining. Only the basted part of the handles should be caught in the next seam.
3. Match up the side seams and pin lining in place.
4. Stitch around the top of the bag, using 1/2" seam allowance. For extra stability, we stitched over the handles twice.
5. Pull the outer bag out of the lining through the opening left in the lining. Once you have the whole outer bag pulled out, push the lining to the inside of the bag. Bag & lining will now be wrong sides together.
6. At this point, you can topstitch the lining to the bag.
7. Hand stitch the lining opening closed.
8. Give the bag a good press.



# AOSH Project Bag

18"x15"

## MATERIALS:

5/8 yard Decorative Stripe Multi Fabric

1/2 yard vinyl (We used 8 gauge)

12 gauge is a bit heavier but harder to turn

[1] zipper 22" long

Thread to match

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## CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

### From Stripe Panel Fabric:

1. Cut the border strips apart leaving the black edge attached to the piece you cut. We used [2] of the wider scenic strips and [2] of the narrower cardinal strip.
2. Trim these pieces to 19" across.
3. Cut two pieces of vinyl 19" x 16".



## ASSEMBLY:

1. Press the lower edges of the Cardinal strips under 1/2" (basically turning the black edge under).
2. Baste the raw edges of the Cardinal strips to the upper edge of one piece of vinyl using 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat with other vinyl piece.



3. Press the upper edges of the scenic strips under 1-1/5" (basically turning the black edge under).
4. Baste the raw edges of the scenic strips to the lower edge of one piece of vinyl using 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat with other vinyl piece.
5. Topstitch all the folded & the pressed edges down to the vinyl pieces.

## ZIPPER:

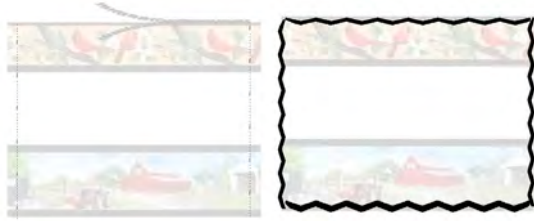
1. With right side of [1] vinyl piece facing up and with the cardinal border at the top, place the zipper right side down. The zipper will be longer than the fabric piece. It should overhang a little on each side.
2. Stitch in place 1/4" from edge of the zipper. Use zipper foot if needed. Flip the zipper up & finger press.
3. Topstitch as close to the fold as possible.



4. Place the top edge of the remaining vinyl piece, right side facing down, on top of the zipper.
5. Match the vinyl edges on the side. Stitch along the top edge.
6. Flip the vinyl piece up. Finger press and topstitch to close the fold.



7. With RST and the zipper at the top, sew side seams using 1/2" seam allowance. BEFORE you stitch, open the zipper about half way.
8. Then, sew the bottom seam using 1/2" seam allowance as well.



9. Clip corners. Serge or zigzag the raw edges to give the inside a nice finished look. Turn bag right side out.

### **TIPS: FOR WORKING WITH VINYL:**

1. If the vinyl is sticking to your machine as you sew, you can place a piece of tissue paper between the vinyl and the machine bed, this will tear away easily after you sew the seams.
2. When working with vinyl better to use clips not pins. Pins may leave holes in the vinyl.
3. You can use a hair dryer on low heat to soften the vinyl for turning the bag right side out.

# AOSH Notions Bag

11"x6"

## MATERIALS:

3/8 yard Outer Bag Fabric

3/8 yard Lining Fabric

3/8 yard fusible interfacing (we used SF101)

3/8 yard fusible backing (we used heat'n'bond lite)

1-1/4 yard of 1" webbing

Thread to match

[1] zipper 14" long

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## CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

### From Outer Bag Fabric:

Cut [1] — 12" × 5" piece for front section

Cut [1] — 12" × 3" piece for front section

Cut [1] — 12" × 8" piece for back section

### From Lining Bag Fabric:

Cut [1] — 12" × 5" piece for front section

Cut [1] — 12" × 3" piece for front section

Cut [1] — 12" × 8" piece for back section

### From Fusible Interfacing:

Cut [1] — 12" × 5" piece for front section

Cut [1] — 12" × 3" piece for front section

Cut [1] — 12" × 8" piece for back section

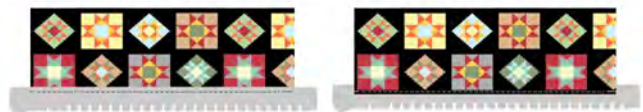
## ASSEMBLY:

1. Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of ALL of the outer bag pieces, according to the manufacturer's directions.
2. Take the 12" × 3" outer bag piece and the 12" × 3" lining piece and fuse the [2] pieces together.

3. Repeat with the 12" × 5" pieces and the 12" × 8" pieces. You will now have [3] sections of fabric fused as [1] piece each.

## ZIPPER:

1. Take the 12" × 3" piece of fabric, right side facing up. Place the zipper facing down. The zipper will be longer than the fabric piece. It should overhang a little on each side.
2. Stitch in place 1/4" from edge of the zipper. Use zipper foot if needed.
3. Then, fold the fabric over the edge of the zipper and topstitch close to the folded edge.



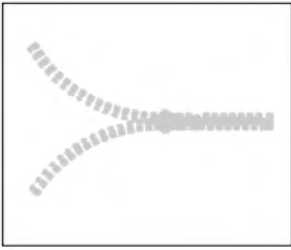
4. Take the 12" × 5" piece of fabric and attach to the other edge of the zipper with right sides together.
5. Stitch in place 1/4" from edge of the zipper. Use zipper foot if needed.
6. Then, fold the fabric over the edge of the zipper & topstitch close to the folded edge.



## BACK SECTION:

1. Take the 12" × 8" piece, with RST, place on top of the front section. Trim any excess fabric from the back piece, if necessary.
2. At this point, make sure you open the zipper about half way before sewing the front and back sections together.





3. Stitch front and back pieces using a 1/2" seam allowance. Clip corners.
4. At this point, you can either zigzag or serge the raw edges for a cleaner inside finish.

5. Turn right side out through the zipper opening. Lightly press the bag, stay away from the zipper as it might melt.



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