



Teacher's Notes

The Bikini Island Bag

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The Bikini Island Bag is a themed upscale tote which includes a cell phone pocket, open pocket and a zipped pocket. The bag has a surprisingly spacious interior that snaps shut with a magnetic closure under the accent button. A double padded strap makes it comfy enough for an entire day of shopping.

It's easy to kit the pattern! Here's what you'll need

- Kit this pattern using 1 yard for the 'bra' and strap, $\frac{3}{4}$ yards for the bottom of the bikini and $\frac{7}{8}$ yard for the lining. You'll also need $\frac{1}{8}$ yard for the mock pocket piping.
- One 2" decorative button
- One 7" nylon zipper, non separating is best
- The pattern
- One set of sew-in magnets $\frac{1}{2}$ " (.12mm)

The major distributors carry them by Annie's and Studio Kat. These two brands offer one set in the package. In Canada packages of two sets of magnets are available through H. A. Kidd.

Sell the following separate from the kit:

- $\frac{7}{8}$ yards Pellon™ Thermolam Plus Fusible Fleece TP971F
- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard double stick fusible web, EZ Steam™ II by Pellon

Estimated time to make a sample: 4 1/2 hours

Stage your store sample Take the bikini theme as far as you like by adding additional humorous bikini style treatments to the exterior of the bag. Have fun!

Ad Copy for Class

Go to <http://www.amongbrendasquilts.com/quilts/designs/73> to copy and paste pictures of the 'Bikini Island Bag' for your class newsletter.

'The Bikini Island Bag'

You may not be able to wear a bikini anymore but you can still carry one! In addition to two outside pockets, this bag has a surprisingly spacious interior with roomy zippered pocket, an open-top pocket and a cell phone holder. With secure magnetic closure under the accent button, the cushioned strap makes it comfy enough for an entire day of shopping. Prepare for summer-time fun by making a bag that follows the classic lines of a bikini.

Time: Allow a total of 5 hours to teach your class. This includes cutting time.

Notions required for class:

- Rotary cutting tools, -- ruler, mat, cutter, scissors
- Matching sewing thread
- 7/8 yard Pellon Thermolam Fusible Fleece
- ¼ yard double stick fusible web like Pellon EZ Steam II
- 1 set sew in magnets (see note on page 1)
- Jeans needle or 90/14 titanium topstitch needle
- 2" decorative button
- 7" lightweight nylon zipper
- Zig zag foot, zipper foot

When planning your class budget your time as follows:

- ½ hour for cutting – students can easily do this at home
- 1 ½ hours to sew the outer bag
- 1 ½ hours to sew the lining
- 1 hour to sew the strap and finish the bag

Class Tips:

- Sell extras like Fons and Porter Mechanical Fabric Pencil or other removable marking tools and Clover Wonder Clips.
- Introduce students to the triple straight stitch or quilting stitch for Step 8 on page 2 to divide the pocket.
- Use double stick fusible in new ways when you make this bag – just follow the directions
- Have fun with the theme, maybe your customer can't wear a bikini anymore but they can still carry one!

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