



## Teacher's Notes

### Voyager Bag

### ABQ-175

Having a Voyager Bag class is a great opportunity to teach interesting construction techniques while making a very luxurious duffel bag. This bag complies with carry-on requirements and also makes a perfect weekend away or gym bag.



The pattern instructions offer a several time saving options for students. Sew the bag using 2 1/2" strips or yardage. Make the outer pockets with zippers or without. Add the appliqué or leave it out.

**Kitting the Pattern** – use 2 1/2" strips or yardage to kit the bag.

	Bag made with 1 1/2" pre-cut strips	Bag made using yardage
Main Fabric	Each bag requires 19 pre-cut 2 1/2" strips	1-1/4 yard (1.15m)
Lining	2-1/4 yard (2.m)	2-1/4 yard (2.m)
Contrasting color	1-1/8 yard (1.1m)	1-1/8 yard (1.1m)
<b>Requirements for either style bag</b>		
Medium-weight interfacing, 20" wide	1 1/3 yard (1.2 m) (I use Pellon Décor Bond® 809.)	
Lightweight interfacing, 20" wide	1 1/3 yard (1.2 m) (I use Pellon SF101 Shape-Flex®.)	
Single-sided Fusible Foam Stabilizer	1 package, 36" x 58" (I use Bosal 495S-36.)	
Zippers	30" nylon handbag zipper with 1-2 slides for top closure (I used By Annie® zippers.) 2 – 22"- 24" long zippers for outer pockets (optional, I used Designer Accents Zippers™)	
Bag Hardware	1 – 1 1/2" bag slider for shoulder strap 4 – 1 1/2" rectangle rings for handles 2 – 1 1/2" D or O rings for shoulder strap 2 – 1 1/2" Swivel rings for shoulder strap 4 – bag feet (optional)	Sisters Common Thread™ and Purse Parts by Annie™ both sell 1 1/2 " bag hardware. In Canada obtain bag hardware through H.A. Kidd.

Make up a quick kit using a half package of pre-cut 2 1/2" strips or 19 strips cut from your own yardage. Add the contrasting fabric and lining, bag hardware and zipper(s) to complete the kit.

Sell the single sided fusible foam stabilizer and interfacing separately.

## Classes – intermediate level

Run your Voyager Bag class as a one day 6 – 7 hour class. Because this is a large bag students will have to do some preparation work before class:

- **Cut all fabric, lining, foam stabilizer and interfacing.**
- **Work through the instructions on page 2 to the end of step 5 to prepare the front and back of the bag.**
- **Sew the handles and strap following steps 5 through 7 on page 4**

**At the end of the day the bag will be completed up to page 8 of the instructions leaving your students to sew the front and back panels to the gusset.**

## Ad Copy for Class

Go to <http://www.amongbrendasquilts.com/quilts/designs/74> to copy and paste pictures of the Voyager Bag for your class newsletter.

### **The Voyager Bag**

#### **Full Day Class**

You'll enjoy new learning techniques as you sew this beautiful and practical bag. The Voyager Bag is a luxurious looking duffel bag – perfect for travel, weekends away and trips to the gym. Use either pre-cut 2 ½" strips or 42" wide fabric for the outer bag. There is an option to make either zippered or slip pockets on the outer bag. Intermediate level.

## Notions required for class:

- Rotary cutting tools, - ruler, mat, cutter – bring a larger mat and rulers
- Matching sewing threads for main and contrasting fabrics
- Extra long and sturdy pins
- 90/14 topstitch needle
- Removable marking tools
- Loop turner
- Tailors Awl if attaching bag feet

### **Class Tips**

- Press without using steam while sewing together the 2 ½" strips together.
- It's very important to use single sided fusible foam stabilizer when making this bag. Sew in stabilizer may be used if a fusible side is added by applying a double sided fusible web to one side.

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