



## Teacher's Notes

### Girlfriends Bag ABQ-180



## Ad Copy for Class

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### **Girlfriends Bag**

**6 hour class**

**Beginner level and up**

**Cost:**

You'll enjoy learning all the construction techniques that make up this beautiful and practical bag. The Girlfriend Bag is a great everyday bag with a very professional look. It can be used two ways with the side snaps fastened or with them open giving you a larger look. This is a bag pattern you'll turn to again and again making one for every season and girlfriend!

## Notions required for class:

- Rotary cutting tools, - ruler, mat, cutter
- Clear vinyl, 6 to 12 gauge
- Foam Stabilizer. Use either sew-in or one sided fusible (to save time basting). I use Bosal In-R-Form. One 18" x 58" package will make one bag.
- Lightweight double sided fusible web
- 2" buttons
- No. 5 pearl cotton
- 3/4 " magnetic snaps, 3 sets per bag
- Matching 50-weight threads
- Sharp pointy scissors
- Long, heavy duty pins
- Optional quilting may require a walking foot
- Removable marking tool
- Point turner



## Class Outline

The Girlfriend Bag class may be taught as a full 6 hour day class or split into two three hour classes. If your students do their cutting prior to class, most of the outer bag should be constructed in the first 3 hours.

## Pre-Work for Students and Requirements

In order to get your bag done the day of class it's important that you cut out your fabric and foam stabilizer prior to class. Use Bosal In-R-Form Foam Sew-in Stabilizer or you can use Bosal one-sided fusible In-R-Form to save time basting. You may also use alternate brands like Inn-control or Annie's Soft and Stable. This product is easy to cut using your rotary cutting tools. One bag in the size listed below will make two of the Girlfriends Bags.

**Fabric Requirements: 42" of useable width.  
Choose a lightweight canvas or quilter's cotton.**

**Color A: Outer Bag 7/8 yd (.7m)**

**Color B: Straps, Tab Closure, Lining 1 yd (.9m)**

**Color C: Binding 1/2 yd (.4m)**

**Foam Stabilizer, Bosal In-R-Form 18" x 58"**

**Sew-in**

**Notions: Clear vinyl, 6 -12 gauge 1/8 yd; double-sided fusible web 4" x 9"; one 2" accent button, three 3/4" (18mm) magnetic snaps, threads to match, stiletto, no. 5 pearl cotton. Rotary cutting tools – ruler, mat, cutter. Basic sewing supplies. Optional quilting may require a walking foot or free-motion foot.**

In addition to the supply list given you'll need regular sewing supplies – a rotary cutting mat, cutter, a long ruler etc. Be sure to bring or purchase long sturdy pins.

The bag uses three colors of fabric. The main fabric, color A, is shown on the front and back of the bag. The lining fabric, color B, is also featured on the outer bag, in the straps and the tab closure. The third fabric, color C, is for the bias binding at the top of the bag. The button is decorative. I like a bigger button 2" – 2 3/8" wide, or use a decorative brooch or a yoyo for a variety of stylish looks. The pearl cotton is for sewing the button to the bag.

