



## Teacher's Notes

### Around the Block Bag, ABQ-181

Looking for a full day class for bag making aficionados and intermediate sewists alike? This bag fits the bill with its optional zippers and interesting detail. Detailed diagrams and color photos included make class planning a breeze.



#### Planning your Class

In order to complete this bag you'll want your students to complete the following simple steps prior to class.

- Cut out your fabric, foam stabilizer, fusible fleece and interfacing. Depending on fabric the flap may need to be fussy cut.
- Complete steps 1 and 2, Preparing the Front and Back 1 Sections, on page and 2.
- Complete step 1. Outer Pocket on page 2.
- Complete steps 1 to 7, Sew the Straps on page 5.
- Complete steps 2 and 3, Sew the Lining on page 6.
- Complete steps 1 and 2, Sew the Binding on page 7.



#### Ad Copy for Class

**A 6 hour class.**  
**Intermediate level and up.**

You'll enjoy learning all the construction techniques that make up this unique and functional bag. The Around the Block Bag will solve all of your organizational problems with two optional zippered pockets, cell phone pocket and more. It's fully secure with a snap lock closure and zippered top. There is a fully adjustable strap to give you an over the shoulder or cross body option.

The bag measures 10"W x 10 1/2"H x 4"D



## Bag Requirements



### Fabric Requirements: 42" of usable width

<b>Color A, Front and Back</b>	1 yard (.9m)
<b>Color B, Flap</b>	1/3 yard (.3m)
<b>Lining</b>	3/4 yard (.70m)
<b>Fusible Fleece</b>	1/4 yard (.2m)
<b>Foam Stabilizer, sew-in or single-sided fusible</b>	18" x 58"
<b>Medium-weight fusible interfacing</b>	1/2 yard (.4m)

**Notions:** Small scrap of clear vinyl, three 14" zippers or longer with nylon teeth (optional), one 1/2" (13mm) magnetic snap, three 1 1/2" O rings, one 1 1/2" slider for adjustable strap, one 1" snap hook for key catcher, removable marker, matching thread, hand sewing needle, 1/4" foot, optional zipper foot. Optional quilting may require a walking foot. Rotary cutting tools – ruler, mat, cutter and basic sewing supplies.

## Tips For Class

- Using single-sided fusible foam stabilizer will cut down on basting time in class. I use Bosal In-R-Form Single Sided Fusible. To fuse use a hot iron with steam held on the fabric for 10 seconds.
- It is important that seam allowances are accurate.
- Zippers are optional but are easy to complete.
- The outer bag should be completed in 3 hours in time for lunch break.
- It is important that students use the 1/2 inch magnetic snap. A larger snap will not work.
- I like to use Designer Accents zippers. They have a larger pull that's perfect for bags. Your distributor carries them.

## Hardware Packages

Convenient hardware packages at a cost of \$12.00 are available in antique brass and silver and include an Among Brenda's Quilts designer label. Contact us at [amongbrendasquilts@gmail.com](mailto:amongbrendasquilts@gmail.com) to order.

