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Teacher's Notes

Tie A Ribbon Bag

This unique bag is a terrific way to acknowledge the causes that are near and dear to us and a way to make a significant and useful gift that's perfect for a family member, a neighbor, a friend, for a fundraiser or just for yourself.

The Tie A Ribbon bag is quickly made and is easy enough for a beginner to make in a supportive class. The bag can be created in about 3 to 4 hours and is fun to create in a variety of colors. Use 10 pre-cut strips or cut from yardage to kit this project.




Review the last page of the pattern for the awareness ribbon colors and their associated causes.

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- advertising copy and pictures for your printed or online newsletter
- fabric suggestions
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The Tie A Ribbon Bag

Show a friend, a family member or a loved one that you care. Make the Tie A Ribbon bag in their special color and see them smile! All cause colors are given inside the pattern for handy reference. This pattern is an enjoyable project for all experience levels.

Size: 7" x 9" not including strap

Date and Time:

Cost:

Location:

Teacher:

Book the Class on your Calendar

This lesson plan is set up in two, 2 hour segments. More experienced sewers and quilters will likely be able to finish in 3 hours. The bag would

make a meaningful project for special retreats and would be a great project to make for a fundraising event.

Fabric Selection

Should you wish to kit this project keep in mind that one Bali Pop™ or Jelly Roll™ can be split between 4 kits. Each bag requires ten 2 ½" strips. Two of the strip colors need to be similar for the awareness ribbon color. You will still require the given yardage for the upper bag and a contrasting color for the inner pockets.

It is important to use the batting suggested to achieve great results.

Prior to Class

If the students are using pre-cut strips be sure to tell them not to prewash.

Lesson One, 2 hours

1. Cut the strips if they are not pre-cut . Cut the lining, pockets and batting pieces.



If students are using pre-cut strips make sure that they save 2 strips that are similar in color for the awareness ribbon.

2. Follow Steps 1 to 4 to make the outer bag and the ribbons.



Turning the ribbon to the right side is just like putting on your panty hose when it is inside out. Your leg is the dowel and the panty hose is the ribbon. The toe end of the panty hose is the stitched end of the ribbon. – a weird comparison I know, but it helps explain the process!

3. Follow Steps 5 through 9.



Make sure students pin the ribbon to the bag so that the seam of the ribbon faces the bottom of the bag.

4. Follow steps 10 to 12.



Does your shop sell sergers? Do you have a demo model? Students who have never serged will be amazed at how easy it is to finish their pockets on your shop machine. This is a great time to do a little sales pitch.

5. Follow step 13. I always use **Pellon Fusible Themolam Plus™**. It has a great weight for bags and remains stuck in place eliminating the need to quilt the project thereby saving lots of time! I use plenty of steam at the cotton setting when fusing with this product.

6. Follow step 14. Make sure that each students lining and bag sections are facing in the right direction. If not you may have an upside down pocket later on!

7. Follow steps 15 through 16. **Have the students double check their marked square in step 15 before cutting. Make sure they have marked the square on the top of the bag and not the bottom!**

Homework: Tell everyone to bring their zipper foot to the next class. If someone owns a tailor's ham have them bring that as well. One 'ham' should suffice for the entire class.

Lesson Two, 2 hours or less

1. Follow step 17.



Pin the zipper in place just like in the diagram with the sewing machine. The zipper foot is adjusted to the left. When sewing you can pull out the pins as you come to them. If the zipper pull is in the way at the end of the seam, lower the needle into the fabric and lift the foot. Move the pull out of the way, drop the foot and continue sewing without obstruction.

2. Follow step 18



Have the students pin the opposite side of the zipper in place with the points of the pins facing the zipper pull. Then have them sew as before. They won't have to move the zipper foot to the other side of the shank.

3. Follow step 19 to make the strap. The strap length can be adjusted if needed. Currently it's length is the width of the fabric. I find this is enough strap to go over my head and shoulder. It can still be carried over the shoulder. Remember that bigger ladies need more strap. Petit types might like to shorten the strap. (lucky ducks!)

4. Follow steps 20 to 22. You may wish to suggest that a Jeans needle be used in the machine now as things are about to get a bit bulky.

5. Follow step 23.



The bag corners tend to move a bit when sewing because of the bulk. To counteract this problem place a few more pins at the corners, some as usual and some more to the center of the bag. Sew slowly at the corners. Loosen the tension if needed.

6. Follow step 24.

7. Follow step 25.



Be sure that the zipper tape is up under the sewing machine foot when you sew. If you don't it might tend to move apart especially at the pull end. You want the length of the tape butting up together like a seam.

Think of it like this – if you were to make your two fingers into a peace sign this would be incorrect. If you put your two fingers together it would be correct. Your fingers are the two sides of the zipper tape.

Carefully open the zipper. You might need to use the point of scissors to do this unless you have small hands. Turn the bag right side out and you are done!

Thank you so much for deciding to teach this class. I hope these notes made the experience more enjoyable.

Yours,

Brenda

