



# BEAUTIFUL THINGS

## Craft & Sewing Classes

### PACKING CUBES – A Beautiful Things designed pattern

#### Materials required:

100% Quilting cotton, scraps or meterage as per notes below

Mesh fabric – This is sold in packs

Zip on a roll and 2 zip pulls (rolls usually come with 10 – 12 included)

Matching threads

#### Notes on quantity:

Small bags – ½ metre will be enough quilting cotton for the entire bag including binding.

Large bag – ¾ metre will be enough quilting cotton for the entire bag including binding.

If using scraps for the main body of the bag, then ¼ of a metre of quilting cotton cut in length not as a fat quarter (45" wide) is required for binding

#### Cutting guide:

##### **Small bag**

Main body strip – 27.5" long x 4" wide

Back panel - 8.5" long x 4" wide

Handle – 8.5" long x 3" wide

Base – 12" long x 8" wide

Mesh – 12" long x 8" wide

Binding – 3 strips measuring the width of the fabric x 2" (fold fabric and cut across the top for ease)

##### **Large bag**

Main body strip – 40.5" long x 4.5" wide

Back panel - 11" long x 4.5" wide

Handle – 11" long x 3" wide

Base – 15.5" long x 11.5" wide

Mesh – 15.5" long x 11.5" wide

Binding – 3 strips measuring the width of the fabric x 2" (fold fabric and cut across the top for ease)

Use a ¼" / Edge of presser foot seam allowance throughout unless stated otherwise. Seam allowance is included in the pattern.

Zips are inserted using a regular sewing foot on your machine and NOT a zipper foot.

## Instructions:

- 1) Create a long strip of binding using all 3 strips. (see our separate You Tube tutorial on how to do this) Links given on your course page. Once you have pressed place to one side.
- 2) Take handle piece and fold right sides together down the length of the piece. Stitch the long edge closed remembering to back tack at the start and end of each seam.
- 3) Turn in the right way and press with the seam to the centre back.
- 4) Fold your back panel in half lengthways and mark the middle of each short edge
- 5) Line up the handle with the seam facing down on the right side of the back panel. Centre it and baste in place with a very narrow seam allowance.
- 6) Attach your zip pulls to your zip tape, one on either end so they come together to meet in the middle. (see our separate You Tube tutorial on how to do this) Links given on your course page. Once you have completed place to one side.
- 7) Press over the top edge of your main panel by ¼ inch and ¼ inch again
- 8) Line up the pressed edge right sides together along the bottom edge of the zipper tape. Move the zip pulls to avoid any lumps forming.
- 9) Clip and sew using a regular presser foot on your machine. Running the edge of the foot alongside your zipper teeth. When you reach your pulls with the needle down, lift the presser foot and move them backwards until they are clear of the foot. Lower it back down and continue sewing.
- 10) Press back, concentrating on the ends. The mid-section can remain spongy and not steamed in place. There is no need to topstitch.
- 11) Line up the back panel right sides together with one edge of the main panel and sew with a ¼ inch seam allowance. Trim off any excess zip.
- 12) Repeat with the other side to form a loop.
- 13) Cut back the raw edges by half.
- 14) Cut a strip of binding slightly longer than each seam, clip in place and sew.
- 15) Press the binding in towards the middle of the back panel and trim off any excess binding.
- 16) Round the corners of both your base and mesh panel using a round coaster or saucer.
- 17) ¼ both panels and mark with pins or clips.
- 18) ¼ your main body and mark with pins or clips.
- 19) Pin the mesh to the top edge of the zip right sides together and ease into place around the corners
- 20) Stitch in place, move the needle positioning if needed.
- 21) Trim off any small amounts of overhanging mesh to get a flush edge.
- 22) Clip on binding and join the ends . (see our separate You Tube tutorial on how to do this) Links given on your course page.
- 23) Sew in place.
- 24) Attach base right sides together to bottom edge of the main body in the same way.
- 25) Cut back the seam allowance on the base by half.
- 26) Bind as per previous seam.
- 27) Turn in the right way and admire your work.
- 28) Take a picture of your project and share it on our social media pages!

