



BEAUTIFUL THINGS

Craft & Sewing Classes

The Vivien project bag – A Beautiful Things designed pattern

Materials required:

You can use offcuts and scraps to create this bag, simply make cardboard templates from the cutting guide below and raid your stash. Alternatively, if you are making with new fabrics you will need:

1 metre of 100% quilting cotton (outer)
1 metre of 100% quilting cotton (linings)
½ metre of wadding
16" zip
2 metres of cotton cord (approx. 6mm) or ribbon
Metal D ring (optional)

Pins or clips, wondertape (optional), thread, cutting tools & sewing machine

Cutting guide:

Main Outer panels – 14.5" wide x 12.5" deep (cut x 2)
Lining panels - 14.5" wide x 12.5" deep (cut x 2)
Zip panel TOP – 14.5" wide x 2" deep (cut x 2)
Zip panel BOTTOM – 14.5" wide x 10.5" deep (cut x 2)
Cord channel – 13" x 3" (cut x 2)
Zip tabs – 3" x 3" (cut x 2)
Strap/handles – 27.5" x 4" (cut x 1)
Optional D ring – width of ring multiplied by 4 in inches x 6" long (see video for cutting instruction)
Wadding

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

Instructions:

- 1) Draw quilting lines on the right sides of both outer panels with a removable pen
- 2) Lay fabric right sides up onto the wadding and pin in place
- 3) With a longer stitch length of 3, sew the 1 long diagonals first and work your way out sewing over all the lines.
- 4) Remove pen marks and square up panels removing the excess wadding from the sides
- 5) Press D Ring holder and strap/handles in half lengthways wrong sides together. Open back out and take both raw edges into the press line wrong sides together and press. Fold both folded edges together to form a strip of 4 layers with enclosed raw edges. Set aside handle/strap
- 6) Top stitch the D ring holder with a 1/8 seam allowance down both long edges
- 7) Thread D ring holder onto the D ring and secure with a line of stitching close to the metal. Use a zipper foot if you wish

- 8) Take strap/handle and open up both short ends that were previously pressed in 4. Place right sides together and sew to form a loop of fabric.
- 9) Fold edges back in to form a circle of folded fabric and re-press. Top stitch down both sides with a 1/8" seam allowance
- 10) Take cord channels and press in all the short ends by 1/4" and topstitch down
- 11) Fold each channel wrong sides together down the long edge and baste in place using a narrow seam allowance down the open edge to form a solid piece of fabric. Leave the narrow ends open.
- 12) Press zip tabs wrong sides together
- 13) Take zip with pull to the left and place raw edges of 1 zipper tab 1/4" in from the zip end with folded edge facing left towards the pull. Stitch in place
- 14) Press back and top stitch with a 1/8" seam allowance
- 15) Remove any metal from the zip end
- 16) Measure 12.5" from the seam along the zipper and mark with a removable pen.
- 17) Mark 1/4" further out towards the pulley
- 18) **OPEN ZIP HALF WAY**
- 19) Line up raw edges of 2nd tab with the outer line and the folded edge facing in towards the pulley. Stitch in place, press back and topstitch at 1/8"
- 20) From 1 tab to the other should measure 14.5" (If it is more then that is ok)
- 21) Press over the top edge of the top pocket panel by 1/4" and then 1/4" again
- 22) With zip pull to the left (open half way) and teeth facing uppermost place the unfolded raw edge of the top pocket piece right sides together along the top edge of the zip. Use tape or pins to hold in place and stitch with a zipper foot. Moving the zip pull back as you sew by keeping the needle down and lifting the presser foot.
- 23) Press back and top stitch in place
- 24) Repeat the process from point 19 to attach the bottom zipper pocket section to the other side of the zip.
- 25) Square up the panel so it measures 14.5" wide and remove any excess zip tabs from the reverse.
- 26) With a lining panel right sides up, lay the pocket panel on top lining up the raw edges along the bottom and pin in place along the top edge
- 27) Sew along the folded edge of top pocket to secure in place using a 1/8 seam allowance
- 28) Baste down both edges with a narrow seam allowance
- 29) Take one of your outer panels and measure down 5.5" from the top on either the left or right of your bag and place the raw edges of the D-ring holder along the raw edge of the outer with the ring facing inwards and approx. 1/2" overhanging. Baste in place with a narrow seam allowance
- 30) Place both outer panels Right Sides together and stitch down both sides and along the bottom securing the start and finish with a back tack
- 31) Repeat step 30 with the linings
- 32) Using a removable pen draw a 2" square from the stitch. Line on the bottom corners of your lining and outers
- 33) Cut out the squares and nest the seams to box the corners.
- 34) Stitch up 1 corner in the lining (leaving the other to turn the bag through later) and both corners in the outer
- 35) Turn outer in the right way and mark the centre of both sides.
- 36) Mark the centre of both cord channels
- 37) Line up the raw edges of the channels with the raw edges of the bag and baste in place with a narrow seam allowance
- 38) Place outer inside the lining so the two bags are right sides together
- 39) Line up the side seams and clip or pin around the top before sewing all the way around
- 40) Turn the bag in the right way through the corner opening in the lining
- 41) Turn the raw edges of the opening to the wrong side and close with a narrow top stitch
- 42) Press carefully around the top of the bag and top stitch all the way around with a 1/4" seam allowance

- 43) Place the strap ½" down from the top stitching line up the side seam with the side seam of the bag
- 44) Stitch in the ditch on both side seams to attach the strap
- 45) Cut 2 pieces of cord and thread the bag up.
- 46) TaDa!! Admire your finished bag and remember to post pictures on our various social media pages.

