



Boxy Tote Bag with J'Ann McEwen

This is a great heavy duty little tote bag — also Featherweight friendly! It is from Penny Sturges / Quilts Illustrated and includes the hardware required. Because it is a slightly complicated pattern, the first class will be an hour-long orientation; the second class we can do the cutting and begin quilting if you are not comfortable doing that at home and the third and fourth classes will be assembly. The intention is that once your bag is cut out, the quilting can be completed at home. Please note that this pattern and directions are written for the experienced sewer in mind!

Skill Level: Intermediate, \$50

MUSKEGON - Mon. Jul. 5 (cutting and quilting), Aug. 2 & 23 (construction of bag); 9:30 - 12:30

Supply List:

Boxy Tote Pattern ps056 designed by Penny Sturges / Quilts Illustrated (includes hardware)

Fabric A: 1 yard (outer end pockets, handle and outer bag front and back)

Fabric B: 1 1/3 yards (outer bag ends, inner bag ends, outer bag front and back pockets, inner bag front and back)

Fabric C: 1 yard (inner end pockets, inner front and back pockets, outer bag end pocket linings, outer bag front and back pocket linings)

Note: I usually get 1 1/3 yards of each of the three fabrics. This allows me a little flexibility in choosing what fabric goes where.

PFF - Bosal #326LF/426LF single sided light fusible batting — 1/2 yard (44" wide).

Foam - Bosal #495S In-R-Form single sided fusible foam — 1 yard (58" wide)

Craf-Tex double sided fusible stabilizer — 1/3 yard (20" wide). This is optional as a bottom insert for the bag. I believe I used two layers of 72 Peltex.

Clover Wonder Clips (I prefer those that have a flat area where you can sew right up to the foot (Taylor Seville Magic Clips I believe they are called) (available at Lakeshore))

24" separating zipper, color coordinated to match fabric. Zipper is prominent in the finished bag.

Thread for quilting and thread for bag

Machine in good working order

Sew Steady table if you have one and want to bring it

Machine feet including zipper foot — skinny zipper foot if you have one

Walking foot for quilting

90 Topstitch needle. May want to bring a 90 Stretch or 90 Microtex needle as well as some machines have trouble skipping stitches and the stretch needle seems to help with this problem.

Fabric marking pencil or other marking pencil

Rotary cutter (45 mm recommended)

Basic sewing supplies including:

Scissors

Seam ripper

Straight pins

Rotary cutting mat (18" x 24" recommended)

Rulers (I suggest a 6 1/2" x 24" and others of your choosing) I also used an 8 1/2" x 24" ruler — bring only if you already have one.

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