

little m's beach bag

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For this pattern you will need

1 ¼ Yard Interior Fabric/Accent Fabric

¼ Yards Exterior Fabric/Top Panel Fabric

1 Yard Iron-On Pellon 808 Craft Fuse

Multiple Seam Allowances

Finished Dimensions 10 ¾" x 7 ¼"

1.) Prep

- a. Read all instructions to make sure you understand how the pattern will flow

2.) Cut Tie/Strap/Interior/Exterior/Bottom Fabric

- a. Cut two piece 35 ½" deep x 2" wide (straps)
- a. Cut one piece 11 ½" deep x 24" wide (interior)
- b. Cut one piece 5" deep x 24" wide (exterior accent)
- c. Cut four pieces 8" circles from template (bottom)

3.) Cut Exterior Fabric

- a. Cut one piece 2" deep x 44" wide or width of fabric (tie)
- b. Cut one piece 7" deep x 24" wide

4.) Cut Stabilizer

- a. Cut two pieces 11 ½" x 24"
- b. Cut four 8" circles from template

5.) Piece Exterior

- a. Place exterior fabric on a flat surface with right side up, on top place exterior accent measuring 5" x 24" on top with right side down

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- b. Pin along 24" seam. **NOTE: When finished 5" exterior accent should be on bottom and 7" exterior piece on top.**
- c. Sew using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance
- d. Press

6.) Attach Stabilizer

- a. Place one piece of stabilizer measuring $11 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 24" on a flat surface with adhesive side up, on top place exterior panel right side up
- b. Fuse into place
- c. Repeat with interior panel and circles
- d. Edge stitch along exterior seam to reinforce fabric to stabilizer

7.) Make Tie and Straps

- a. Place the tie fabric measuring 2" x 44" on a flat surface
- b. With the wrong side up fold each 44" edge towards the center $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- c. Press in place
- d. Fold in half so tie now measures $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide
- e. Tuck the $\frac{1}{2}$ " ends under to hide the raw edge and press in place
- f. Secure the tie by using an edge stitch
- g. Repeat with strap fabric measuring $35 \frac{1}{2}$ " deep x 2" wide except no need to tuck ends. **NOTE: The raw end edges will be hidden in the seams once the bag is assembled.**

8.) Create Hidden Interior Pocket

- a. Place one circle on a flat surface with right side up
- b. Fold another circle in half with wrong sides together
- c. Place folded circle on top of circle on flat surface and pin
- d. Repeat with second circle

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e. Baste using edge stitch to secure

9.) Assembling Interior

a. Place exterior piece measuring 11 ½" deep x 24" wide on a flat surface with right side up

b. Fold in half widthwise with right sides together

c. Pin along 11 ½" side

d. Sew using ¼" seam allowance

e. Press

f. Pin side of bag to bottom circle with right sides together, this will take several pins because of the round bottom

g. Sew using ¼" seam

10.) Attaching Straps

a. Place exterior piece measuring 11 ½" deep x 24" wide on a flat surface with right side up

b. Working on the top right side measure 1 ¼" towards center and pin top of one strap

c. Along bottom right side measure 2" towards center and pin bottom of strap

d. Baste using edge stitch

e. Repeat on left side with second strap. **NOTE: To have a polished look make sure seams on straps are going in coordinating direction.**

11.) Assemble Exterior

a. Fold exterior panel in half widthwise with right sides together

b. Pin along 11 ½" side

c. Sew exterior together using ¼" seam

d. Pin side of bag to bottom circle with right sides together, this will take several pins because of the round bottom

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- e. Sew using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam while making sure to backstitch on straps
- 12.) Assembling Bag
- a. Place exterior inside of interior with right sides together lining up side seams
 - b. Pin along top. **NOTE: You will need to leave a 4" section unpinned to give you room to flip the bag right sides out, this 4" section should be away from the straps.**
 - c. Sew around top edge using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam while making sure to reinforce the straps; remembering to leave the 4" section open
 - d. Flip bag right side out making sure to line up corresponding interior and exterior bottoms
 - e. Finger press the open 4" section of interior and exterior raw edges $\frac{1}{2}$ " towards wrong side/stabilizer
 - f. Pin to secure
 - g. Starting with the 4" pinned section and sew along the top edge of bag using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, making sure to reinforce straps, continue around entire top edge
 - h. Press
- 13.) Add Button Holes
- a. Starting from the top of the side seam measure $1 \frac{7}{16}$ " to the left and mark
 - b. Continue measuring in $2 \frac{15}{16}$ " increments seven more times, you will end up with 8 points
 - c. Look to make sure your pins looked evenly spaced and make any minor adjustments

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- d. From each mark measure down the bag 2", this will be where you add each buttonhole. NOTE: Use your tie as a buttonhole-sizing guide, this will ensure it is the proper size.
- e. Create $\frac{3}{4}$ " button holes
- f. Weave tie through buttonholes and pull to secure bag
- g. Steam out any wrinkles
- h. Enjoy!

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