

Chicago Modern Quilt Guild

All About Bags

Patterns and Tutorials

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| Dog Under My Desk | http://www.dogundermydesk.com/ | pdf patterns, tutorials |
| Sew Sweetness | https://sewsweetness.com/ | pdf & paper patterns, tutorials, supplies |
| Noodlehead | https://noodle-head.com/ | pdf patterns, supplies |
| Sewing Patterns by Mrs. H | https://www.mrs-h.com/ | pdf & paper patterns |
| s.o.t.a.k. handmade | http://sotakhandmade.blogspot.com/ | pdf patterns |
| Emmaline Bags | https://emmalinebags.com/ | pdf & paper patterns, supplies |
| Emkie Designs | http://www.emkiedesigns.com/ | pdf patterns, tutorials |

Tips: Find and use patterns/designers that work for you. Customize patterns and interchange techniques from different patterns.

Free patterns: <https://sewsweetness.com/2014/02/free-bag-pattern-arabesque-bag.html>
<https://noodle-head.com/2012/06/open-wide-zippered-pouch-diy-tutorial.html> <http://www.morsbags.com/>

Fabric substrates

Some fabrics we've used:

- Quilting cotton
- Linen/cotton blend, 100% linen
- Canvas for a sturdy bag
- Laminated cotton
- Quilted exterior (cotton/batting)
- Cork
- Sparkle vinyl

Interfacing

- Pellon SF101 - lightweight woven fusible, makes cotton sturdier, can use 2 layers as needed, prevents wrinkled look on exterior, use in almost any/every bag
- Fusible fleece - adds some structure, can be quilted
- Soft and Stable - <https://www.byannie.com/byannies-soft-and-stable> - adds structure, can be quilted, similar products available-Pellon Flex Foam, Bosal In-R foam, Headliner
- Peltex 70/71F - sturdy, heavyweight for bag bottoms

Guide to interfacing: <https://sewsweetness.com/2012/05/all-about-bag-interfacing.html>
<http://www.emkiedesigns.com/need-know-interfacing/>

Change pattern/recommended interfacing if you want a different weight/structure

Supplies

Zippers

- **Best shop:** <https://www.etsy.com/shop/zipit>
- **Zipper types:** nylon coil, metal coil, purse (long pull), separating
- Zipper tabs, can shorten zippers, use glue stick

Magnetic snaps: regular, invisible sew in

- <https://www.etsy.com/shop/tantalizingstitches?ref=listing-shop2-all-items-count#items>

Rings/sliders/swivel clasp/closures

- <https://www.etsy.com/shop/BagmakerSupply>
- <https://www.buckleguy.com/>

Frames and other doo-dads

- <https://emmalinebags.com/>

Rivets tutorial

- <http://www.emkiedesigns.com/all-you-need-to-know-about-rivets-guest-post-kylie-from-handbag-hardware-australia/>

Purse feet

- https://www.etsy.com/shop/BagmakerSupply?section_id=19971118

Bag features

Straps/handles:

- Adjustable straps, interfacing to make sturdier, cut handles on length (grain) of fabric to reduce stretch
- Leather, cotton or nylon webbing, with fabric accent <https://www.buckleguy.com/leather-straps/>

Pockets:

- Zippered <https://sewsweetness.com/2015/09/zipper-tips-for-bag-making.html>
- Slide pocket
- Card pocket: DUMD patterns
- Elastic pockets: <http://www.dogundermydesk.com/2016/12/elastic-pocket-tutorial/>

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Miscellaneous tips

- Use 40 weight thread for sewing bag, it's a sturdier thread, also for topstitching
- Use 28 weight thread for topstitching if you want it to be an accent
- Use edge stitch foot or blind hem foot for straight topstitching
- Set stitch length longer for topstitching
- Use walking foot for lots of layers
- Trim thick interfacing, like soft and stable, out of seam allowances
- Sew lining with a slightly larger seam allowance, taper at the top to match exterior
- Use a tailor's ham or sleeve ironing board for pressing
- Use Wonder Clips instead of pins on bulky seams