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Cutting and Assembly Instructions

Important: Please note that all seam allowances are 1/2"

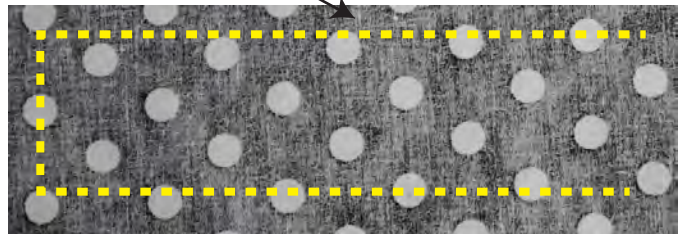
Draw the patterns onto the Pellon TruGrid following instructions on the Layout Page. Trace the remaining pattern pieces onto the TruGrid using the templates on the template page. Cut out all pattern pieces. Cut out bag pieces following instructions on the template page and on the Layout page.

Additional Cutting Instructions:

For Straps: Cut two 1 3/8" x 52" from fusible fleece.
Cut four squares of fleece 1 1/2"

Place the two bottom insert pieces right side together. Sew three sides as shown, backstitching at start and finish.

Stitching Line



Clip corners. Turn piece right sides out. Press.



Place the three Peltex Pieces into the insert. They need to fit snugly. Turn open ends in 1/4". Slip stitch opening shut.



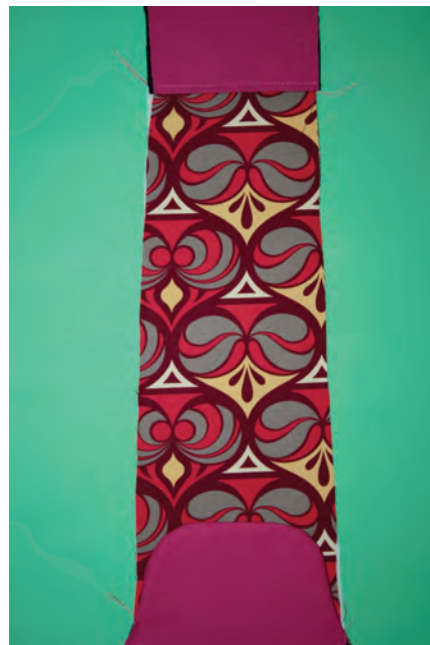
Fuse interfacing to wrong side of all side panel and side panel lining pieces and wrong side of all top side panel pieces. Place one top side panel piece to top edge of side panel piece, right sides together. Stitch with 1/2" seam allowance. Press toward the top side panel piece. Topstitch 1/4" away from the seam allowance onto the top side panel piece. Repeat for other side panel and side lining panel pieces. Set side lining pieces aside.



Fuse interfacing to wrong side of all side accent pieces. Mark stop and start point on all pattern pieces as shown on template. Place two pieces of side accent pieces right sides together. Stitch seam, with a 1/2" seam allowance, starting and stop at point marked. Clip curve. Turn right side out and press. Repeat for other accent piece.



Line up the side accent piece with the bottom edge of the side panel. Pin in place. Baste using a 1/4" seam allowance. along both sides and the bottom edge. Repeat for other side accent piece.



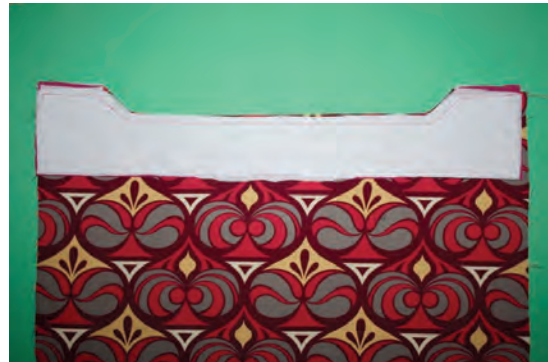
Topstitch close to edge of both side accent pieces as shown.



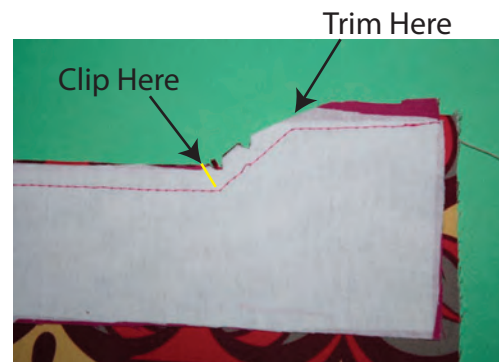
Fuse interfacing to wrong side of both main panel and main lining pieces. Fuse interfacing to wrong side of all four top panel pieces. Place top panel piece and main panel right sides together as shown. Pin in place. Stitching using a 1/2" seam allowance, pivoting at turns. Stitch the other main panel and the main lining panels in the same way.



Trim excess main panel and lining panel fabric as shown.



Clip seam allowance in corner inner pivots. Trim seam allowance on outer pivots.



Turn the top band up, pushing out carefully the points on the top band. The two outside "tabs" on the top band will overlap the main panel. Topstitch the top band 1/8" from sew edge, through all layers. Set main lining pieces aside.



Handle Pieces. Sew one short handle piece to one long handle strip. Repeat with other handle piece. Press seam open. Press handle pieces in half lengthwise. Open the fold and then line up the long raw edges with the center crease created. Press both sides. This gives the handle 3 equal sections.



Place fleece strip as shown. Fold the handle strip over the top of the fleece strip. Fold the other side of the handle strip in. Fold whole strip in half on the center crease line. Topstitch along each long edge. Finished strips should be 52" long. Repeat for other handle.



Using a fabric marker, make a vertical line on the main panel, 4" in from both outside edges. Pin one handle to the inside of the left line, matching raw edge at the bottom. Pin the other end to the inside of the right drawn line. Make sure handle is not twisted. Repeat for other main panel.



Topstitch along the left and right side of the handle 1/8" from edge. Start at the bottom of the main panel and stop when you are in the middle of the top band. Repeat for other main panel.



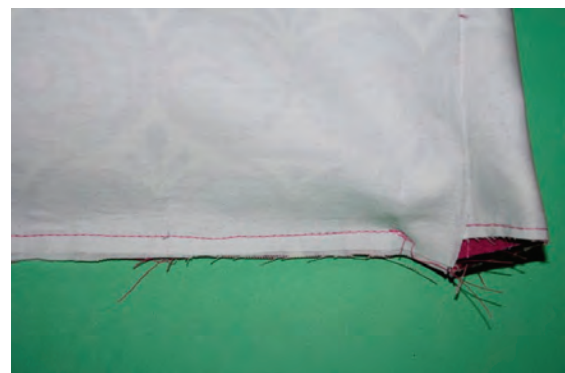
Main Bag Assembly

Sew the side panels to the main panels as shown. Make sure the accent pieces line up for the main panel and the side panels. Stitch using a 1/2" seam allowance. Backstitch at the beginning and the end. Press seams open.



Sew the remaining main panel to the side panels, making sure the accent pieces line up. Press seams open.

Pin the bottom of the one of the main panels to one long side of the bottom panel, right sides together. Stitch with a 1/2" seam allowance, stopping 1/2" from each edge. Backstitch at each end. Repeat for other main panel and for the side panels.



Insert needle where the stitching stopped in the corner. Push seams down to form a triangle. Sew from one corner to the other on a diagonal as shown. Repeat for all 4 corners. Clip corners. Turn bag right sides out. Push out all 4 corners. Press all sides and bottom to create crisp seams.



Pockets

With right sides together, sew one long edge with a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seam open. Turn right sides out, press again. Topstitch the finished edge 1/4" from seam.



Layer pocket as shown on one of the main lining panels, matching the lower raw and side edges. Baste in place 1/4" from raw edge. Fold panel in half, marking the center. Place a row of top stitching along the center, creating two pockets.



Lining Assembly

Assemble interior lining the same as Main Bag Assembly, Page Six EXCEPT leave a 4" gap on one of the long sides where it is sewn to the bottom of the bag. This is important for turning the bag right side out in a later step..

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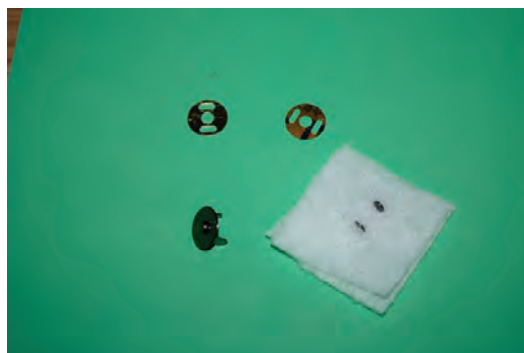
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Adding the Magnetic Snap

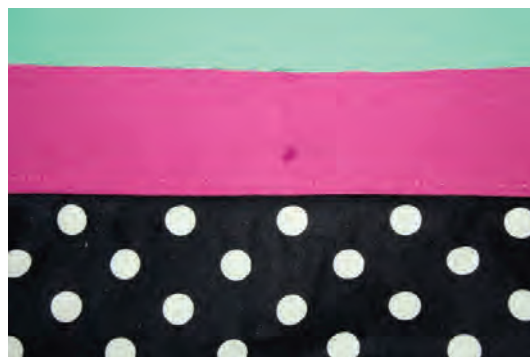
Using the small squares of fusible fleece cut earlier, mark the prong placement with a fabric marker. Cut small slits at the marks. Repeat for all four squares.



Place two squares of fleece and one half of the magnetic snap, with the washer on the table. Slide the prongs of the snap through both pieces of fleece, to make sure slits are large enough. Repeat for other half of the snap and the remaining two squares of fleece.



Fold the bag interior in half and mark the halfway point on both the front and back of the bag. Measure down 2" from the center point and make another mark. At this second mark, take half of the snap and mark the prong placement. Cut small slits at the marks. Repeat for other side of bag.



HINT: Add a dab of Fray Check on the fabric where the slits are cut.

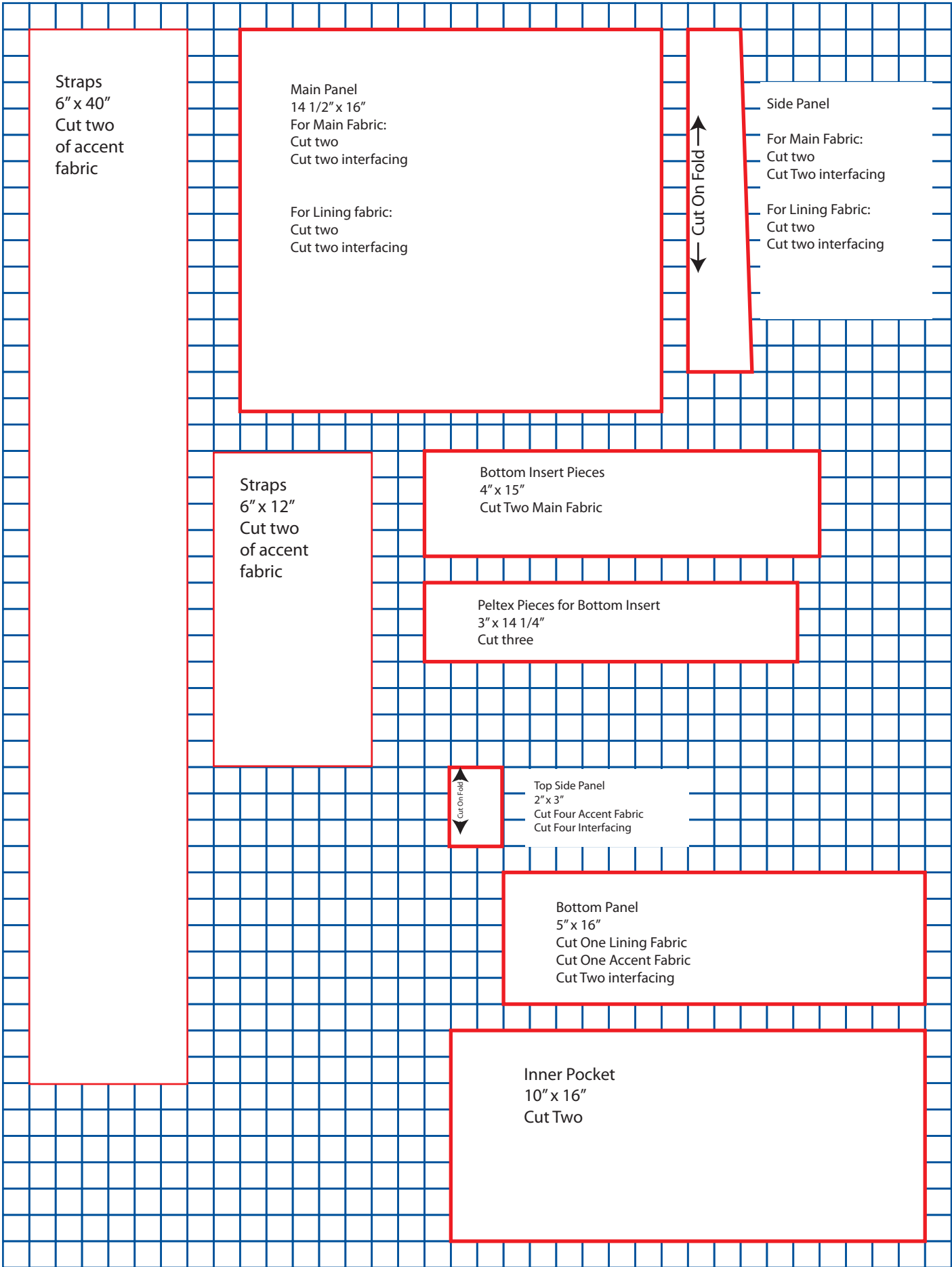
Put one half of the magnetic snap on right side of the bag lining with the two squares of fleece on the wrong side. Slide the washer onto the prongs, bend prongs in place. Repeat for the back of the bag lining.



Place the exterior of the bag inside the bag lining right sides together. Make sure the handles are pushed down between the exterior and the lining. Pin top edge. Sew top edge of bag using a 1/2" seam allowance. Pull the exterior of the bag through the 4" gap left in the bottom of the lining. Slip stitch the opening shut. Smooth lining down into bag. Topstitch top edge 1/4" from the top.



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