

Red Poppy Bag

Skill Level: Intermediate

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This bag showcases a large ruffled flower on the front. It has an adjustable strap, inner pockets and zippered closure. Sample used Laurie Wisbrun's Modern Whimsy fabrics and tangerine Kona Cotton. Finished size is 17" x 17".

Fabric Needed

Exterior Fabric	3/4 yard
Interior	1 1/2 yards
Flower	1 yard

Materials Needed

Pellon® 810 Tru Grid™	1 1/2 yards
Pellon® SF101 Shapeflex® Woven Fusible	1 1/2 yards
Pellon® 520F Déco-Fuse®	1 1/8 yards OR
Pellon® 70 Peltex® Sew-In	1 1/8 yards
Pellon® TP971F Fusible Thermolam® Plus	3/4 yard
Metal slider and rectangle ring (1 1/2")	
18" Zipper	
One 1" - 2" button (Sample used a fabric covered button by Dritz)	
Turning Tool	
Fabric marker or chalk	

Tools Needed

Sewing Machine and Related Supplies
Iron
Optional: Ruffler foot

Cutting and Assembly Instructions

Seam allowances are 1/2" unless otherwise noted.

See Tru Grid™ Layout Page and Template Page for cutting instructions.

Fuse The Pieces

Fuse the wrong side of the exterior main panels to the corresponding Déco-Fuse® pieces. NOTE: If 70 Peltex® is being substituted for the Déco-Fuse®, baste in place using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Fuse the wrong side of the interior pieces to the corresponding Shapeflex® pieces. NOTE: Two of the interior main panel pieces will not be fused to Shapeflex®.

Fuse the wrong side of the interior pieces to the corresponding Thermolam® pieces. NOTE: The Thermolam® will be fused to the Shapeflex®.

Create the Ruffles

Open up the ruffle fabric so the long edge is horizontal. Starting at the left end, cut the corner off at a 45° angle.

Cut 5" strips along the entire piece of fabric, continuing at the 45° angle.



Place two strips, right sides together, at a 90° angle. Draw a diagonal line (at 45°) connecting the top left and bottom right corners. Stitch on the line. Trim seam.

Continue adding strips until all strips are sewn together. Ruffle should measure approximately eight yards long.



Press the assembled strip in half lengthwise, right sides together. Sew along the unfinished long edge using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Using a turning tool, turn the fabric right side out.

HINT: To turn fabric quickly, attach a safety pin to one end of the turning tool and clip it to one end of the fabric. Reverse turning tool through the tube, pulling the fabric through as the turning tool goes through the tube.



Press the fabric strip so that the seam is in the center of one side.

Press both short ends in approximately 1/2", then topstitch 1/4" from edge.



Topstitch along one long edge, 1/4" from the edge. Decorative stitches can be used if desired.

On the opposite side of the long edge, make gathering stitches 1/4" from edge, then again 3/8" from the edge. Pull the thread on each end to gather the fabric. Pull gathers until the ruffle has been reduced to approximately four yards. Leave gathering stitches in.



Take one of the Exterior Main Panels and the assembled ruffle. Make a mark at the center of the Exterior Main Panel. Draw a 1" circle around that mark.



Beginning at the outer edge of the drawn circle, place the gathered edge of the ruffle flush with the mark. Curve the ruffle around that circle. When the beginning point is reached, curve past that point and circle through another row. The second row will be approximately 1/4" away from the initial circle. Pin in place.

Continue curving and pinning the ruffle along the marks made.



Sew along the pinned edge, 1/4" from the edge of the fabric.



Hand sew the button in place at the center of your ruffled flower.

Remove the basting stitches on your ruffles.



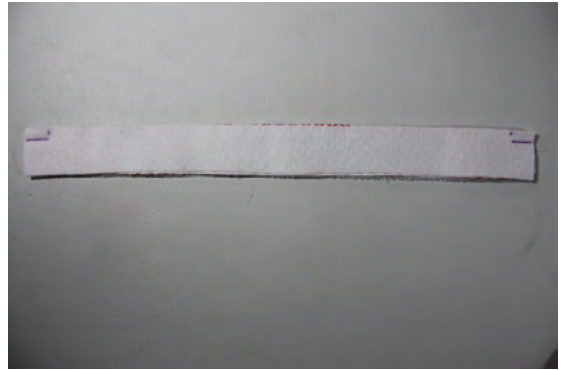
Attaching the Zipper

Cut the exterior zipper panel in half lengthwise.

Cut the interior zipper panel in half lengthwise.



Place these two pieces right sides together. With the fabric marker, measure and make a mark 1" in from the left edge. Do the same for the right edge. Sew from the mark to the corresponding edge (each line of stitching will be only 1" long), using a 5/8" seam allowance. Repeat this step with the interior zipper panel pieces. Press the middle open edges of the interior zipper panel in 5/8". Set the interior zipper panel aside.



Exterior Zipper Panel Only: Baste, using a 5/8" seam allowance, in between the two lines of stitching. Press seam open.

With the wrong side of the exterior zipper panel facing up, place the zipper face down on top of the zipper panel. The zipper teeth should be approximately on top of the basting

Sew zipper in place, 1/4" from zipper teeth.



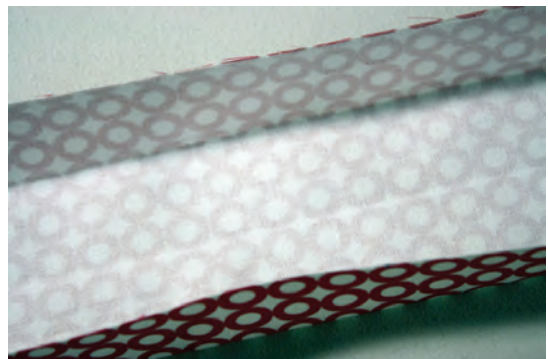
Remove the basting stitches.



Assemble the strap.

Fold the strap in half along the long edge. Press. Fold the bottom long edge of the strap up toward the creased center. Press. Also fold down the top long edge of the strap down toward the creased center. Press.

Repeat for the strap extender.



Topstitch along both long edges, 1/8" from each edge.

Repeat for strap extender.

Slide the metal rectangle onto the middle of your strap extender. Place the strap extender against the short edge of the exterior zipper panel (either side), with the raw edges even. Baste into place using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Slide the strap through the metal slide. The strap should go over and under the metal bar in the middle as pictured.

Baste one end of the strap to the other end of the exterior zipper panel, using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Slide the loose part of the strap through the metal rectangle that is attached to the strap extender.



Slide the loose part of the strap over and under the metal bar on the slide. It will go underneath the part of the strap that was placed through the slide previously. fold 1/2" of the end of the strap under and topstitch that end. Strap should be adjustable.



Assemble the Interior and Exterior

Place the exterior zipper panel and the exterior bottom panel right sides together along one short edge. Stitch. Press seam open.



Repeat this step with the interior zipper panel and interior bottom panel.

Place the remaining short edges of the exterior zipper panel and the exterior bottom panel right sides together. Make sure the panels are not twisted. Stitch. Press seam open. Unzip the zipper.



Repeat this step with the interior zipper panel and interior bottom panel.

Fold the two interior main panels without the Shapeflex® in half, lining up the curved edge and press a crease. Cut both pieces in half on the crease.

Place two pocket pieces right sides together. Sew along the straight edge. Press the seam open.

Turn the fabrics wrong sides together. Press again. Top-stitch the straight edge 1/8" from edge.

Repeat for other pocket.

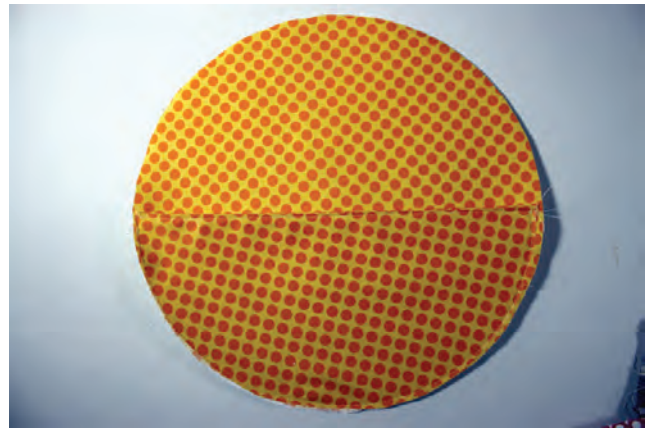
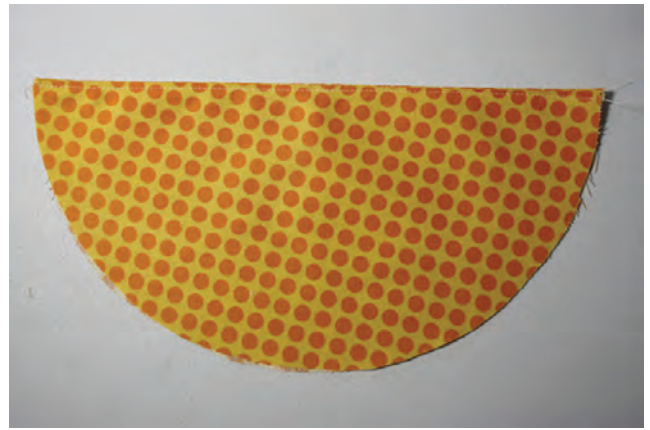
Place one inner pocket on the right side of one interior main panels with the Shapeflex® lining up the bottom edges. Baste the inner pocket to the interior main panel using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Repeat for other pocket and the other interior main panel with the Shapeflex®.

Place one long edge of the assembled exterior zipper panel and one of the exterior main panels right sides together. Ease and pin around the whole exterior main panels. Sew, using a 1/2" seam allowance. Press the seam toward the main panel.

Repeat this step with the assembled interior zipper panel and one of the interior main panels, right sides together. Ease and pin around the whole interior main panel. Sew, using a 5/8" seam allowance (this allows for a snug fit into the exterior). Make sure the pocket portion is opposite the zipper opening or the pocket will be upside down in the bag.

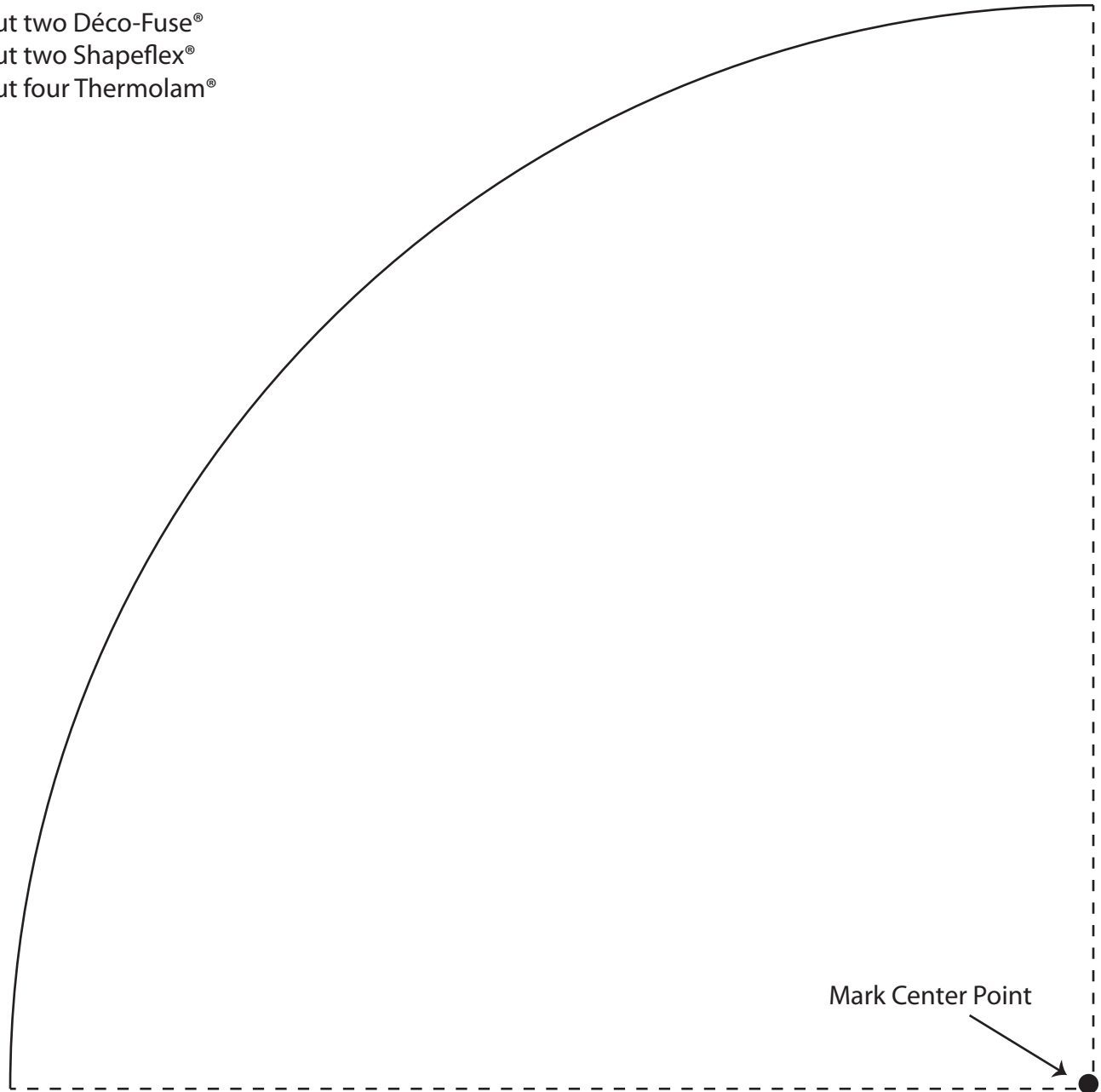
Trim seam allowance on interior main panel to 1/4".



Main Panel Template - Red Poppy Bag

Print one copy, cut out, and then place on Tru Grid™. Trace the template, rotate 1/4 turn and trace three more times, lining up on the dashed line to create one 13 1/4" circle.

Cut two Exterior
Cut four Interior
Cut two Déco-Fuse®
Cut two Shapeflex®
Cut four Thermolam®



Red Poppy Bag Tru Grid Layout

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