Always print at “Actual Size” or 100%.
www.swoonpatterns.com • www.pellonprojects.com
Feel free to sell your bags made with this pattern. Copyright 2015 Swoon Sewing Patterns
Instructions & Pattern  Laney Hobo Bag

Materials Needed:
• 1 yard exterior fabric, 44” quilting weight
• 1 yard lining fabric, 44” quilting weight
• 3 yards Pellon® Shapeflex SF-101 fusible woven interfacing
• Coordinating thread

1) PREPPING
Cut out all of the pieces of the pattern along the solid black lines and tape the pieces together, butting the lines together at the matching letters. Trace all of the pieces on the wrong side of the fabric and cut out. Make sure you cut on the fold of your fabric where marked (fold fabric right sides together along the grainline, and place straight edge of pattern piece on the fold) and mirrored where noted. Repeat to cut interfacing, also taking note of mirrored pieces. Fuse interfacing to all pieces except for Tie Closures.

You should end up with all of the pieces below, with interfacing fused to all except the Tie Closures.
2) ASSEMBLE MAIN PANELS
Lay an exterior Center Panel right side up. Match the shortest curved edge of a Right Side Panel (see diagram on last page) to the right curved edge of the Center Panel, right sides together. The edges won’t match naturally, you need to ease the Side Panel around the curve of the Center Panel, starting at the top and pinning every inch or so until you get to the bottom edge. Sew along the pinned curved edge at 1/2” seam allowance.

Now flip wrong side up and press the seam allowance in towards the Center Panel. Flip back to right side up and top stitch right along the seam, through the Center Panel, with a longer stitch length. You should be sewing about 1/8” from the seam.

Repeat to sew an exterior Left Side Panel to the other side edge of the same Center Panel.

Repeat Step 2 entirely to sew the remaining two exterior Side Panels to the remaining exterior Center Panel.

Repeat Step 2 (again) exactly to assemble the lining Main Panels. Now you should only have 2 exterior Main Panels, 2 lining Main Panels, and two Tie Closure pieces.
3) TIE CLOSURES
Press a Tie Closure piece in half, wrong sides together and matching the long edges. Open and fold each long edge to the center crease, wrong sides together. Then fold in half again so that the raw long edges are on the OUTSIDE and you can see them. Mark then sew a straight line across the Tie Closure, 1/4” from one end.

Then trim the seam allowance to 1/8” and turn right side out through the open long edge, all raw edges (except one short end) should now be hidden. Press and top stitch around the entire Tie Closure.

Repeat with the remaining Tie Closure.

Fold an exterior Main Panel in half, right sides together and matching the center seams together to make a center crease along the top edge. Pin a Tie Closure to the Main Panel, right over the center crease and matching the raw end of the Tie Closure with the raw edge of the Main Panel. Machine baste (sew with a long stitch length) over the Tie Closure at 1/4” seam allowance.

Repeat to baste the remaining Tie Closure to the center of the other exterior Main Panel.
4) ASSEMBLE BAG
Pin the exterior Main Panels right sides together, matching all raw edges and seams. Starting at the top of a Side Panel, sew at 1/2” seam allowance down the Side Panel, across the bottom of the Center Panel, and up the other Side Panel, backstitching at start and stop. Trim seam allowance down to 1/4”.

Repeat to sew the lining Main Panels together.

With the lining wrong side out and the exterior right side out, place the exterior of the bag inside the lining, making sure the Tie Closures are tucked down in between the layers. The lining and exterior should be right sides together with the exterior inside the lining. Pin along the top “U” opening only on one Main Panel side of the bag. Sew at a 1/2” seam allowance around the “U”, leaving about 3” unstitched at the tops of the Side Panels.

Repeat to sew the “U” on the other Main Panel side of the bag, but leave a 4” opening along the top of the Center Panel. Be sure to backstitch.

Trim the seam allowances down to 1/4” (except at the opening and top 3” of the Side Panels). Turn the bag right side out through the opening and press all seams well, tucking the raw edges at the opening into the hole at 1/2”. Pin the opening closed.
5) FINISH BAG
Sew the two exterior short raw edges of the exterior (top of the Side Panels) right sides together at 1/2” seam allowance. Make sure the lining ends are pinned out of the way.

Repeat to sew the ends of the lining together, pinning the exterior out of the way. Fold the open long raw edges of the handle in 1/2” and press, then pin closed. Start at the seam of the handle and top stitch around the entire bag opening on both sides, about 1/8” from the edges, which will close the “turning hole” at the top of the Center Panel and finish the top of the handle.
Center Panel
Cut 2 Exterior \textit{(or a Contrasting Fabric)}
Cut 2 Lining
Cut 4 Woven Interfacing
For a longer strap than pictured, lengthen the Side Panel by cutting along the dashed line.
Tie Closure
Cut 2 Exterior

Cut size: 2” x 7”
Side Panel
Cut 2 Exterior
Cut 2 Lining
Cut 4 Woven Interfacing

Flip pattern piece over, then cut (mirrored):
Cut 2 Exterior
Cut 2 Lining
Cut 4 Woven Interfacing