

## Tara's Campus Clutch

### Skill Level: Intermediate

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This clutch is the absolute perfect size. It is roomy enough to fit all of the essentials while still being small enough to just grab and go. Toss it in a large tote to keep everything organized, or take it solo for a night out. It's particularly fabulous for back-to-college gals looking for a bag to show off a little personality! This bag uses Flex-Foam™ 1-Sided and 2-Sided Fusible Interfacings for shape and definition without the stiffness. Clutch Finished Dimensions: 12" Wide x 8" Tall x 2" Deep (Bottom of Clutch).

#### Fabrics Needed

- 1/2 yard of Exterior Main Fabric
- 1/2 yard of Lining/Contrasting Fabric
- 2" Bias Binding Strips (if making the strips, cut 2 on bias, 2" x WOF)

#### Materials Needed

- 1 yard Pellon® FF79F2 Flex-Foam™ 2-Sided Fusible Interfacing
- 1/4 yard Pellon® FF78F1 Flex-Foam™ 1-Sided Fusible Interfacing
- 1/2 yard Pellon® SF101 Shape-Flex®
- 2 packages bias piping (optional)
- One 14" zipper (will be cut down to 12")
- 1 twist lock set

#### Tools Needed

- Sewing machine and related supplies
- Iron and ironing surface

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## Instructions

Print out pattern with scaling set to 100% or NONE. Read all pattern instructions before beginning. Seam allowances are 1/2" unless otherwise indicated, and are included in all the pattern pieces.

Step 1. Print and cut out all pattern pieces. Place pattern pieces on chosen fabrics and cut after tracing pattern pieces (paying attention to placement on directional fabric, if used).

TIP: Before cutting fabric for the interior zipper section divider, be sure to fold pattern down at the top of the Body pattern piece as indicated (use Body exterior pattern piece folded down). When cutting the Shape-Flex for the zipper pocket, be sure to cut 1/2" smaller than the traced line on the curved sides to reduce bulk in the SAs.

Step 2. Cut out and fuse all interfacing. Cut Flex-Foam using pattern pieces for the Exterior Body, Gusset, and Flap Pieces (Be sure to fold down pattern piece where indicated on flap before cutting foam.)

NOTE: Fuse Flex-Foam 2-Sided to exterior and lining pieces at the same time, positioning a lining and an exterior piece on each of the 2 Flex-Foam body pieces and 1 Flex-Foam gusset piece.

Step 3. Attach bias piping to the curved edge of the optional exterior accent panels (if using them). Flip back towards the backside of the fabric.





Step 4. Position the accent panels on the front exterior panel and trim the excess fabric to match the curved edges.

TIP: Use a little Fabric-Tac to hold them in place.



Step 5. Stitch in the ditch of the piping to attach the accent panel to the exterior panel. Baste the outside curved edge down to hold it in place.



Step 6. Attach bias piping to both exterior panels. To keep the piping out of the top edge, start it about 1/2" down from the top edge.





Step 7. Cut zipper to measure 12". Prepare the zipper tab strips by taking the 1½" x 6" fabric strip and cutting it in half to make 2 strips that each measure 1½" x 3". Fold in half (to be 1½" each) and press. Fold each short edge in towards the interior and press (should look like image at right.)



Step 8. With right sides together, line up a short edge of each zipper tab with the zipper short raw edge. Stitch the tab to the zipper with a ¼" SA.



Step 9. Fold the zipper tab over to sandwich the zipper inside the zipper tab end. Top stitch to completely enclose the zipper end into the zipper tab end.



Step 10. Place one exterior zipper fabric panel piece right side up on a work surface. Place the completed zipper with zipper tabs right side down along the top flat edge of the fabric.





Step 11. Stitch along the top edge close to the zipper teeth with a zipper foot. Place a lining fabric panel right side down on top of the exterior panel, sandwiching the zipper inside. Flip the sandwich over and stitch along the previous stitching line to attach the lining to the zipper and exterior zipper panel.



Step 12. Press both the exterior and lining zipper panels to the same side of the zipper. Topstitch about 1/8" from the folded edge.



Step 13. Place the remaining exterior zipper panel right side down on the top long edge of the zipper.



Step 14. Flip over and repeat the above steps to attach the exterior and lining panel pieces to the zipper. Press both to one side and topstitch.



Step 15. Take the completed zipper panel divider and collect all the panels so that the zipper is at the top. Baste all along the edges to create a zipper pocket with the raw edges exposed (they will be encased in later).





Step 16. Place back body panel down with the lining facing up. Place finished zipper panel divider on top of the body panel lining up the curved edges. (NOTE: This is also where you can place the zipper on the left or right side depending on whether you are right or left handed). Use Wonder Clips (or pins) to secure the zipper panel down so that it won't shift during basting. Baste with a 1/4" SA.



Step 17. Place an Exterior panel piece (exterior fabric side down) against the Gusset Panel (exterior fabric side up), lining up the top edges and securing with Wonder Clips (or pins). Start at the top and work down to the middle bottom around both sides to make sure it is even.



Step 18. Stitch along the previous stitching line for the piping to join the front Exterior and Gusset panel together using a 1/2" SA. The bias piping should be visible between the panels after stitching them together. Repeat for the second exterior panel.

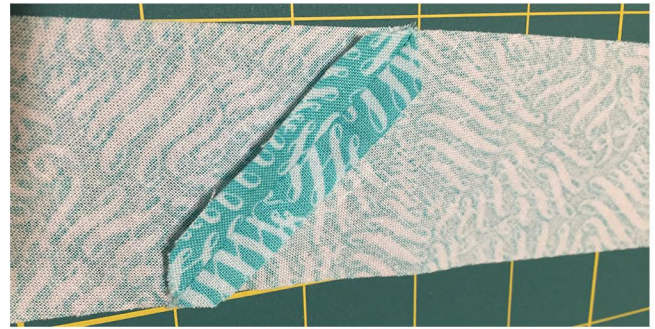


Bag should now look like the two images at right:

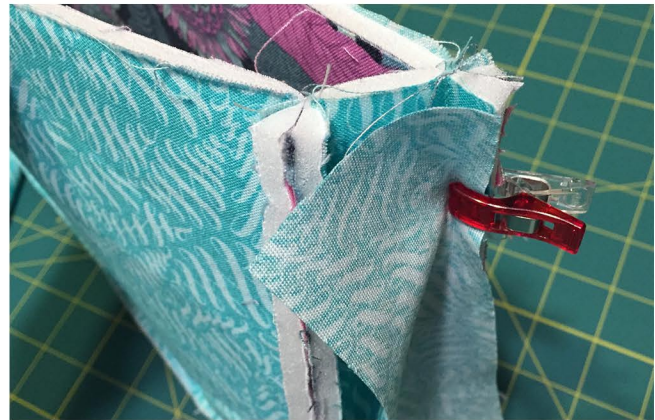




Step 19. Cut two 2" x WOF Bias Strips to create seam tape. This yields 4 strips. Join 2 pieces together for the top edge using the image at right as a guide. Set remaining 2 pieces aside. (They will be used individually to encase the 2 interior seam allowances created when joining the exterior panels to the gusset panel.)



Step 20. With right sides facing, line up the top edge of one bias tape piece with the top edge of one of the gusset seams as shown in the image at right. Stitch it to the seam allowance all the way around to the other top edge using slightly under a 1/2" seam allowance so as not to interfere with the piping on the exterior.



Step 21. Flip the binding to the opposite side (see image at right) and fold the raw edge under towards the seam allowance until it just barely covers the previous stitching line. Stitch all the way around the edge, using slightly under a 1/2" SA so the piping will not be affected.





Step 22. Repeat steps to attach the other piece of bias tape to the other interior seam allowance. Interior seam allowances should now look like the image at right if if matching bias tape was use. Seam allowances should be completely enclosed.



Step 23. Attach long bias tape piece to the top edge in the same manner. Fold over the edge 1/2" before attaching to the starting point on the middle of the "back" panel top edge. Turn right side out and sew from the inside to attach using a 1/2" seam allowance.



Note: It helps to point both gusset seam allowances to the "middle" of the gusset during stitching.

Step 24. Flip the binding up and turn the bag so that the lining is facing out. Fold the bias tape over the seam allowance and fold under until folded tape edge lines up with the previous stitching line. Stitch the tape down around the entire top edge of the bag. Take care with this step as the stitching line will show on the exterior of the bag.



Bag should now have no exposed edges and the top edge should look like the image at right:





Step 25. Place the Flex-Foam 1-Sided against the wrong side of the flap piece. The foam will be shorter than the fabric. Fold the excess fabric over the edge of the Flex-Foam 1-Sided to the non-fusible side of the foam. Place a very thin line of Fabric-Tac under the edge to hold it in place.



Step 26. Attach the bias piping in the same manner as with the exterior body panels. Place Exterior flap panel right side up on a work surface. Place lining panel on top, with right side down. Fold down the top edge to match the other top edge. Stitch together right next to the stitching line for the piping on the exterior panel side. Trim the seam allowance down to 1/4", turn right side out and press.



Step 27. Center the female side of the twist lock about 1" up from the bottom edge and trace the inside of the oval with a disappearing ink marker.

Step 28. Cut just outside the marked line and treat the edges with fray check. Install the female portion of the lock following manufacturer's instructions.



Flap should now look like the image at right:





Step 29. Center the flap right side up about 1" down from top edge of the back exterior body panel. Edge stitch along the flap edge and again about 1/4" up to attach the flap to the back panel.

NOTE: Turn the bag lining side out for this step.

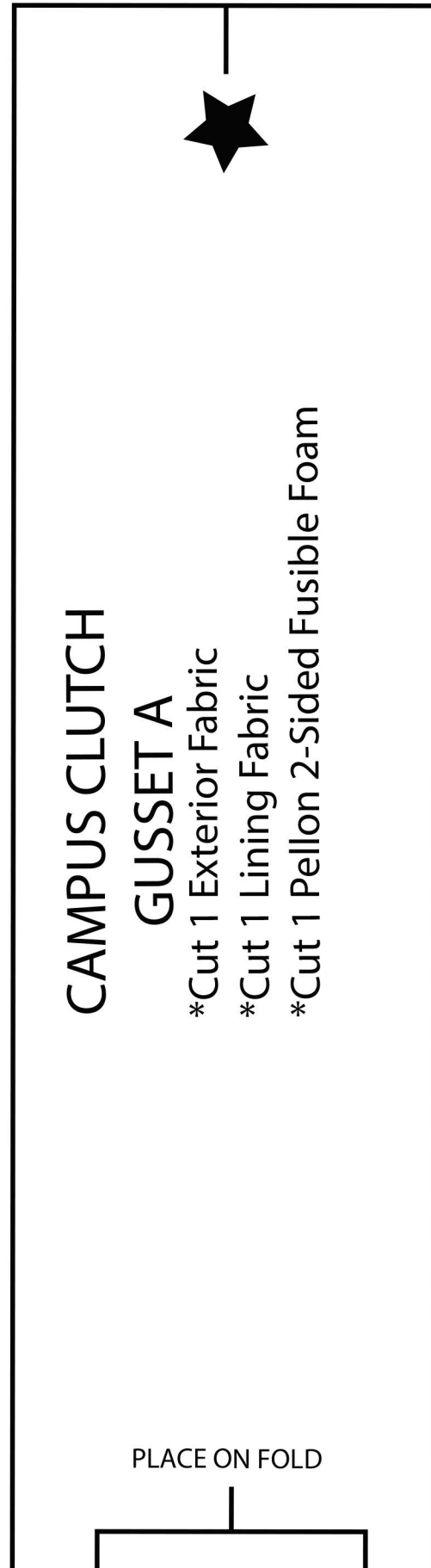
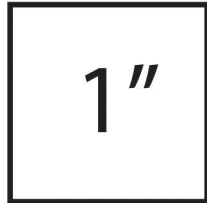


Step 30. Give the bag a good press. Fold the flap over to the front of the bag. Mark the placement of the male portion of the twist lock.

Step 31. Install the male portion of the twist lock following manufacturer's instructions.

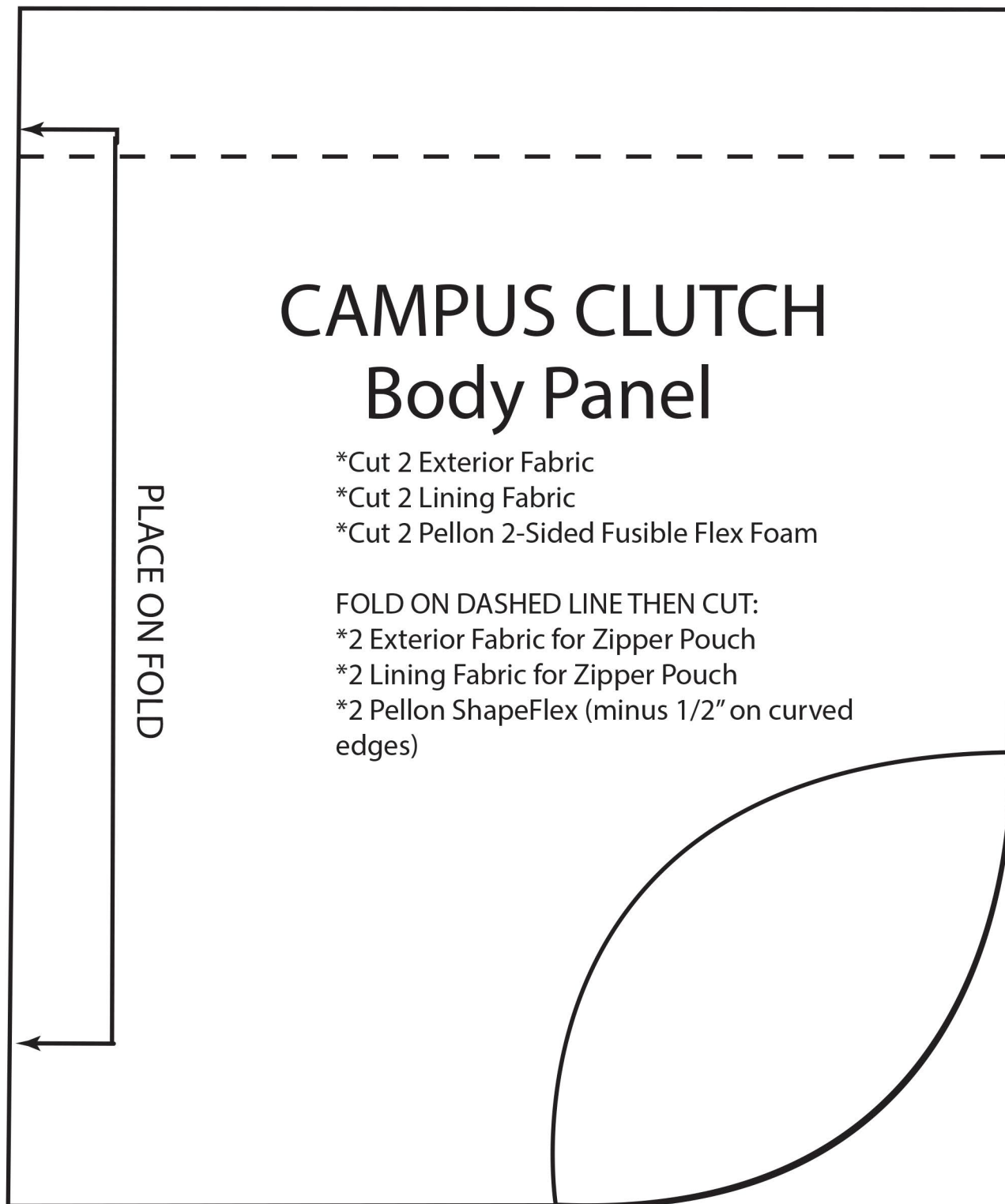








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Fold Down to Dashed Line before cutting Flex Foam

## CAMPUS CLUTCH FLAP

- \*Cut 1 Exterior Fabric
- \*Cut 1 Lining
- \* Cut 1 Pellon Single-Sided  
Flex Foam



