

Rotary Mat and Large Ruler Tote Class
Sponsored by Canyon Quilters
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October 15, 2022, at Rosie's Calico Cupboard
Hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Supplies List, Cutting list and Pre-Class Homework

There are two strap options for this tote. Supplies, Cutting, and Sewing instructions will differ depending on the strap option you choose.

Supplies

Outer Sides with Strap Option 1 Fabric (A): 1 ½ yds
Outer Sides with Strap Option 2 Fabric (A): 1 1/4 yds
Lining fabric (B): 1 1/4 yds
Small Outer Pocket Fabric (C): ½ yd
Large Outer Pocket Fabric (D): 2/3 yd
Foam Stabilizer (see note on page 3):
 2 pcs 20" x30"
 1 pc 3" x 36" for Strap Option 1
Pet Screen (see note on page 3): ½ yd (if at least 30" wide)
Fusible fleece: 1 pc 8" x 30"
 1 pc 10" x30"
Strap Option 2: Webbing for straps: 1 -1 1/2" wide x 2 yds
Three Scraps of fabric 3" wide x 30" to make binding for pet screen top and binding
 for tops of two outer pockets
Scrap of fabric to cover ends of straps ("Strap shoes") if choosing Strap option 2: 6" x 24"
40 wt Polyester thread that coordinates or blends with your fabrics (for top and bobbins)
Wonder clips (necessary for working with foam stabilizers)
Several of your favorite rulers that we can use to measure size of pockets to create your CUSTOM bag
 Strongly recommend: Your largest square up ruler; your 24" rulers
Sewing machine needles (several---working with foam stabilizers can be tough on needles): recommend
Schmetz 80/12 or 90/14 Microtex Sharps,
Standard foot for sewing, ¼" foot **not** necessary because we will be stitching ½" seams
Edge stitch foot
Teflon foot for sewing on pet screen **not** necessary
Sewing machine in good working order, cord, foot pedal, usual sewing supplies

Cutting

Fabric A: 2 pc 20" (Length) x 30" (Width) for outer sides
 2 pc 5" x 37" (strap covering for Strap option 1)
Fabric B: 2 pc 20" x 30"
Fabric C: 1 pc 16" x 30"

Fabric D: 1 pc 20" x 30"

Foam Stabilizer: 2 pc 20" x 30"

2 pc 1 1/2" x 36" for Strap Option 1

Pet Screen: 1 pc 18" x 30"

Fusible fleece: 1 pc 8" x 30"

1 pc 10" x 30"

Webbing for strap Option 2: Cut into two 1 yd pieces

Three Scraps of fabric 3" wide x 30" to make binding for pet screen top and binding for tops of two outer pockets

Sub cut Strap shoes fabric into 4 6" squares

Homework:

WST: Wrong sides together

RST: Right sides together

Step 1: Place one piece of Fabric A over one piece of 20 x 30 foam stabilizer and lightly quilt. Suggestion: 2" grid

Step 2: Repeat for second piece of outer fabric and second piece of 20 x 30 foam stabilizer

Step 3: Prepare Straps Option 1

Fold one piece of strap fabric WST along center lengthwise and press. Place one piece of 1 1/2" x 36" foam stabilizer lengthwise snugly inside the fold. Press the two raw edges towards the fabric's center fold, wrapping one raw edge over the raw edge of the foam and laying the second folded pressed edge on top of the first pressed edge. The goal is to have the second pressed edge sit directly on top of the now fabric-covered foam to form a neat edge for edge-stitching. Stitch two sets of edge stitches 1/4" apart lengthwise on topside of both lengthwise edges of strap.

Repeat for second strap

OR

Step 3: Prepare Straps Option 2

Make strap shoes: Press and fold to make "Shoes" to cover snugly all four ends of straps. Make sure there are no raw edges at completion of folding and pressing.

Step 4: Prepare and attach binding to Pet screen

Fold strips WST lengthwise and press. Then fold each raw edge WST toward center fold and press.

Step 5: Prepare Smaller, Outer Pocket

Fold Fabric C lengthwise WST and press. Insert the 8" x 30" fleece between the two wrong sides of Fabric C and snug up to center fold the entire length of folded pocket. Press fleece to set it firmly in place. Lightly quilt (sugg: vertical single stitch 1" apart along outer face of pocket), and

prepare and attach binding along folded edge. This bound, folded edge will form top of this smaller, outer pocket.

Step 6: Prepare Larger, Outer pocket

Fold Fabric D lengthwise WST and press. Insert the 10" x 30" fleece between the two wrong sides of Fabric D and snug up to center fold the entire length of folded pocket. Press fleece to set it firmly in place. Lightly quilt (sugg: stitch a diagonal 1" grid along outer face of pocket), and prepare and attach binding along folded edge. This bound, folded edge will form top of this larger, outer pocket.

Notes:

Pet screen. I used this year's ago for stitching totes and it has come back. So I assumed everyone knew about it. Wrong. Absolutely, it can be purchased at Home Depot or Lowe's, and it comes in either black or grey at hardware stores. It is available in many colors in quilt stores. I purchased mine at SEW Hut on the NE corner of Balboa and Claremont. SEW Hut has several colors in stock, and more are on order. She carries 18" x 36" rolls and will soon have larger sheets/rolls of 36" x 5 yds in stock if people want to share. She also told me that she would be willing to cut 18" off the larger roll to accommodate her customers. A head's up: Her shop will be closed from July 11 through 16 while she and staff are at Bernina University. I am sure others' favorite quilt stores either have pet screen in stock or will order it. It may also be called mesh vinyl. **Warning:** Some mesh vinyl is thinner and stretchier than the pet screen vinyl I use. Do not purchase the stretchy stuff.

Foam Stabilizers. I have used and like three brands equally well: Bosal's Foam Stabilizer, Annie's Soft and Stable, and Kimberbell's Flexi-Foam. Other brands may exist. I just do not know them. Some now have adhesive on one or both sides. That is okay but quilting still required (I ask people to pre-quilt their work before class). All are easy to sew but are awkward to cut when they are in a larger sheet. SEW Hut carries Kimberbell's and Bosal's versions of the stabilizer. I believe they each come in different sizes, so people should make sure to get the correct minimum sizes. (I recommend a minimum of 20" x 30"). I usually order in bulk on rolls that are 58" wide and 10 plus yds long). SEW Hut may be willing to place an order for the large Bosal roll if enough people are interested in sharing. We have a few months before class so that may be worth doing. **Warning:** This means that people will get a piece that is 58" wide, that when cut for the pattern will yield two pieces that equal 29", not the 30" that I specify in the instructions. The 29" dimension will still work if people are careful in cutting. Foam stabilizer shrinks like crazy when quilting and sewing. If people are careful when cutting they will have plenty of wiggle room for the 24 1/2" rulers and 18" x 24" ruler mats. For an example of a ruler tote that is just a tad too shy for the ruler mat, they are welcome to see my original tote that I shared at guild a couple of months ago. And, of course, people are welcome to shop at their favorite quilt store for foam stabilizers.