



Oriole Bag

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This bag comes in 2 different sizes and comes together quickly with the creative use of darts and front and back fabrics! Try your hand at using a bit of purse hardware, including your choice of a magnetic snap or twist lock.

Seam allowance varies and will be noted in each step.

All pattern pieces include the seam allowance. Please read all instructions before beginning.

Finished Size: small - 12" long x 8" tall x 2" deep
 large - 14" long x 9-1/2" tall x 3" deep

All cutting measurements given throughout the pattern are *width x height*.

SUPPLIES

- 3/4 yard of exterior fabric (1/2 yard will be enough if using 54" wide cork or vinyl)
- 1/2 yard of lining fabric
- 1/2 yard of foam interfacing (By Annie's Soft and Stable, Pellon Flex Foam, Bosal In-R-Form, or automotive headliner; if using Flex Foam, it is only 20" wide so please purchase at least 1 yard)
- 2 yards of 20" wide Pellon SF-101 Shape Flex fusible woven interfacing (or medium-weight fusible)
- Twist lock or 1/2" magnetic snap
- Two 1" metal rectangles
- 1" metal slider

**For a softer/slouchier bag, substitute the foam for Thermolam or fleece*

NOTIONS

- Clover Wonder Clips or pins
- Iron
- Pressing cloth
- Rotary Cutter and Cutting Mat
- Scissors
- Disappearing Ink Fabric Marker
- Small screwdriver (to install the twist lock, if you are using that option)
- Fabric glue (to install the twist lock, if you are using that option - I like Beacon 3-1 or Beacon Fabric-Tac)

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Please cut your fabric pieces in the order listed, so that you will have plenty of fabric for the bag. When printing pattern pieces, always make sure your printer is set to scaling at 'none' or 'actual size' so pieces print at correct size.

IMPORTANT: Measure the tester 1" or 4cm square to make sure that your pattern pieces printed at the correct size.

Helpful Hint: Feel free to use post-it notes to label your cut fabric pieces and easily stay organized. If you plan to quilt your exterior pieces to interfacing, I recommend rough-cutting them approximately 1" larger to account for shrinkage when machine quilting.

Cut each from Exterior Fabric and Shape Flex (omit Shape Flex if using cork or leather):

- (2) Strap, 30-1/4" x 4"; piece straps using 1/4" seam allowance along the short end. Use the 60" piece to cut from Shape Flex (if using cork or leather and 2 layers of strap will suffice, instead cut one 54" x 2"; omit Shape Flex)
- (4) Tab, 4" x 1-1/2" (if using cork or leather, cut the Tabs to 3-1/2" x 1" instead)

Cut each from Exterior Fabric, Lining Fabric, Foam Interfacing, and Shape Flex:

- (2) Main Panel, using the Main Panel pattern piece for your chosen size, cut on the fold
- (1) Flap, using the Flap pattern piece for your chosen size, cut on the fold

Cut each from Lining Fabric:

- (1) Pocket, 5" x 10-1/2"

ATTACH THE INTERFACING

1. Place the fusible (tacky) side of the Shape Flex against the wrong side of the Strap. Fuse according to manufacturer instructions. Repeat for the Tabs, Lining Main Panels, and Lining Flap.

Helpful Hint: To fuse Shape Flex, first place the Lining Bottom face down, followed by the interfacing (tacky side down), then my pressing cloth. I lightly spritz the pressing cloth with water, then iron, overlapping each area, for approximately 10 seconds on each spot. When finished, it should be firmly attached to your fabric.

2. Place the Exterior Main Panel with the wrong side of the fabric against the foam interfacing. Pin in place. Baste Panel using a 1/8" (3mm) seam allowance. Repeat for the remaining Exterior Main Panel and Exterior Flap.

Helpful Hint: I like to gently pull my fabric taut as I am basting it to the foam interfacing for a tight, crisp finish. If you would like, machine quilt the foam interfacing pieces at this time; if you rough-cut, cut to the final size in the cutting instructions.

I also recommend cutting these scraps of interfacing to be used later on in the pattern:

- For magnetic snap - 1" square of Peltex or foam interfacing
- For twist lock - 1" square of Peltex or foam interfacing, 2" square of Shape Flex interfacing

Step-by-step video available at www.sewsweetness.com

Backstitch all seams. Steps for either size will be the same unless otherwise noted. Photos show size Large.

MAKE THE LINING POCKET



3. Bring the Pocket right sides together so that both short ends meet. Sew the sides and the top edge using 1/4" seam allowance, leaving a 3" opening centered along the top edge. Clip the corners, then turn right side out and press. Also press the opening toward the wrong side by 1/4".

4. Topstitch the edge of the Pocket with the opening using 1/8" seam allowance.

5. Place the Pocket, centered, on one Lining Main Panel. To find the center, finger press the pocket and make a crease. Do the same for the Lining Main Panel. Align the creases.

You will align the Pocket using these measurements:

- size small - 2-3/4" down from the top edge of the Lining Main Panel
- size large - 3-1/2" down from the top edge of the Lining Main Panel

6. Pin the Pocket in place. Sew the sides and bottom of the pocket using 1/8" seam allowance.

MAKE THE DARTS



7. Cut the dart out from your paper pattern piece (I suggest leaving a small bit of paper at the top of the dart, to keep the top of the paper from spreading apart).

Transfer the dart placement to both halves of all Exterior Main Panels and Lining Main Panels. Also use the pattern piece to draw a line down the center. All markings will be on the **wrong** side of the fabric.

8. Starting with one Lining Main Panel, pinch the dart so that the fabric is right sides together. Make sure both 'legs' of the dart are aligned. Pin in place. Sew directly on top of the line. Trim the seam to 1/4".

Repeat this step for all darts on all Lining Main Panels and Exterior Main Panels.

You will press the seams on the Exterior pieces toward the center of the fabric panel. You will press the seams on all Lining pieces toward the side edge of the fabric panel.

MAKE THE FLAP



9. **If using the magnetic snap closure**, for this step only measure and make a mark centered and 1" up from the bottom curved edge of the Lining Flap; install the male half of the magnetic snap over the mark that you made using manufacturer instructions (before opening the prongs of the snap outward, cut slits in a square of 1" Peltex or foam using prongs for placement; slide the Peltex/foam onto the wrong side of the fabric, prongs through, then open the prongs outward).

10. Sew the Exterior Flap and Lining Flap right sides together using a 1/4" (6mm) seam allowance. **Leave a 5" opening centered along the straight edge of the Flap.** Notch the curved edge and clip the corners, being careful not to cut into your stitching. Turn the flap right side out and press, also pressing the opening toward the wrong side by 1/4". Use Wonder Clips to hold the pressed-under edge for now.

Topstitch the sides and bottom of the Flap using a scant 1/4" seam allowance (the straight edge will be left unsewn).



11. **If using the twist lock closure**, unscrew the twist lock then take the flat oval piece from the twist lock and the completed Flap. Draw a dot that is centered and up 1" (2.5cm) from the bottom of the Flap. Place the oval piece centered over that dot. Draw around the center of the oval; also mark where the screws are.



12. **For twist lock only**, cut along the oval that you just drew (you will be cutting through both exterior and lining fabrics). Install using manufacturer instructions (my twist lock had screws; I removed the screws with a screwdriver, made holes with a small hole punch where the screw openings were, put a dab of fabric glue on the front and back pieces, then replaced the lock and installed the screws).

Helpful Hint: Before proceeding, examine your twist lock to see how it needs to be installed. There are several different kinds of twist locks available, and some use screws and some use prongs. You may need to adjust installation based on the kind of twist lock that you have.



13. On one Exterior Main Panel, draw a dot that is centered and down (small - down 1-3/8", large - down 3") from the top edge. Place the locking piece from the twist lock centered over that dot. Draw 2 lines to mark the prong placement of the locking piece.

Alternately, if using magnetic snap, mark prong placement for the remaining half of the magnetic snap.

Cut small slits along the two lines on the bag front. I like to follow this up with a dab of seam sealant. Insert the prongs of the locking piece followed by a 1" square of Peltex/foam

OR magnetic snap through the right side of the bag front. If your twist lock came with a metal washer, the washer should go on last. Open the prongs inward, then fuse a scrap of Shape Flex to the back over the prongs. (twist lock is pictured)

SEW THE BODY OF THE BAG



14. Place the Flap against the Exterior Main Panel (without the twist lock/magnetic snap). The lining side of the Flap will be against the Main Panel. The straight edge of the Flap will be 1-1/4" lower for size large (1-1/2" lower for size small) than the top edge of the Main Panel (I drew a line with chalk to align the straight edge of the Flap; measure using the middle of the Main Panel, as the sides veer higher).

Sew 2 lines of stitching to attach the Flap to the Exterior Main Panel - the first line will be a scant 1/4" away from the straight edge, then sew a second line 3/8" away from the straight edge.



15. **(for cotton fabric only)** Sew one pair of Tabs right sides together using a 1/4" seam allowance, leaving one short straight edge unsewn. Clip corners. Turn right side out and press, also pressing the opening toward the wrong side by 1/4". Repeat for remaining pair.

(for leather only) Place one pair of Tabs wrong sides together. Use glue stick or fabric glue to temporarily adhere two tabs wrong side together. Repeat for remaining pair.



16. Topstitch the outer edges of the Tab using 1/8" seam allowance.

Fold the short end of each Tab toward the wrong side by 1". Bring the bottom edge up so that both short ends meet. Place a metal rectangle at the top folded edge of each Tab. Use Wonder Clips to hold in place. Repeat for the remaining Tab.



17. Place the Tabs on the Exterior Flap; each Tab will be 1/2" in from the side edge of the Flap and 1/2" up from the straight edge of the Flap.

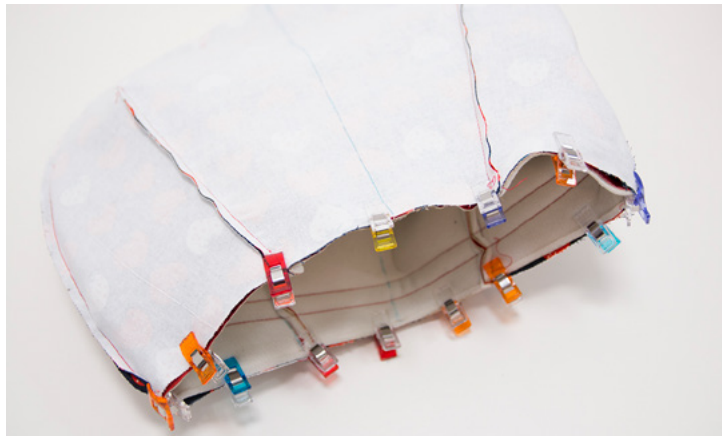
Sew a horizontal line 1/4" above the bottom edge of the Tab, and also sew 1/2" underneath the hardware.

If you wish to use a rivet, attach it to the Tab at this time.



18. Place both Exterior Main Panels right sides together, aligning the center markings and the top corners. Pin in place. Sew using 1/2" seam allowance. Notch the curved edges, then trim the seam down to 1/4".

Repeat for the Lining Main Panels, except sew at 5/8" seam allowance instead. Leave a 5" opening centered along the bottom of the lining.



19. Turn the bag Exterior right side out. Place the Exterior and Lining right sides together, aligning the top edges and side seams. Pin, then sew the top edge of the bag using 1/4" seam allowance.

Turn the bag right side out through the opening in the lining.

Helpful Hint: Make sure the Flap and Tabs are pushed down inside the bag; also, the Pocket will be against the same side as the Flap.



20. Press the top edge of the bag. Topstitch the top edge using 1/8" seam allowance (do not topstitch on the Flap). I like to lengthen my stitch length for topstitching.

MAKE THE ADJUSTABLE STRAP



21. **(for cotton fabric)** Press the short ends of the Strap toward the wrong side by 1/2". Press the Strap in half along the long edge, wrong sides together, so that both edges meet. Press. Open out and fold the top of the fabric down to the crease. Then fold the other edge in to meet the crease and press. Fold the entire piece along the first fold, enclosing the raw edges, and press.

(for cork or leather) Fold the strap in half, then place Wonder Clips to hold the layers in place.

Topstitch all 4 edges of the Strap using a 1/8" (3mm) seam allowance.



22. Press one short end of the Strap toward the wrong side by 1". Slide that end of the Strap through one metal rectangle. Sew 2 lines of stitching (1/4" away from the edge of the fabric, and again 1/2" away from the edge of the fabric).



23. Thread the loose end of the Strap over and under the middle bar in your metal slider. The end of the Strap will go through the metal rectangle on the other end of the bag, then underneath the bottom of the metal slider. Pull about 2" of the strap through the slider, then stitch the loose end of the Strap to itself using 2 lines of stitching.

You're finished! Make sure that you give the bag a good press. Pressing is really important to the finished look of your bag!

Congratulations, you've finished!

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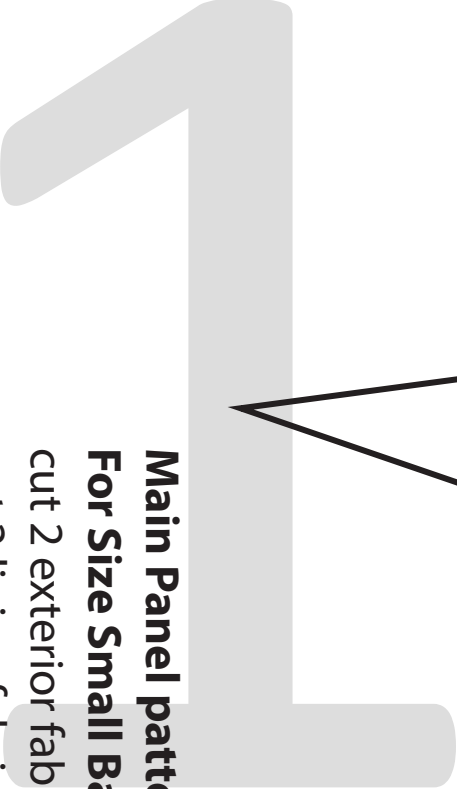
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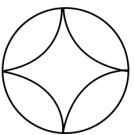
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Place on the fo



Main Panel pattern piece
For Size Small Bag
cut 2 exterior fabric
cut 2 lining fabric
cut 2 foam interfacing
cut 2 Shape Flex



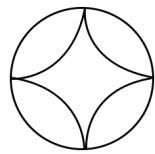
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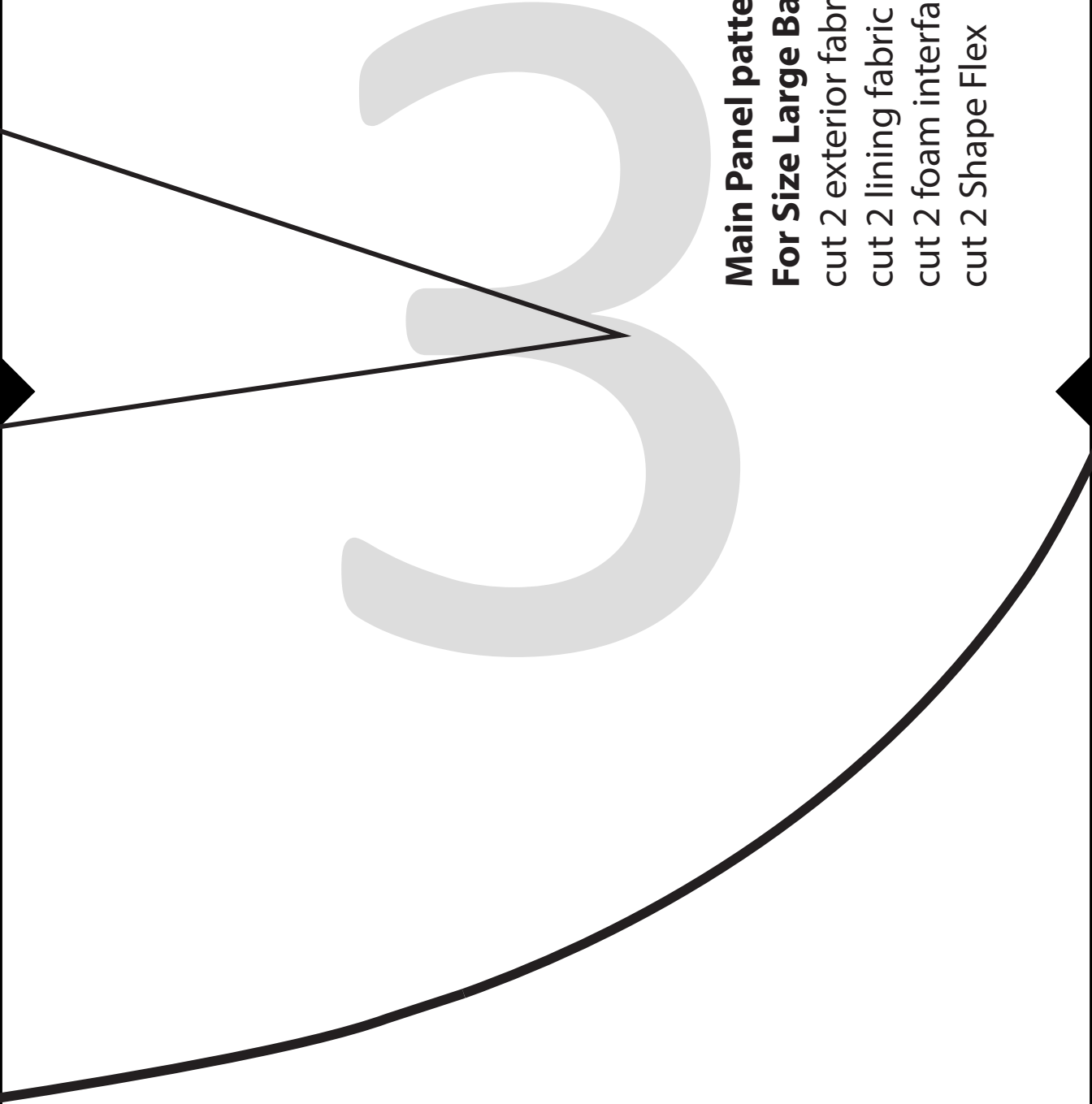
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Main Panel pattern piece

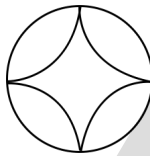
For Size Large Bag

- cut 2 exterior fabric
- cut 2 lining fabric
- cut 2 foam interfacing
- cut 2 Shape Flex

Place on the fold

1" square

4cm



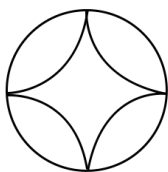
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Flap pattern piece **For Size Small Bag**

cut 1 exterior fabric
cut 1 lining fabric
cut 1 foam interfacing
cut 1 Shape Flex

Place on the fold



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Flap pattern piece

For Size Large Bag

cut 1 exterior fabric

cut 1 lining fabric

cut 1 foam interfacing

cut 1 Shape Flex

Place on the fold