



MATERIALS

Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® Heavy Thread or Coats & Clark™ Jeans Topstitching Thread – 4 colors

Assorted jeans in a variety of blue colorations

½ yd (45.72cm) lining fabric

½ yd (45.72cm) fusible fleece, 45" (114.30cm)

Jeans or Topstitching needle, size 16/100

Walking foot (optional)

For bold quilting, use a heavier weight thread like Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP™ Heavy or Jeans Topstitching Thread in a contrasting colors. The bag shown uses 4 colors. Use a 16/100 needle or an 18/110. For best results, using a Topstitching needle.

 SEWING, QUILTING | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

Featuring Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread and Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® Heavy Thread or Coats & Clark™ Jeans Topstitching Thread

If you've got a pile of old jeans that are too good to throw away, repurpose them into this fun argyle pattern tote. It uses various blue hues, and even the pocket from a pair. Accent with quilting using Coats & Clark™ Jeans Topstitching thread in contrasting colors.

MEASUREMENTS

13" x 17" (33.02cm x 43.18cm)
(excluding straps)

CUTTING

From the assorted jeans, cut:

(36) squares, 3½" (8.89cm)

(1) Bag Body, centering a felled leg seam vertically*

(1) back pocket, carefully cut around the side and lower edges, just outside the finished fold, and ½" (1.27cm) beyond the upper edge

(2) straps, 3" x 24" (7.62cm x 60.96cm) (the featured bag has a side seam centered down each strap)

From the fusible fleece and lining, cut:

(2) Bag Body

**If the jeans leg isn't large enough, the back may be pieced from the assorted jeans scraps or cut from denim yardage instead.*

Seam allowances are ¼".



Back

ASSEMBLING THE BAG FRONT

1. Lay out the assorted jeans squares in a pleasing arrangement that is large enough for the bag body pattern. The featured bag has the squares placed diagonally. Sew the squares together into rows, pressing seams in alternate directions for adjacent rows. Matching adjacent seams, sew the rows together in order. Press the seams in one direction.
2. Lay a fusible fleece bag body adhesive side up and lay the pieced squares over it right side up. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the layers together. Trim the squares to match the fleece bag body piece.
3. Thread the top of the machine with Heavy and/or Jeans Thread. Lengthen the stitch to 3.5mm or 8-10 stitches per inch. Sew a test sample and adjust if needed to achieve a balanced tension. Stitch a colorful grid through all the squares about 1" (2.54cm) from the seamlines. The featured bag uses four colors of thread. Press.

ASSEMBLING THE BAG BACK

1. Place the fusible fleece bag body piece adhesive side up and fuse the denim layer to it.
2. Press under the upper pocket extension fabric ½" (1.27cm). Position the pocket as desired on the bag back. Carefully sew around the side and bottom edges to anchor it to the back piece and continue stitching across the folded top piece, tucking the upper finished pocket edge out of the way.

ASSEMBLING THE STRAPS

1. Fold the straps in half lengthwise and sew the long edges together. Press the seam open.
2. Turn the straps right side out, center the seam and press. Topstitch both long edges.

ASSEMBLING THE BAG

1. Place the bag front and back right sides together. Sew around the perimeter, leaving the upper edge open. Turn the bag right side and press to shape.
2. Repeat Step 1 for the lining, leaving a 4" opening at the

bottom center and using ½" (1.27cm) seams. Leave the lining wrong side out.

3. Matching the cut ends to of the strap to the upper edge of the bag and with right side together, baste a strap to the bag front and another to the bag back ½" (1.27cm) in from the side seams.
4. With right sides together, slip the bag into the lining. Matching the upper edge and side seams, sew around the top using a ½" (1.27cm) seam.
5. Turn the bag right side out through the lining opening. Stitch the opening closed.

FINISHING

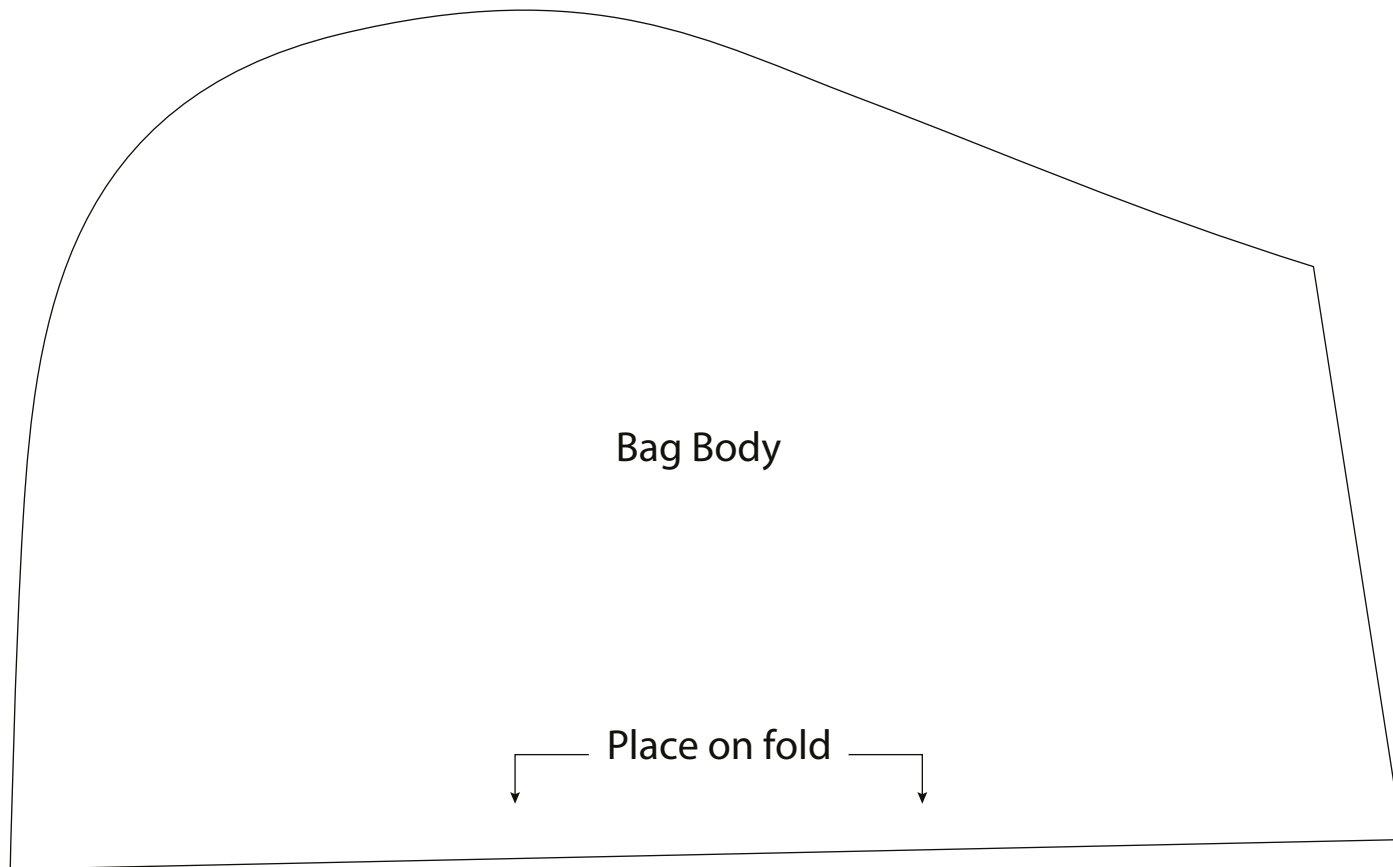
1. Press the upper bag edge, slightly rolling the lining to the inside.
2. Topstitch around the bag upper edge to hold the lining in place.

Tips

- Working with heavy denims can be a challenge due to the thickness of the seams. Press them firmly to open or press to one side.
- Nest the seams at the corners so that one set goes one direction and the adjacent set goes the opposite way.
- When working with stretch denim, be sure to use a walking foot to avoid stretching it as you stitch.
- Take advantage of existing jean features like pockets, flat felled seams, etc. to showcase in your bag.
- Save the jean scraps for another project.



Front



This square should
measure 1" x 1"
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)
when printed.

***** Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 200%*****