



Folded

## MATERIALS

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

1 yd (.91m) ripstop nylon, 60" (152.40cm)  
Size 10/70 Universal needle

### Tips for sewing with Ripstop

- Use a small needle on ripstop to avoid puckering and holes.
- Press ripstop only on the very lowest iron setting and use a press cloth to avoid melting.
- Pin only within the seamline, as pins can leave permanent holes in some ripstop fabrics. Clips or tape work well too to keep things from slipping.

## SEWING I SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

### Featuring Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

This clever bag can be used as a tote or as a backpack depending on how you wear it, and the entire thing folds into its own pocket for easy storage. Lightweight ripstop nylon is strong and water repellent whether you are crossing campus or headed to the market.

### MEASUREMENTS

16" x 17" (40.64cm x 43.18cm)  
(excluding handles)

### CUTTING

#### From the ripstop, cut:

2 bag body, using the pattern provided  
2 strips, 4½" x 35" (11.43cm x 88.90cm), for straps  
1 strip, 6½" x 19" (16.51cm x 48.26cm), for outer back facing  
2 strips, 4" x 19" (10.16cm x 48.26cm), for upper facings  
1 rectangle, 7" x 12" (17.78cm x 30.48cm), for pocket

*Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm) unless otherwise noted.*

### Preparing the Parts

1. Fold each strap strip right sides together and sew the long edges. Turn right side out and center the seam. Lightly press the edges. Topstitch ¼" (.64cm) from each long edge.
2. Repeat step 1 for the outer back facing.

### Assembling the Back

1. Pin the outer back facing strip 2" (5.08cm) below the bag upper edge. Mark a 2¼" (5.72cm) opening 2½" (6.35cm) in from each side of the bag body on the top and bottom of the facing strip. This makes the strap channel.
2. Sew the upper and lower outer facing edges to the bag back, leaving the marked area open.

Backstitch on each side of the openings.

3. Trim any excess outer facing length to match the bag body.

### Assembling the Front

1. Match the short cut strap edge to the bag front upper edge and with the strap seam up. Baste each strap in place 1½" (3.81cm) from the bag front right side edges.
2. Make a ¼" (.64cm) double hem one long edge of both bag facings and stitch.
3. Sew the facing to the bag front upper edge right side with the straps ends between.
4. Turn the facing to the inside, press the edge and topstitch, being careful not to catch the free end of the straps.
5. Baste the facing ends to the sides of the bag body and trim excess width.
6. Repeat steps 3-5 for the bag back, ignoring reference to the straps.

### Assembling the Pocket

1. Make a ¼" (.64cm) double hem on each short pocket edge and stitch.

2. Fold the pocket rectangle WRONG sides together and stitch a scant ¼" (.64cm) seam on each side, leaving the hemmed area open.
3. Turn the pocket right sides together and roll the seams to the edge. Stitch a ⅜" (.95cm) seam, encasing the edges of the first seam.
4. Mark the center of the upper packet edge and the back bag facing.
5. Matching the centers, overlap the hemmed pocket edge and the hemmed facing edge. Note that the pocket opening should face the bag back. Stitch the upper pocket edge to the facing only, leaving the other half free.

### Assembling the Bag

1. Mark the center of the bag back lower edge. Lay the bag front and back right side up separately flat on a table surface with the upper faced edges facing each other. Being careful not to twist the straps, thread one through each bag back channel opening and pin in place 3½" (8.89cm) from the

lower marked center point. Baste the strap ends in place, matching cut edges.

2. Mark a line 7" (17.78cm) up from the strap end. Sew the strap to the bag back along both edges up to and across the marking. Stitch again across the marking just below the first line of stitching.
3. Without twisting, place the bag front and back WRONG sides together and pin around the perimeter, leaving the finished upper edge open. Sew the pinned portion of the bag using a scant ¼" (.64cm) seam. Turn the bag right sides together and roll the seam to the edge. Pin. Stitch a ⅜" (.95cm) seam, encasing the edges of the first seam.
4. Turn the bag right side out and lightly press the edges to shape.

### Folding the Bag

1. To fold the bag into its pocket, lay it flat on a table with the front up and the pocket extended. Fold the bag vertically into three sections, each the width of the pocket.

2. Tuck the straps into the folds. Fold or roll the bag horizontally several times and it stuff into the pocket.



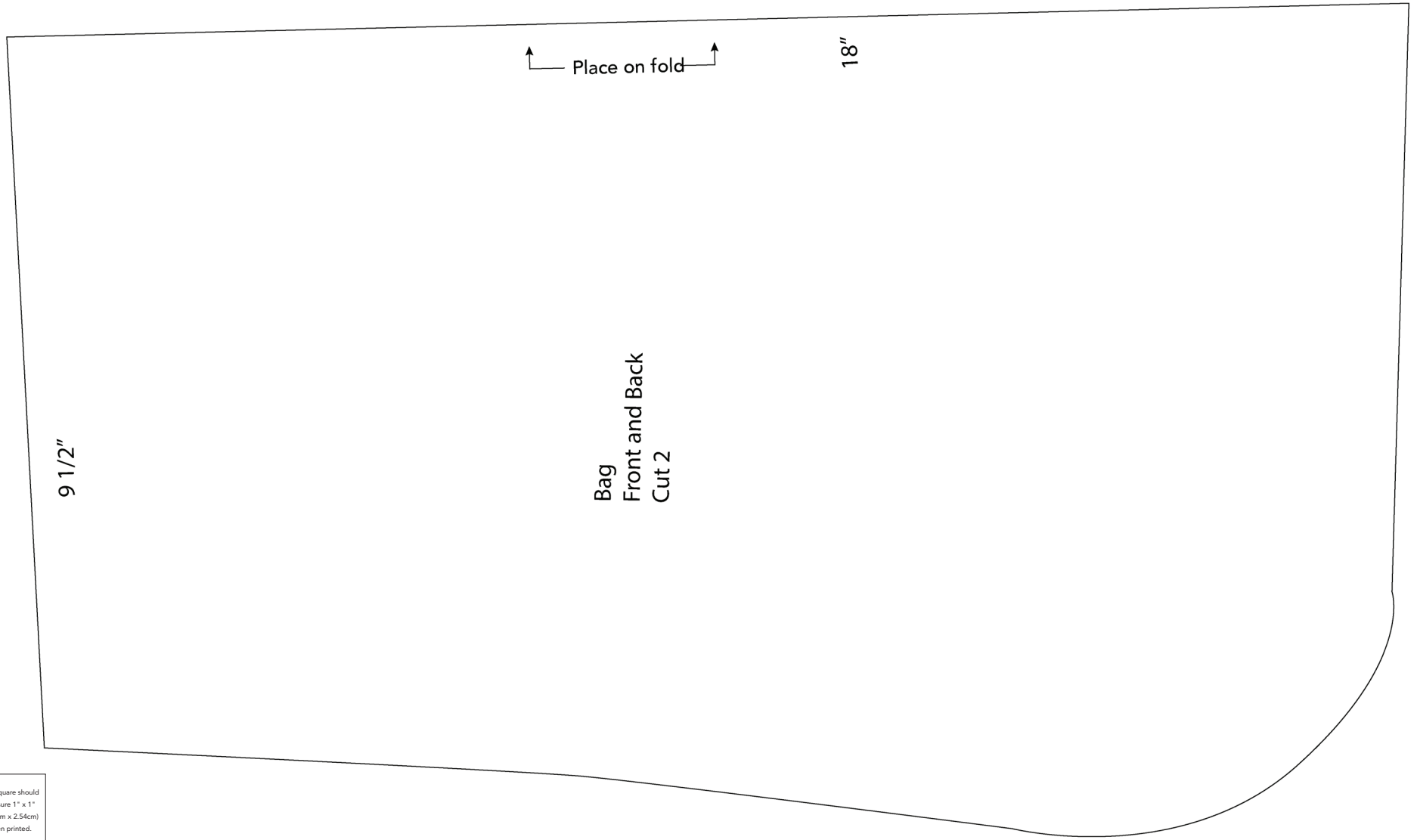
Pull handles up to carry as tote.



Pull handles down to use as back pack.



Fold into pocket to store.



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