



Technique:	Sewing, Bobbinwork
Designed By:	Linda Turner Griepentrog
Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	9" x 10" (22.86cm x 25.40cm), excluding strap

Featuring Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements Craft Thread and Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

Working upside down is fun when you have a thread that's too big for the machine needle. These swirls showcase the Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements 6-weight Craft Threads.\*

### Supplies

- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- Coats® Eclectic Elements Craft Thread
- ½ yd (45.72cm) navy blue denim, 60" (152.40cm) wide
- ½ yd (30.48cm) red print lining
- ¾ yd (34.29cm) medium-weight fusible interfacing
- 9" (22.86cm) zipper
- (2) ¾" (18mm) Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements Swivel Hooks
- (5) ¾" (1.59cm) buttons
- Denim machine needle
- Large-eye hand sewing needle
- Zipper foot
- Bag Body pattern

\*A size 10 crochet thread such as Aunt Lydia's Classic 10 or Red Heart Crochet thread could also be used.

## Cutting

**WOF = Width of Fabric**

**From the denim, cut:**

- (2) Bag Body
- (1) strip, 2½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF), for strap/loops

**From the lining, cut:**

- (2) Bag Body

**From the interfacing, cut:**

- (2) Bag Body

## Preparation

Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the Bag Body interfacing pieces to the wrong side of the denim Bag Body pieces.

Following the bag photo, draw a curved line along one side of the bag body front interfacing from top to bottom.

*Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).*

## Embellishing the Bag Front

1. Wind a bobbin with each color of 6-weight thread, and thread the needle with navy All-purpose Thread. Set the machine for a long stitch length (6mm) and test stitch on scraps to adjust tension if needed. Stitching is done from the wrong side of the fabric.
2. With the interfacing side up, sew along the drawn curved line. Alternating thread colors and using the presser foot edge for spacing, sew (7) vertical rows of stitching. Draw a curved line horizontally, and repeat stitching to make (3) rows.

3. Using the Craft thread and large-eye needle, hand-stitch buttons along the center of the vertical curved stitching rows.

## Install the Zipper

1. Lay the zipper right side down along the bag front upper edge. Baste in place close to the edge, noting that the zipper end will extend beyond the purse side edge.
2. With right sides together, place a lining piece over the zippered bag front, matching the upper edges. Sew ¼" (.64cm) from the edge.
3. Repeat Steps 1-2 for the opposite zipper side. Press the bag and lining fabrics away from the zipper. Edgestitch the bag/zipper seam edge, leaving the lining free.

## Making the Strap

1. Press the strap strip in half. Open out the fold and press both long edges to the center crease. Fold the strap in half again and press.
2. Edgestitch each long edge of the strap. Cut off (2) 2" (5.08cm) long pieces for loops.
3. Fold each short piece in half, matching raw edges. Baste the loop in place at the bag front edge, ½" (1.27cm) below the zipper fold.

## Assembling the Bag

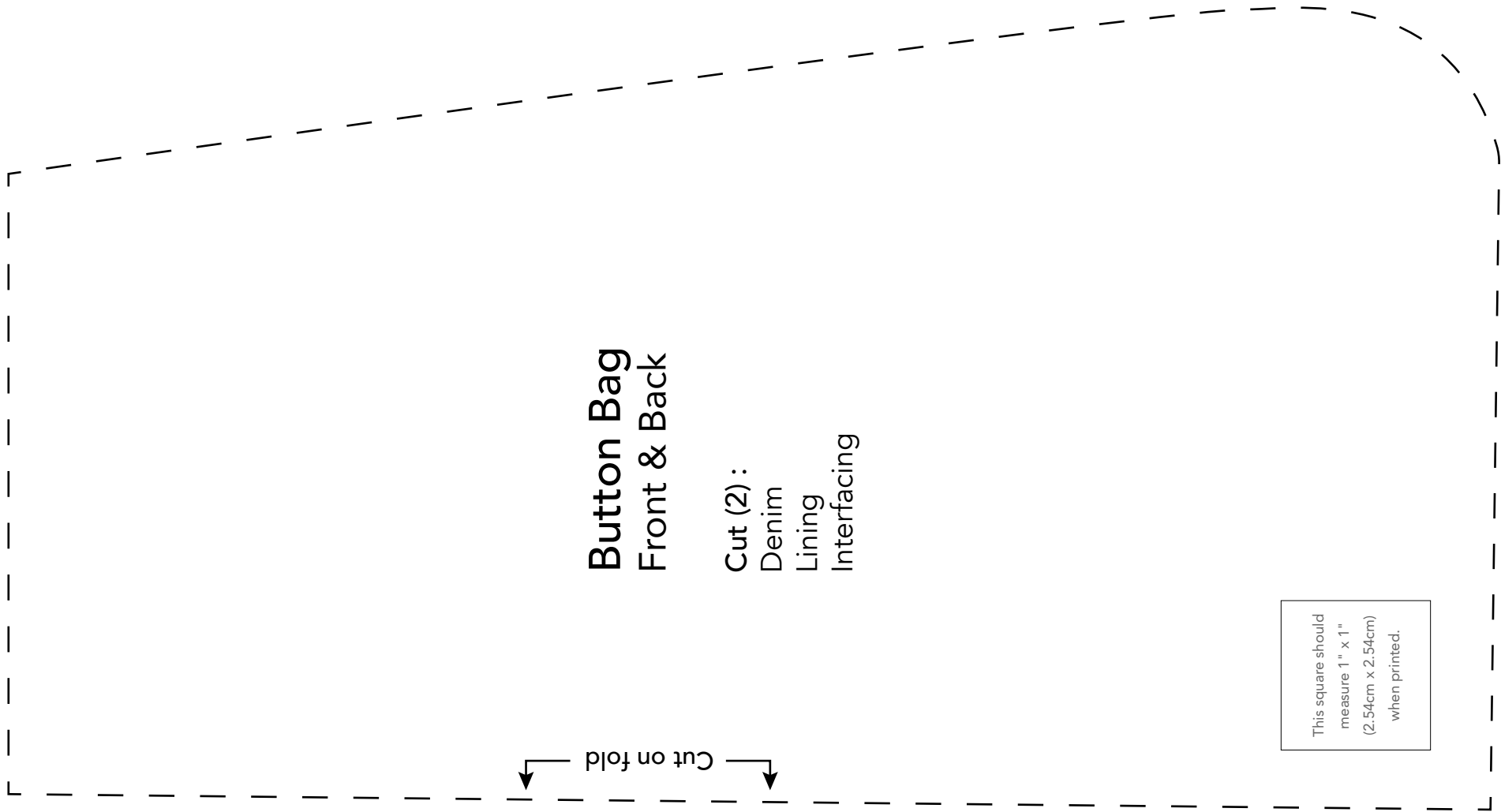
1. Open the zipper part way and place the lining portions right sides together and separately, the bag portions right sides together, folding the bag along the zipper coil. Pin in place.
2. Sew around the lining and bag sections, leaving a 4" (10.16cm) opening in the bottom of the lining. Trim off the excess zipper length and trim curves.



3. Turn the bag right side out through the lining opening. Close the opening by hand or machine.
4. Tuck the lining into the bag and press the bag edges, shaping corners and curves.

## Attaching the Straps

1. Thread the strap through the loop of one swivel hook and zigzag in place over the raw end.
2. Insert the swivel hook through the bag loop and clip in place.
3. Thread the remaining strap end through the second swivel hook and pin in place. Try on the bag and adjust the strap length as needed, leaving about 1" (2.54cm) length for sewing to the hook. Trim off the excess strap length.
4. Zigzag across the raw end of the strap and clip the hook to the bag loop.



**Button Bag  
Front & Back**

**Cut (2) :**  
Denim  
Lining  
Interfacing

Cut on fold

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

\*\*\* Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 100%\*\*\*