



MATERIALS

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

- 7/8 yd (80cm) outer fabric, like linen or home décor weight
- 1/2 yd (50cm) accent fabric*
- 1/3 yd (30.5cm) lining fabric
- 1 yd (1m) medium-weight fusible woven interfacing, 20" (51cm) wide
- 3/8 yd (34.5cm) fusible fleece, 45" (114.5cm) wide
- One square, 12" (30.5cm), sew-in foam
- One square, 12" (30.5cm), stiff craft stabilizer
- Ten metal grommets, 1/2" (1.5cm) interior diameter**
- 1 1/2 yds (1.5m) cord, 1/4" (.64cm) diameter
- Paper-back fusible web
- Removable marker
- Seam sealant (optional)

*This amount of fabric is generous to allow for fussy-cutting the appliqué band.

**The featured snap-together metal grommets are from Sallie Tomato, www.sallietomato.com.

 SEWING, APPLIQUÉ | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

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

Sew up this bucket bag for go-anywhere chic. Select a modern fabric print to “fussy cut” as quilters call it, to add extra style with a wrap-around appliqué band.

MEASUREMENTS

9" x 12" x 6" (23cm x 30.5cm x 15cm)

CUTTING

From the outer fabric, cut:

- (1) square, 12" (30.5cm), for base
- (1) strip, 12 1/2" x 26 1/2" (32cm x 67.5cm), for sides
- (1) strip, 4" x 25" (10cm x 63.5cm), for handle
- (1) strip, 3 1/2" x 26 1/2" (9cm x 67.5cm), for facing

From the accent fabric, cut:

Select and rough-cut the appliqué band shape, fussy-cutting motif placement if desired. The band should be no more than 6" (15cm) tall at its highest point. The featured bag has a large design element at center front. Cut at least 1/2" (1.5cm) above the desired edge line.

From the lining fabric, cut:

- (1) base, using the pattern provided on page 4.
- (1) rectangle, 9 1/4" x 26 1/2" (23.5cm x 67.5cm), for lining sides

From the interfacing, cut:

- (1) strip, 12 1/2" x 26 1/2" (32cm x 67.5cm), for sides
- (1) strip, 4" x 25" (10cm x 63.5cm), for handle
- (1) lining base, using the pattern provided

From the fusible fleece, cut:

- (1) rectangle, 12 1/4" x 26 1/2" (9cm x 67.5cm), for lining/facing

Seam allowances are 1/4" (.64cm).



PREPARATION

Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the interfacing pieces to their respective outer bag and lining pieces.

ASSEMBLING THE OUTER BAG

1. To prepare the base, trace the pattern onto the foam square. Layer the foam over the matching square of outer fabric, wrong sides together. Stitch around the base $\frac{1}{16}$ " (.5cm) inside the drawn line. Cut out the base on the line. Quarter-mark the outer edges by folding in half both directions. Place the base wrong sides together over the stiff craft interfacing square, stitch around again, and trim. Set aside.
2. To prepare the appliqué, follow the manufacturer's instructions to fuse the paper-backed web to the wrong side of the rough-cut accent fabric band. Trim on the fabric design lines you've selected to be the appliqué upper edge.
3. Fuse the accent band to the lower edge of the bag side rectangle right side, matching the straight lower edge.

4. Using a medium-width, short-length zigzag stitch, appliqué the upper accent band edge to the bag side fabric.
5. With right sides together, sew the bag side short ends together and press the seam open. Quarter-mark the lower edge by folding at the seam, and then again to match the half markings.
6. Position the bag side seam at the center back base marking and pin right sides together matching raw edges. Matching the quarter marks, stitch the bag side to the base. Note that this is awkward as you're sewing a stiffened bag side straight edge to a very stiff curved base, so slow slowly and maintain an accurate seam allowance.

ASSEMBLING THE LINING

1. Sew the long upper edge of the lining to the long edge of the facing. Press the seam toward the lining and topstitch.
2. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the fleece to the wrong side of the lining/facing rectangle.
3. With right sides together, sew the short seam edges together, leaving open about 5" (13cm) along the seam center for turning.
4. Quarter-mark the lining base and the lining. With right sides together and matching quarters (position the vertical seam at the center back), sew the lining to the base.

ASSEMBLING THE HANDLE

1. Fold the strap in half and press a crease. Open, then fold both long edges to the center and press. Refold the handle and press.
2. Edgestitch each long edge, then topstitch the handle center.

3. With raw edges matching and being careful not to twist, center each handle end over the upper side markings. Baste in place.

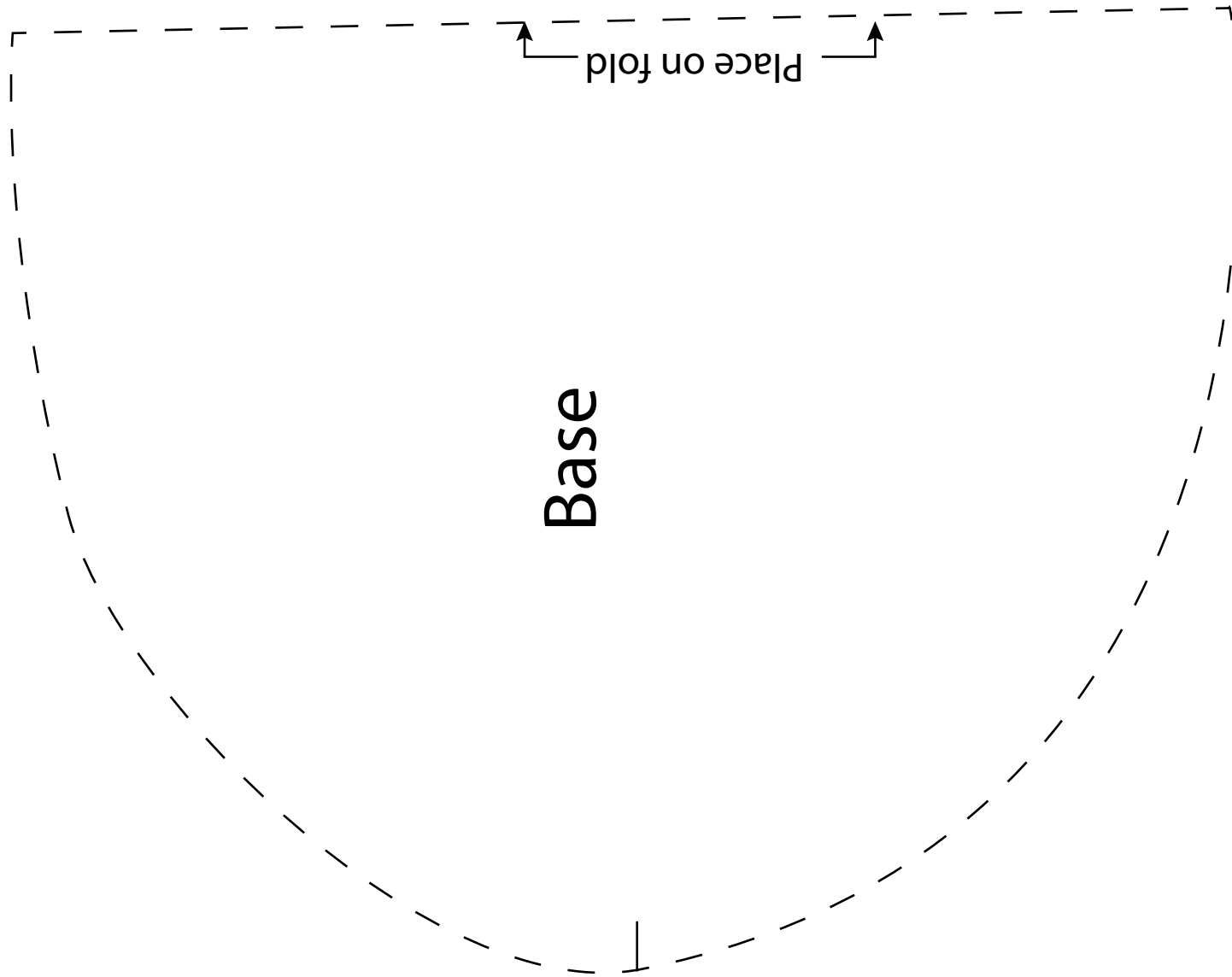
ASSEMBLING THE BAG

1. With right sides together, slip the lining over the bag, matching the upper edge and quarter marks. Note that the handle will be between the layers.
2. Sew around the top of the bag and turn right side out through the lining opening. Press the upper edge firmly and topstitch with the handles upright.
3. Hand-stitch the lining opening closed and push the lining into the bag. Topstitch the upper bag edge.
4. Mark the grommet location evenly around each quarter of the bag, noting that there are no grommets at center front or center back, but there are grommets positioned under each handle. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to install the grommets with the centers $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (4cm) from the finished upper edge.

FINISHING

1. Starting in the front, thread the cording in and out of the grommets.
2. Knot the cord ends and, if desired, apply a seam sealant to the ends.
3. Tie a bow at the front to close the bag.





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

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