

Sarah Ann Smith's Easy-Peasy Inside-Out Bag--Materials List

WARNING: These bags are like potato chips, you can't have just one!

NOTE: This supply list is for a half-day class. If your venue has booked a full-day class, please bring enough to make at least two bags and extra fabric for pockets.

Glasses or reading glasses, if you use them!

Sewing Machine

- Should be in good working order and one with which you are familiar
- Should be able to drop or cover the feed-dogs for free-motion work if you wish to free-motion quilt your bag
- Manual, just in case

- ❑ Walking foot for your sewing machine—please practice putting the foot on your machine (and taking it off) before class; open-toe if you have it
- ❑ Zipper foot
- ❑ Regular sewing foot (we will use 1/2 inch seam allowances so a quarter inch foot isn't as useful here)
- ❑ Extra sewing machine needles; Topstitch size 12 or 14 are my favorites.
- ❑ Optional: Free-motion or darning foot for your sewing machine—if you want to free-motion quilt in class
- ❑ Optional: Sewing Extension table if you have one---the larger the flat space around your machine the easier it is to machine quilt!

The bag:

You can make your bag any size you want! Something that is medium or larger sized is actually easier to make for the first one. If you are taking a full-day class, bring enough for at least two bags!

A bag made from two rectangles cut at 14 x 10 ¼ inches finishes with a bag about 8 ¼" long (inside) x 4 ½" tall (inside) x 2 wide/ bottom in size. This is about a "make up bag" size. I like mine a bit larger—large enough for sewing or art stuff; I cut those 14 inches wide by 18 inches. That bag is about 11 ½" long (inside) by 6" tall (inside) by just under 3" wide/bottom. Depending on how quickly you work and your level of sewing experience, you might even be able to make a second bag in class!

For each bag, you will need:

- Two rectangles of cotton, same size. I like to have two contrasting prints that look good together; see note above for size.
- One piece of batting the same size as the fabric.
- Extra fabric, felt, ribbon or ultrasuede scraps to make zipper tab ends. If using fabric, you will need two pieces of cloth about 2 ¼ by 3 inches. If using Ultrasuede or felt, about 1 ¼ wide by 2 ½ inches long.
- Optional: extra fabric for inside pockets. Depending on size a piece of fabric 5 by 7 will make a 4 ½ by 3 inch pocket.
- Thread for piecing and sewing zipper; it is fun to use a contrasting thread on the zipper!
- Thread for quilting—bring several colors so you have options
- Zipper, at least 14 inches long. I usually buy 22” zippers and just trim off any extra.
- If you don't bring the fabric pre-cut, bring a rotary cutter, 6x12 or other ruler and cutting mat.
- Straight pins
- Marking tool(s): bring what you have. Possibilities are blue wash-out pen, chalk marking tool, or quilt marking pencil.
- Safety pins for basting your quilt sandwich, if you have them (if not, you can use straight pins for the class)
- Ruler—at least 12” long and 3 inches wide.
- Scissors, thread snips and (sigh) seam ripper: we will try not to use Mr. Frog (rippit, rippit), but stuff happens. It's the umbrella thing again.....And an old pair of “junk drawer” scissors for cutting the zipper.
- Optional: Machine Quilting Gloves if you plan on free-motion quilting in class

Other stuff:

- Paper to take notes.
- Pen and pencil for notes and for doodling.
- Chocolate and caffeine often help <grin>!
- A sense of humor.
- A permission slip, written out to yourself, to try this without expecting perfection from yourself on the first try! After all, there aren't very many two-year olds running marathons! Walk first, run second. Have FUN! PLAY!!!

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