

Commuter Bag: Adding the Inner Pockets

“Commuter Bag” project patterned in the
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Web Bonus pattern for project
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Additional material:

Scrap of a cream vine
Fat eighth of a light blue leaf
Fat quarter of a cream/blue floral stripe
Heavyweight fusible interfacing

Cutting:

From the cream vine:
(2) 2" x 4-1/2" pieces (tab for folder)

From the light blue leaf:
(1) 7-1/2" x 10-1/2" piece (pen holder)

From the cream/blue floral stripe:
(1) 13" x 16" piece (inside folder)

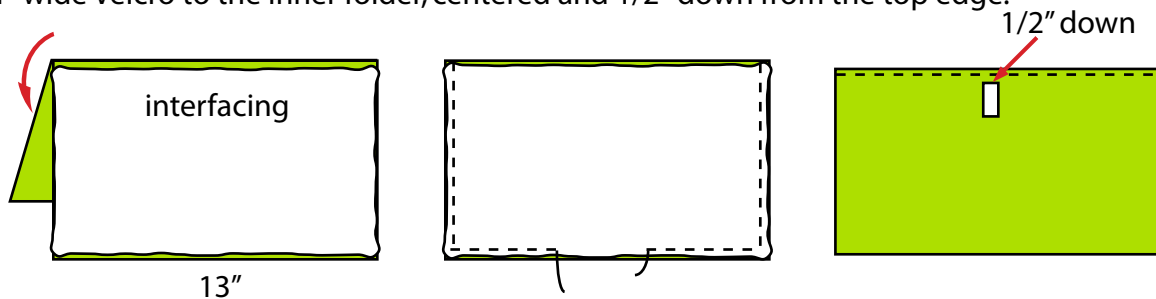
From the heavyweight fusible interfacing:
(1) 8" x 13" piece (inside folder)
(1) 5-1/4" x 7-1/2" piece (pen holder)

Sewing Directions:

(begin after “Assembling the Bag” step #2 on the Computer Bag pattern in the magazine)

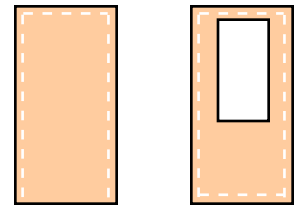
Making the Inner Folder, Tab and Pen Pocket

Fuse the 8" x 13" piece of interfacing to the bottom half on the wrong side of the 13" x 16" inside folder piece, as shown. Fold the unit, right sides together, and stitch the sides and the bottom leaving an opening for turning. Press and clip the corners. Turn right side out and stitch the opening closed. Top stitch the top edge. Sew a piece of 3/4" wide Velcro to the inner folder, centered and 1/2" down from the top edge.

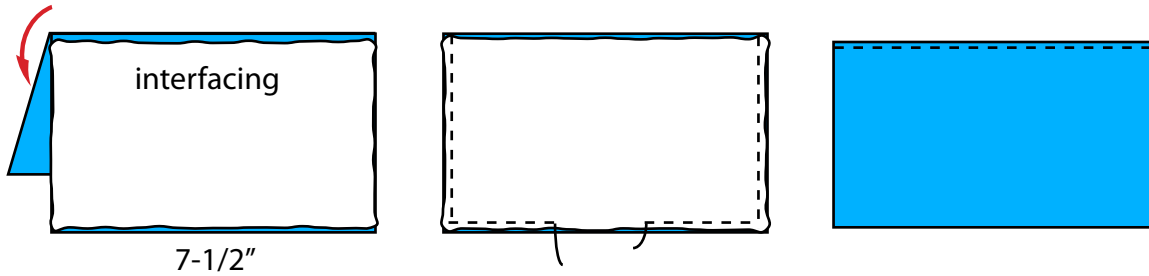


Making the inner folder

Sew the (2) 2" x 4-1/2" tab pieces, right sides together, along one end and the two sides. Press and turn right side out. Fold the raw edges inside and press. Top stitch around all (4) sides. Sew the matching piece of 3/4" wide Velcro to one end as shown.

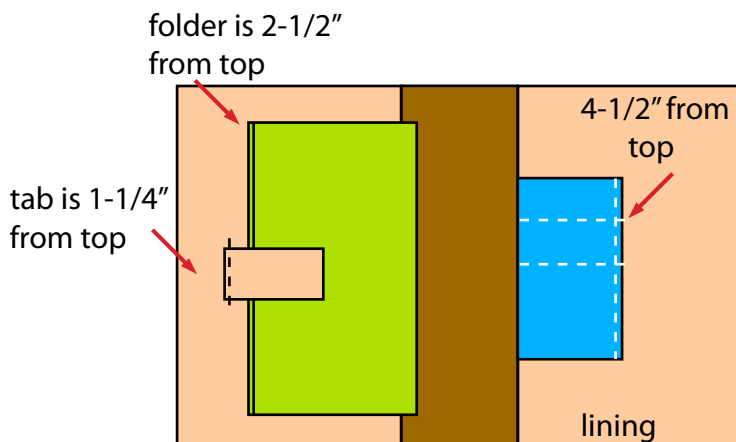
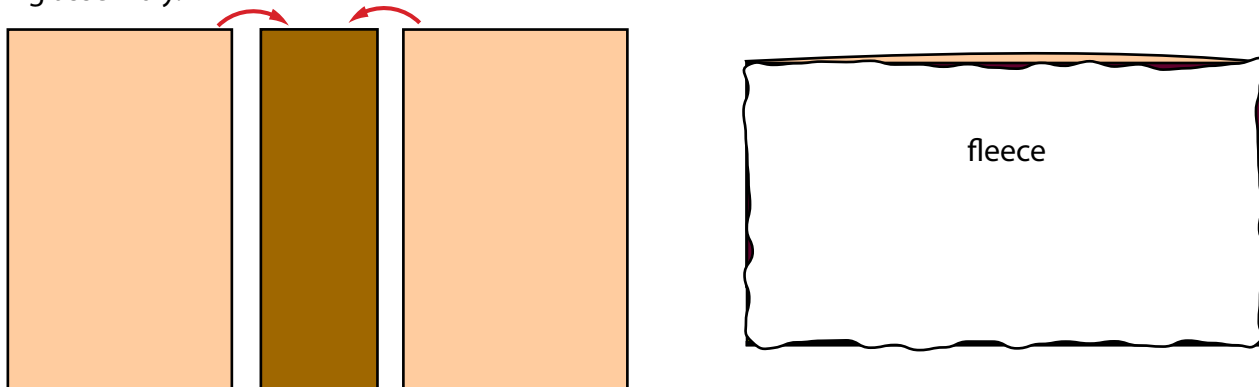


Fuse the 5-1/4" x 7-1/2" piece of interfacing to the bottom half on the wrong side of the 7-1/2" x 10-1/2" pen holder piece. Fold the unit, right sides together, and stitch the sides and the bottom leaving an opening for turning. Press and clip the corners. Turn right side out and stitch the opening closed. Top stitch the top edge.



Assembling the Lining

Stitch the 6-1/2" x 15" inside bottom strip between the 10" x 15" bag lining pieces, using a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seams towards the inside bottom strip. Fuse the 15" x 24-1/2" piece of fleece to the wrong side of the lining assembly.



Center the inner folder 2-1/2" from the top edge of the lining. Sew along the sides and bottom edges, backstitching the top corners for reinforcement. Place the inner folder tab on the lining, 1-1/4" down from the same top edge of the lining. (The Velcro on the tab will match up to the Velcro on the folder.) Stitch along the top edge of the tab, securing it to the lining. Center the pen pocket 4-1/2" from the other top edge on the lining, as shown. Sew along the sides and bottom edges, backstitching the top corners for reinforcement. To make the pen sections, sew (2) lines, each 1-1/2" apart, as shown.

Fold the lining unit, right sides together, and sew the side seams using a 1/2" seam allowance. Press the seams open to reduce bulk. CONTINUE WITH "ASSEMBLING THE LINING" step #3 from the Commuter Bag pattern.