

-THE ULTIMATE MOM BAG-

Materials Needed:

- Fabric Color 1 (main color) - 2.5 yards
- Fabric Color 2 (inside color) - 0.75 yards
- Fabric Color 3 (accent color) - 0.5 yards
- Fusible Foam - 2.5 yards
- 1/2inch Elastic (At least 37inches of elastic depending on how tight or loose you want the pockets)
- Two Parachute Buckles
- Two 1.5inch Rectangle Buckles
- Two Book-bag Strap Adjusters
- One 18inch Purse Zipper (or whatever kind you'd like)
- One Sports Zipper (for the inside zipper pocket- i made mine 10inches)

-Color 1-

- Front/Back of Bag- 16.5Lx12.5H (x2)
- Sides of Bag: 8.5Lx12.5H (x2)
- Outside Top Zipper - 16Lx3.5H (x2)
- Outside Side Pockets: 11Lx11H (x4)
- Outside Long Front Pocket - 16.75Lx10.75H (x2)
- Back Long Pocket for Bag Straps- 16.5Lx9.5H (x2)
- Top side of Long Shoulder Strap- 36Lx3H (1)
- Inside Side Pockets- 10Lx10H (x4)
- Inside Long Pocket- 20Lx10H (x2)
- Book-bag Shoulder Straps- 5Lx16H (x2)

-Color 2-

- Inside of Bag: 24.5Lx12.5H (x2)
- Outside Bottom of Bag- 16.5Lx8.5H (1)
- Inside Zipper Pocket - 10Lx10H (1)
- Adjustable Straps- 4Lx18H (x2)

-Color 3-

- Bottom side of Long Shoulder Strap- 36Lx3H (1)
- Top of Bag Handle attachments for Long Shoulder Strap- 6Lx3.5H (x2)
- Inside of Top Zipper- 16Lx3.5H (x2)
- Bottom of Bag Buckle Attachments for the Removable Book-bag Straps: 4Lx3.5H (x2)
- Inside Bottom of Bag 16.5Lx8.5H (1)

-Fusible Foam-

- Front/Back of Bag: 16.5Lx12.5H (x2)

- Sides of Bag- 8.5Lx12.5M (x2)
- Outside Top Zipper- 16Lx3.5H (x2)
- Outside Side Pockets- 11Lx11H (x2)
- Outside Long Front Pocket: 16.75Lx10.75H(1)
- Body Strap- 36Lx3.5H
- Top of Bag Handle attachments for Long Shoulder Strap- 6Lx3.5H (x2)
- Bottom of Bag Buckle Attachments for the Removable Book-bag Straps: 4Lx1.5H (x2)
- Book bag Shoulder Straps 25Lx16H (x2)
- Bottom of the bag -16.5Lx8.5H

INSTRUCTIONS

-PREP-

1. Cut all materials (fabric & fusible foam) and iron them flat. **TIP- for fusible foam pieces, cut them slightly smaller around all sides than the fabric so you can seal all edges in between the fabric with a zigzag stitch so it does not cause trouble (poking out) when sewing.**
2. Match them together by size for easy Identification, and label them with a sticky note if needed.

Matches

Two 16.5Lx12.5H (front and back) pieces from **color one** that each have their **own matching** size of **fusible foam**. (Two pieces of fabric, two pieces of foam)

Two 8.5Lx12.5H (outside side) pieces from **color one** that each have their **own matching** size of **fusible foam**. (Two pieces of fabric, two pieces of foam)

Two 16Lx3.5H (top zipper) pieces from **color one and color three** that each have their **own matching** size of **fusible foam**. (Two pieces of fabric from color one, two pieces of fabric from color three, and two pieces of foam)

Four 11Lx11H (outside side pocket) pieces from **color one**. Each side of the bag will use **two** pieces of fabric, and **one matching** size of **foam**. (Four pieces of color one and two pieces of foam.

Two 16.75Lx10.75H (outside front slip pocket) pieces from **color one** that has its **own** piece of **matching foam**. (Two pieces of color one with one piece of foam for the front)

One 36Lx3H (body strap) piece from **color one, color three, and** the 36Lx1.5H piece of **foam**. (To make this strap, lay down both pieces of fabric bedside each other. Slightly fold the edges of the longest sides on both pieces and iron them flat. Lay one wrong side piece of fabric on the other wrong side piece of fabric to make sure they are even. If so, lay the fusible foam in between them both, and sew a straight line down both sides of the strap to hold everything in place. I personally used a zigzag stitch for the end pieces.)

Four 10Lx10H (inside side pockets) from **color one**. Each side should have two pieces of fabric and one piece of elastic. Size your elastic depending on how tight or loose you want the pockets!

One 10Lx10H (inside zipper pocket) of **color two**.

Two 20Lx10H (long inside pocket that is sewn down the middle to make two pockets). This also uses elastic, so size it to how tight or loose you want your pockets!

Two 5Lx16H (book bag straps) from **color one**. Each piece of fabric has its own piece of fusible foam that measures 2.5Lx16H. (To make these straps, lay down **color one** vertical and face down. Add fusible foam on top in the center. Now **facing you**- For the **left strap**- bring the right hanging piece of fabric, and fold it over to the center. Hold it down, and bring the fabric hanging on the left side over to the center, crease (fold) the edge under itself, and iron flat! Sew down the middle to hold both sides that are laying on top of each other, and you have your left strap! For **right strap**- bring the left hanging piece of fabric, and fold it over to the center. Hold it down, and bring the fabric hanging on the right side over to the center, crease (fold) the edge under itself, and iron flat! Sew down the middle to hold both sides that are laying on top of each other, and you have your right strap! When the bag is on, the **left strap** will be on your **right** shoulder, and your **right strap** will be on your left shoulder. I also folded the end that will have the adjustable strap inward, and did zig zag stitched across. **ALSO** the side with the flap faces the bag.

Two 24.5Lx12.5H (inside of bag) of **color 2**. (These pieces will be sewn together on both ends to make a full circle, after the inside zipper pocket and the double elastic pocket is made. The inside side pockets are added after to make sure they are in the center. (But if you know a better way, please do that! Lol!))

One 16.5Lx8.5H (bottom of bag) piece from **color two, color three, and fusible foam**. I also used a zigzag stitch around all sides of this.

Two 4Lx18H (adjustable book bag straps that connect to book bag straps and the book bag strap adjusters). Cut two inches off both pieces. The two pieces will be connected directly to the book bag straps and the top loop of the strap adjuster. The longer pieces will weave through the other loops in the strap adjuster, and at the very end be sewn to be connected to the top piece of the parachute buckle. Make these like normal straps! **TIP**- make the side you pull to adjust the strap thick on the end when you sew it so it does not slip though the loop. The key to this strap is folding it thick enough so it does not slip, but hold when being worn.

Two 6Lx3.5H (this is what holds the 1.5inch rectangle buckles to the bag) of **color three**. The **fusible foam** should be measured at 6Lx1.5H (Lay **color three** face down. Fold it in half. Iron. Unfold. Add **foam** in the center. Bring the left side over to the center, then the right. Fold in half again. Make sure your rectangle buckle fits. Sew down the side to seal the fabrics.

Two 4Lx3.5H (this connects the bottom piece of the parachute buckle directly to the bag) of **color three**. The **fusible foam** should measure 4Lx1.5H to be able to fit around the buckle loop. Fold it in half. Iron. Unfold. Add **foam** in the center. Bring the left side over to the center, then the right. Fold in half again. Make sure your parachute buckle fits. Sew down the side to seal the fabrics.

The Order Of Making Your Bag

- 1) Assemble your top zipper. (**Color 1,3, and foam**)
- 2) Assemble your body strap. (**Color 1,3, and foam**).
- 3) Assemble your **color 2** inside zipper pocket to the center of the long inside piece of **color two**.
- 4) Sew in all the inside pockets to the inside of the bag (**color 2**), and connect **color 2** in full circle.
- 5) For all **color one** pieces with fusible foam- make your quilt lines (1.5inch space) down across the fabrics to attach the foam (even the sandwich pieces), and fold the tops down twice a bit and sew across to make a cute accent! Do the same for the long slip pocket across the back if you'd like even though it has no foam! (Do not fold down the front, back, and sides of the bag. Only the outside pockets).
- 6) Sew together the bottom piece of your bag. (**Color 2, 3, and foam**.)
- 7) Assemble the **color one** inside pockets and add your elastic to them. Remember to sew down the middle of the inside long **color one** pocket, and to sew along the bottom of the pockets so there are no holes.
- 8) Sew or add the buckles and straps to their belonging pieces.

Assembling the Bag

The way I did this is like building this bag from left to right, and then into one piece!

- 1) Grab the front piece of the bag right side up, and lay the front long outside pocket across it right side up. Sew to attach the long pocket on the left and right side. **Also**, sew **along** the **bottom** because if you don't, there will be a **giant hole**!
- 2) Grab your **color one** side of bag and outside pocket. Lay your outside pocket on top of your side piece and sew down the edges evenly. Sew the bottom together too so there is no hole. Lay this entire piece right side down on the edge of the right side of step number one, and sew them together.
- 3) Grab the back of the bag of **color one** right side up and the long slip pocket for the book bag straps. Attach these two pieces the same way as step 1. Now attach the step 3 piece, to step 2 the same way you added step 2 to step 1.
- 4) Grab your last **color one** side piece and outside pocket. Sew them together as we did in step 2. And then add it to step 3.

- 5) Pick up the right side of the end of the connected bag and pull it over to the left side. The wrong side should be facing you. Clamp and sew. Now the whole outside of the bag is sewn together!
- 6) Grab the inside of your bag (**color 2**) and clamp it on the outside of your bag with the wrong side facing you. Add your **two** short **color 3** pieces to the top side of the bag facing down in between the inside and outside of the bag. (**make sure both your rectangle buckles are on there**) Add your book bag straps as well. I placed mine 13inches apart.
- 7) Sew around the top, and then flip the inside of the bag..inside! Haha! Make sure you sew well, and placement is exactly where you want it! Sew around the top again for a trim around the outside.
- 8) Now turn the entire bag inside out, it's time to add the bottom! Add your bottom **color three** removable strap pieces and **don't forget** to add your bottom parachute buckles! Make sure the outside of your bag is pulled down enough so there is no hole after sewing all the way around! Sew this part nice and good!!!
- 9) Flip your bag back the right way to where the outside is facing you!
- 10) Now it's time to connect your zipper to the bag! Line your zipper piece up to the top edge of the bag and flip it down so right sides of both the bag and zipper are facing. Sew down the side to connect them! Do the same for the other side! You will have to unzip the zipper.
- 11) Connect your body strap to the top **color three** strap holders with the rectangle buckles!
- 12) Admire your work!!!!

Enjoy!