

Project BONUS

Owlvivia Slouch Bag

Assembly Instructions

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Finished bag measures 3½" x 10" x 14", with a 35" strap.



All seam allowances are ½" unless otherwise noted.

Outside Bag Body

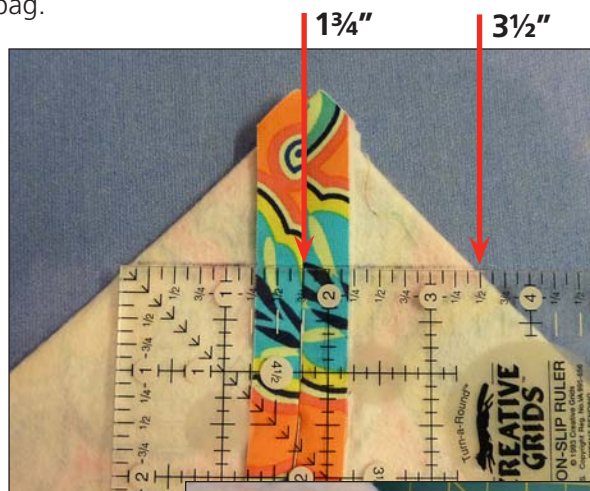
- Cut two 5½" x 15" pieces of contrast fabric for the bottom of the bag.
- Sew each embellished bag top panel to a bag bottom; press seam allowances open.



- Cut two 13" x 15" pieces of OESD Fuse & Fleece; fuse to the back of the pieced front panels.
- With right sides together and using a ½" seam allowance, sew the sides and bottom together, leaving the top open.
- Trim the corners and press the seam allowances open.



- Pinch the corners together, matching the seams at the center, and place a pin through the seam center to keep it in place. Press the corner flat.
- Using a square ruler, align the seam line with the 1¾" line; and the distance between the left and right side is 3½". Draw a stitching line along the top of the ruler; stitch along the drawn line. Use pinking shears to trim off the corner. Repeat for the other side of the bag.



Bag Lining

- Cut two 13" x 15" pieces of lining fabric.
- With right sides together and using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew the sides and bottom together, leaving a 5-6" opening along the bottom edge.
- Trim the corners, press the seam allowances open, and create the bag corners following the instructions above.

Strap

- Cut several 5"-wide lengths of OESD Fuse & Fleece and fuse them to the back of the linen side of strap.
- Cut a 5" x 36" strip of lining fabric.
- Stack the strap layers, wrong sides together, and fold them in half widthwise. Make marks 1" from each side of the folded end.



- On the open end, below the owl appliqué, mark 1/2" in from each side.
- Using a long ruler and rotary cutter, connect and cut from the top mark to the corresponding bottom mark on each side, creating a strap that is narrower at the center than the ends.
- Attach Patchwork Foot #37/37D or #57/57D to your machine; engage Dual Feed if available. With right sides together, sew the outer strap and lining together along the long sides using a 1/4" seam allowance. Turn the strap right side out; press.
- Attach Edgestitch Foot #10/10C/10D to your machine; engage Dual Feed if available. Move the needle position five steps to the left of center. Aligning the edge of the strap with the guide of the foot, topstitch along each side of the strap.



Final Assembly

- Form a small loop with the elastic cord and hand tack it to the back of the bag at the halfway mark (about 7" from the sides).
- Attach the bag strap, centering the ends over the side seam, with the lining face out as shown.



- With the lining inside out, pull it up and over the bottom of the bag, right sides together. Pin the lining to the bag at the top raw edge, making sure the elastic loop and the straps are tucked inside and have not shifted.
- Attach Reverse Pattern Foot #1/1C/1D to your machine; engage Dual Feed if available. Stitch the top of the bag closed using a 1/2" seam allowance.
- Turn the bag right side out through the opening in the bottom of the lining; press as needed.
- Topstitch the top edge of the bag, using the same settings as for the strap.



- Move the needle position back three steps, to two steps to the left of the center position. Edgestitch the opening in the lining closed.

Enjoy your bag; people will see the little owls whether you are coming or going!

