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# SIY Project



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# Bella-rina

Bag



Featuring fabrics from the **Bella-rina** collection by **Swizzle Stick Studio** for **STUDIO·e·fabrics**

## Fabric Requirements

(A) 3436-29 .....	5/8 yard
(B) 3439-99 .....	1/8 yard
(C) 3435-22 .....	1/4 yard
(D) 3437-01 .....	5/8 yard
(E) 3439-22 .....	1/3 yard

## Additional Supplies Needed

Fusible Fleece  
Piecing and sewing thread  
Quilting and sewing supplies

## Project Information

Quilt designed by Heidi Pridemore  
Finished Bag Size 14" x 12" x 5"  
Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

## Cutting

### Cutting Instructions

*Please note: All strips are cut across the width of fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage edge unless otherwise noted.*

WOF= Width of Fabric • LOF = Length of Fabric

#### **Fabric A (3436-29 Ballet Stripe-Pink/Black):**

- Fussy cut (2) 10" high x 17 ½" wide stripe, position the stripe ¼" above the Ballerinas for the outer bag.

#### **Fabric B (3439-99 Tonal Music Note-Black), cut:**

- (1) 1 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 1 ½" x 17 ½" strips for the outer bag.

#### **Fabric C (3435-22 Allover Ballet Girls-Pink), cut:**

- (1) 6 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 6 ½" x 17 ½" strips for the outer bag.

#### **Fabric D (3437-01 Ballet Slippers-White), cut:**

- (1) 17 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 17" x 17 ½" strips for the lining.

#### **Fabric E (3439-22 Tonal Music Notes-Pink), cut:**

- (2) 4" x WOF strips for the handles.

#### **Fusible Fleece, cut:**

- (2) 17" x 17 ½" pieces for the bag
- (2) 1 x 40" strips for the handles

## Sewing

Sew using a ¼" seam allowance with right sides together (RST) unless otherwise indicated. Always press towards the darker fabric while assembling, unless otherwise noted by the arrows.

1. Follow Figure 1 to sew together (1) 10" x 17 ½" Fabric A strip, (1) 1 ½" x 17 ½" Fabric B strip and (1) 6 ½" x 17 ½" Fabric C strip to make the outer bag front. Repeat to make the outer bag back.

2. Following the manufacturer's instructions and press Fusible Fleece to the wrong side of both the outer bag front and outer bag back.

3. Place the bag front and bag back right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom.

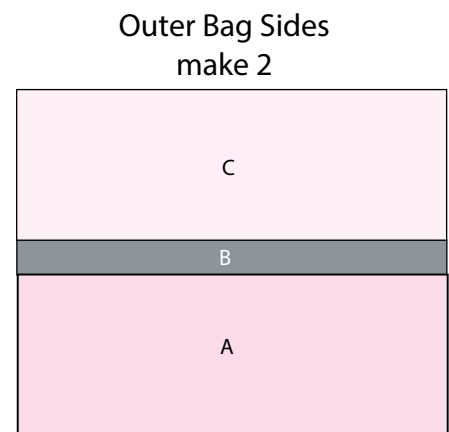


Fig. 1

4. Measure in from the side edge 2 ½" and up from the bottom edge 2 ½" at each bottom corner. Cut out the square of fabric (Fig. 2). Open the cut bottom and align the bottom edge with the side edge and sew the two edges together (Fig. 3). Repeat with the other bottom corner to make the box bottom.

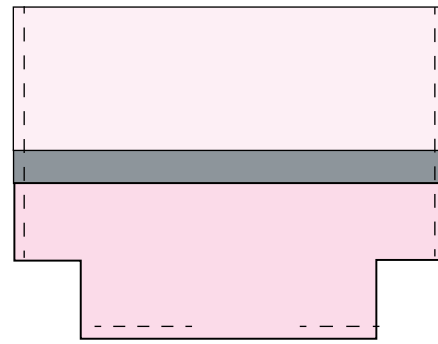


Fig. 2

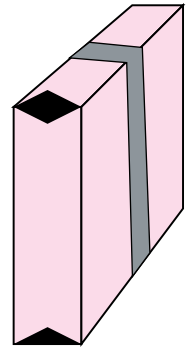


Fig. 3

5. Place the two Fabric D lining pieces right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom, leaving a 4" opening for turning.

6. Repeat Step 3 to the sewn lining to make the box bottom in the lining.

7. To make the handles, fold one 4" x WOF strip in half lengthwise and press (Fig. 4). Open the folded fabric and fold each long edge to the creased centerline and press (Fig. 5). Fold the pressed fabric in half again and press to make one 1" x WOF strip to make one folded handle (Fig. 6). Press one piece of fusible fleece inside the folded handle.

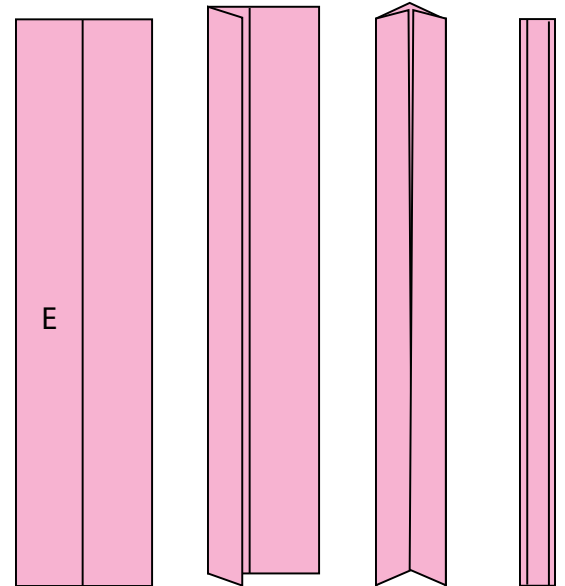


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Fig. 6

Fig. 7

8. Top stitch down both long sides ⅛" in from the edge to make the handle strip (Fig. 7). Repeat to make a second handle.

9. Cut the handle strips to desired length to make two handles.

10. Pin one handle to the front of the bag measuring 5" in from each side seam (Fig. 8). Repeat with the second handle and bag back. Make sure the handles are hanging down the right side of the bag while assembling.

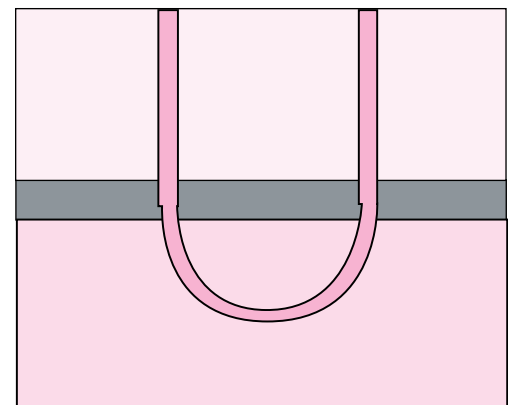


Fig. 8

11. Place the bag with handles, right sides together with the lining, aligning the top raw edges of the bag, handles and lining and pin together. Sew the lining and bag together, reinforcing the stitching at each handle end. Turn the bag and lining right side out through the opening in the lining. Press as needed and top stitch the open closed. Put the lining into the bag, aligning the sides and bottom.