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Strippy Fold-over Bag

Skill level: Beginner



Designed by: Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements

Technique:	Piecing & Sewing
Brand:	FreeSpirit Fabrics
Crafting time:	Afternoon/Evening

Finished Size of Project:

9 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 11 1/2" (24cm x 6.5cm x 29cm)

Fabric Requirements:

(A) Measurements - PWTH010.TAUPE	1/8 yard (0.12m)
(B) Documentations - PWTH002.TAUPE	1/8 yard (0.12m)
(C) Subway Signs - PWTH005.NEUTR	1/8 yard (0.12m)
(D) Ticking - PWTH006.REDXX	1/8 yard (0.12m)
(E) Game Pieces - PWTH012.NEUTR	1/8 yard (0.12m)
(F) Stamps - PWTH007.BLUEx	1/8 yard (0.12m)
(G) Melange - PWTH001-NEUTR	1/4 yard (0.23m)
(H) Designer Essential Solids - CSFSESS.PEARL	1/2 yard (0.46m)

Additional Requirements:

- Sewing machine
- Thread to match fabric
- Fusible fleece, 44" (111.8 cm) wide
- Prym snap hooks, (2) 25mm, Art. 417902
- (2) D-rings, 20 mm, Art. 2196301
- Rotary cutter/mat/plastic ruler
- Dritz Fray Check sealant (optional)
- Iron/pressing board
- Basic sewing supplies

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Cutting:

Notes: WOF - Width of Fabric, LOF – Length of fabric

Fabrics A-F, cut:

(1) 2 ½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF) strip for Bag Exterior

Fabric G, cut:

(2) 2 ½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF) strips for Strap

Fabric H, cut:

(1) 12 ½" x WOF (31.5cm x WOF), for lining
(1) 2 ½" x 3" (6cm x 8 cm) for D-ring Loops

Fusible Fleece, cut:

(1) 12 ½" x WOF (31.5cm x WOF), for lining
(1) 2" x 44" (5cm x 111.8cm), for strap

Sewing instructions:

Note: All seam allowances are ¼" (0.64cm).

1. To make the bag exterior, stitch (1) 2 ½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF) strip from each fabrics **A-F** side by side in any order desired. Press all seams in one direction. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse the fleece to the wrong side of the bag exterior and stitch all seams in the ditch (i.e., close to the seam).

OPTIONAL: If desired, cut a strip from Fabric G. Use sealant on the ends to prevent them from fraying. Attach the label about 2" (5cm) away from one corner of the bag exterior, as shown in the photos, using either a straight or zigzag stitch on the sewing machine.

3. To make the **D**-ring loops, fold the Fabric **H** 2 ½" x 3" (6cm x 8cm) strip in half lengthways right sides together and stitch. Turn right side out and press, with the seam in the middle of the strip. Sub-cut (2) 1 ½" (4cm) long strips. Fold each piece in half around a **D**-ring and baste.

4. Pin one loop in place on each side of the bag exterior, about 7 ½" (19cm) down from one narrow side. Fold the bag exterior in half and stitch each long side together, catching the loops in the process. For the bag corners, fold the bag so that the side seam lies directly over the bottom fold, forming a triangle. Mark a line 2 ½" (6.5cm) wide and stitch directly on this line. Trim the excess fabric, leaving a seam allowance of ¼" (0.64cm). Repeat with the other corner. Neaten and turn bag right side out.

5. Sew the lining in the same way, without the **D**-rings, and leaving approximately 4" (10cm) open on one side for turning.

6. Insert the bag exterior into the lining, right sides facing and aligning the seams. Sew all the way around the top. Turn the bag right sides out and stitch the opening closed, either by hand or machine. Press the top edge. Edge stitch and topstitch all the way around.

7. To make the strap, fuse the 2" x 44" (5cm x 111.8cm) fleece strip onto one of the Fabric **G** strips. Place the two strap pieces right sides together and stitch down both long sides. Turn right side out and press. Topstitch three rows of stitching, once down the center and once down each side halfway between the center and the edge. Thread each end through the bar of a snap hook, turning the raw edge under, and stitch in place.

8. Attach the snap hooks to the **D**-rings. Fold down the top of the bag, making sure that the label, if attached, faces outward.

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(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)



(E)



(F)



(G)



(H)