

Bag organiser

NO MORE DIGGING AROUND FOR THE CAR KEYS OR THAT ELUSIVE PEN!
YOUR ITEMS CAN BE NEATLY STORED AND CARRIED IN YOUR HANDBAG
WITH THIS ORGANISER. DESIGNED AND MADE BY CARINA REGO.



Materials

- * Five 45cm × 55cm (18in × 22in) fat quarters from the Leutenegger Sketchbook fabric range: one for the front (A) and four for the back (B, C, D and E)
- * Neutral thread
- * Contrasting colour thread: Gutterman No. 40
- * 32cm × 65cm (13in × 26in) batting
- * 90cm (36in) of bias in a complimentary colour (Carina used dark grey)
- * Rotary cutter and cutting mat
- * Pins

Measurements

18cm × 60cm (7in × 24in)

NOTE: The organiser can be rolled up if needed to fit any bag but it can be made smaller or larger depending on the bag size. The organiser can be designed/adjusted for more or fewer compartments.

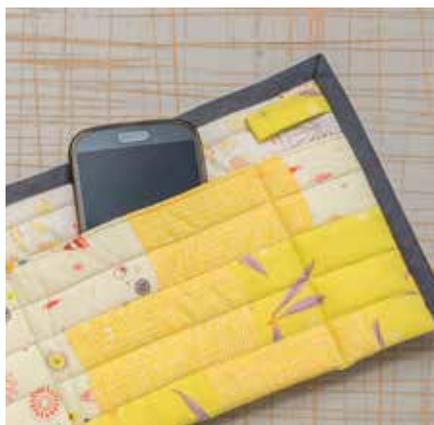
Preparation

From the (A) fabric, cut:

- one 30cm × 55cm (12in × 22in) rectangle. Cut this piece in half to create two 27.5cm × 30cm (11in × 12in) rectangles.
- one 15cm × 30cm (6in × 12in) rectangle.

From the (B, C, D and E) fabric, cut:

- 12, 6cm × 11cm (2½cm × 4½cm) rectangles of each fabric (48 in total)



Method

- 1 To create the front panel, sew the small rectangle in between the two larger rectangles to create a 30cm × 67.5cm (12in × 27in) panel. Press seams open.
- 2 To create the back panel, place the 48 rectangles randomly in a brick pattern (6 rows of 6½in rectangles). Cut any rectangles in half to complete the brick pattern. This will create a guide for the order to sew the rectangles in. There will be several spare rectangles, put one aside for later. Sew the rectangles together at the short ends. Continue to sew all six rows. Press seams open.
- 3 Sew rows together to create back panel. Press seams open.
- 4 Place batting, then front panel and back panel on top, with right sides together. Sew together along one (longest) side only. Trim any excess and flip one panel over so that the batting is now between the two panels.
- 5 Quilt as desired in contrasting coloured thread. This project was quilted by sewing in the ditch lengthways and then adding an additional seam between. Trim any excess fabric or batting on the three raw sides.
- 6 With front panel uppermost, fold bottom sewn edge two thirds of the way. Pin to hold in place.
- 7 Determine the width of the compartments required. This project has compartments for a mobile phone, wallet, pen, bandaids, nail file, tissue, keys. Mark with pins. Sew compartments. Pull threads to one side, knot, sew in threads and trim excess.
- 8 With one rectangle create a key fob. With right face down, fold the two longest sides towards the centre and then fold over again. Sew to secure fold. Fold in half again to create a loop with edges together. Pin near the upper right hand corner of the organiser. Once the bias is sewn it will cover the raw edges.
- 9 Machine sew bias to the back of the organiser along three raw edges. Ensure key fob is machine sewn. Fold bias over to the front and finish by hand sewing. ❖

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