



Puff Tote Bag

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

CRAFTING TIME: A Weekend

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Supplies & Tools

- $\frac{3}{4}$ yard Three corresponding Fabric Traditions Fabric for puffs
- $\frac{3}{4}$ yard white muslin by Fabric Traditions
- Polyfill by Fairfield World
- 1 yard Fabric Traditions Fabric for Lining
- Basic sewing supplies (ruler, scissors, pins)
- Sewing machine and matching thread

Directions

1. Cut 50 $4\frac{1}{2}$ by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares of main fabric for your puffs. This is about 16 to 17 squares per fabrics. We suggest cutting 20 each to allow you some extra.
2. Out of your white muslin fabric cut 50 4 inch squares for the puff backing. These will be hidden inside the bag.
3. Take your main fabric ($4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$) square right side up and place on top of a backing square (4x4), making sure the backing square is right side down.
4. Create a pleat on each side so the top fabric aligns with the bottom fabric, pin in place.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for all of the fabric squares.
6. Stitch around each square leaving one edge open to stuff the puffs.
7. Once all the individual pockets are sewn, lay them out to create two panels of 25 pockets. Each panel should have 5 pockets in 5 rows. We suggest taking a picture of your layout to reference.
8. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance stitch the 5 pockets in each row together making sure to nest your seams.
9. Stuff each pocket to create your puffs. You can stuff them how ever you would like, but make sure to not over stuff or sewing will be difficult.

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- 10.** Once each pocket is stuffed, stitch along the open edge with a 1/8" seam allowance making sure to create a pleat in the middle.
- 11.** With all rows closed, sew each row together with a 1/4" seam allowance. As stated in step 7, make sure you have two panels of 5 rows. One will be used for the front of the bag and the other will be used for the back.
- 12.** To make handles, cut two pieces of fabric 4 inches wide by 31 inches long from one of your main fabrics.
- 13.** Take one handle fabric and fold the long edges in to the center to meet, press flat. Fold in half again, press and stitch down the long side. This will conceal the raw edges. Repeat this step with the second handle.
- 10.** With one completed handle, measure in 3 inches from each edge of one front panel. Pin the handle in place, making sure to pin on the right side of the panel. Stitch in place. Repeat this step for the other handle and panel.
- 11.** Cut two lining pieces 16" by 16". Place the pieces right sides together, pin in place, and stitch down three sides making sure to leave a 6" gap at the bottom for turning.
- 12.** Place both puff panels right sides together, pin, and stitch around 3 sides leaving the top open. Turn right sides out.
- 13.** Place the outer tote (the puffs) inside the lining so right sides are facing each other and wrong sides are out.
- 14.** Pin together and use a 1/4" seam allowance to stitch all around.
- 15.** Pull the tote bag through the lining hole, stitch closed the lining gap with a slip stitch, and top stitch the top edge of the bag.
- 16.** Take your puff bag out in the world and enjoy!

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