

BOOMBOX NESTING BAGS

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FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

FABRICS USED

All fabrics and panel used are from **Let the Good Times Roll** by Lysa Flower for Paintbrush Studio Fabrics.

TO MAKE ALL FIVE BAGS YOU WILL NEED:

- Boombox panel: 1 panel repeat
- Exterior fabric: 1-1/2yd
- Lining fabric: 1-3/4yd
- Pocket fabric: 1-1/4yd
- Woven fusible interfacing (20in wide): 1-1/2yd
- Sew in foam interfacing (20in wide): 2 yd

FINISHED SIZE

Large: 15-1/4" x 9" x 8"

Medium: 11-1/4" x 6-1/2" x 6"

Small: 7-1/2" x 4-3/4" x 4"

Teeny: 4-1/2" x 2-5/8" x 2-1/2"

Weeny: 3-1/4" x 1-7/8" x 1-1/4"

NOTES

- Seam allowances are 1/4", unless otherwise noted
- RST = right sides together
- WST = wrong sides together
- Measurements given are for the Large size bag, with the others following in this order: Medium, Small, Teeny, Weeny.
- All measurements are height x width.

CUTTING OUT

1. From the boombox fussy panel cut:

- One (1) 9 1/2" x 15 3/4" (front)

2. From exterior fabric cut:

- One (1) 9-1/2" x 15-3/4" (back)
- Two (2) 9-1/2" x 8-1/2" (sides)
- One (1) 8-1/2" x 15-3/4" (bottom)
- Two (2) 32" x 3-1/2" (handles)

3. From the lining fabric cut:

- Two (2) 9-1/2" x 15-3/4" (front and back)
- Two (2) 9-1/2" x 8-1/2" (sides)
- One (1) 17" x 15-3/4" (bottom)

4. From the pocket fabric cut:

- Two (2) 9-1/2" x 15-3/4" (front and back)
- Two (2) 9-1/2" x 8-1/2" (sides)

5. From the fusible interfacing cut:

- Two (2) 9" x 15-1/4" (front and back)
- Two (2) 9" x 8" (sides)

6. From the foam cut:

- Two (2) 9" x 15-1/4" (front and back)
- Two (2) 9" x 8" (sides)
- One (1) 8" x 15-1/4" (bottom)
- Two (2) 15" x 1-1/4" (handles)

Instructions above are for the Large size bag. To make the other bag sizes, (Medium, Small, Teeny and Weeny), use the measurements below to cut your pieces:

MEDIUM

- Front (from the boombox panel) and back, cut two (2): 7" x 11-3/4"
*Same measurements as above for cutting the lining fabrics.
- Sides cut two (2): 7" x 6-1/2"
*Same measurements as above for cutting the lining fabrics.
- Bottom: 6-1/2" x 11-3/4"
- Lining bottom: 13" x 11-3/4"
- Pockets front and back, cut two (2): 7" x 11-3/4"
- Pocket sides, cut two (2): 7" x 6-1/2"
- Handle: 23-1/2" x 3"
- Foam front and back, cut two (2): 6-1/2" x 11-1/4"
- Foam sides, cut two (2): 6-1/2" x 6"
- Foam bottom: 6" x 11-1/4"
- Foam handle: 10" x 1"
- Interfacing front and back, cut two (2): 6-1/2" x 11-1/4"
- Interfacing sides, cut two (2): 6-1/2" x 6"

SMALL

- Front (from the boombox panel) and back, cut two (2): 5-1/4" x 8"
*Same measurements as above for cutting the lining fabrics.
- Sides cut two (2): 5-1/4" x 4-1/2"
*Same measurements as above for cutting the lining fabrics.
- Bottom: 4-1/2" x 8"
- Lining bottom: 9" x 8"
- Pockets front and back, cut two (2): 5-1/4" x 8"
- Pocket sides, cut two (2): 5-1/4" x 4-1/2"
- Handle: 16-1/2" x 2-1/2"
- Foam front and back, cut two (2): 4-3/4" x 7-1/2"
- Foam sides, cut two (2): 4-3/4" x 4"
- Foam bottom: 4" x 7-1/2"
- Foam handle: 7" x 3/4"
- Interfacing front and back, cut two (2): 4-3/4" x 7-1/2"
- Interfacing sides, cut two (2): 4-3/4" x 4"

TEENY

- Front (from the boombox panel) and back, cut two (2): 3-1/8" x 5"
*Same measurements as above for cutting the lining fabrics.
- Sides cut two (2): 3-1/8" x 3"
*Same measurements as above for cutting the lining fabrics.
- Bottom: 3" x 5"
- Lining bottom: 6" x 5"
- Pockets front and back, cut two (2): 3-1/8" x 5"
- Pocket sides, cut two (2): 3-1/8" x 3"
- Handle: 10-1/2" x 2"
- Foam front and back, cut two (2): 2-5/8" x 4-1/2"
- Foam sides, cut two (2): 2-5/8" x 2-1/2"
- Foam bottom: 2-1/2" x 4-1/2"
- Foam handle: 5" x 1/2"
- Interfacing front and back, cut two (2): 2-5/8" x 4-1/2"
- Interfacing sides, cut two (2): 2-5/8" x 2-1/2"

WEENY

- Front (from the boombox panel) and back, cut two (2): 2-3/8" x 3-3/4"
*Same measurements as above for cutting the lining fabrics.
- Sides cut two (2): 2-3/8" x 1-3/4"
*Same measurements as above for cutting the lining fabrics.
- Bottom: 1-3/4" x 3-3/4"
- Lining bottom: 3-1/2" x 3-3/4"
- Pockets front and back, cut two (2): 2-3/8" x 3-3/4"
- Pocket sides, cut two (2): 2-3/8" x 1-3/4"
- Handle: 7" x 2"
- Foam front and back, cut two (2): 1-7/8" x 3-1/4"
- Foam sides, cut two (2): 1-7/8" x 1-1/4"
- Foam bottom: 1-1/4" x 3-1/4"
- Foam handle: 2-3/4" x 1/2"
- Interfacing front and back, cut two (2): 1-7/8" x 3-1/4"
- Interfacing sides, cut two (2): 1-7/8" x 1-1/4"

PREPARING THE HANDLES

7. Fold one strip of handle fabric in half lengthwise, RST, and sew the long edge with a 1/4" seam, making a long tube. Turn right side out. Press seam so that it is centered along the back of the handle.
8. Slowly work the foam strip into the handle until it is in the center of the tube, making sure the seam stays in place at the center back of the handle. Make sure the unfilled ends of the handle fabric are even at each end. Topstitch along the length of the handle on both edges. Repeat with second handle.

PREPARING THE POCKETS AND LINING

9. Fuse the interfacing to each of the corresponding lining fabric pieces, following the manufacturer's instructions.
10. Take each pocket fabric piece and fold in half, WST, bringing the short side edges and long front and back edges together at the bottom. Topstitch along the folded edges for each piece.

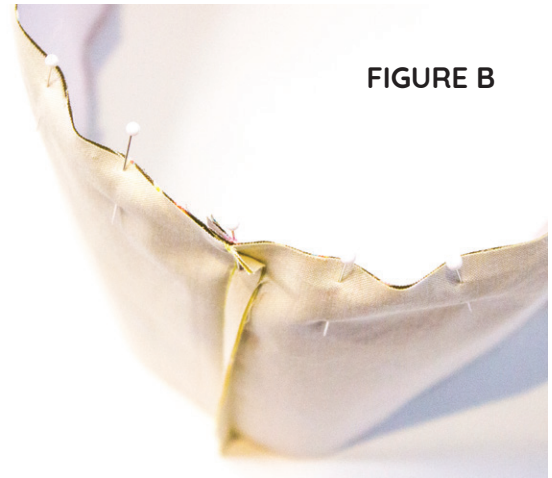
11. Take one of the larger folded pocket pieces and place on top of a lining front piece, both right side up. Align the bottom and sides and baste in place. Repeat the process with the remaining pocket pieces for the back, and each side.
12. Using an erasable pen, mark lines from the top stitched pocket edge to the bottom, spacing as desired (**FIG A**).
13. Stitch on the marked lines through all layers, being sure to back stitch at the beginning and end to secure the seam. Repeat with each of the pocket/lining pieces.

14. Sew the finished lining panels RST into a loop. Alternate long and short panels and make sure the pocket openings all face the same way. Press seams towards the long panels. Turn right side out.



PREPARING THE EXTERIOR

15. Sew the exterior panels RST into a loop, alternating long and short panels, and making sure all designs are oriented the same direction. Press seams toward the short panels. Turn wrong side out.
16. Insert the lining loop into the exterior loop, RST, nesting the corner seams. **(FIG B)**. Pin along the top edge and sew. Turn right side out and press top edge.
17. Take one corner and make sure the seams are nested from top to bottom. Working with the exterior side up, stitch in the ditch along the corner seam, beginning at the top edge **(FIG C)**. Repeat for each corner.
18. Insert the cut foam pieces into the coordinating exterior sections. Arrange the seam allowances so they lay neatly towards the lining side, below the foam **(FIG D)**.



TOP TIP

If you run into difficulty with bulky seams, particularly on the smallest sizes, you can use a hammer to pound them flatter.

ADDING THE HANDLES

19. On the front panel of the exterior, measure and mark 3" from one side seam, at both the top and bottom of the panel. Make another mark 4-1/4" from the corner. Repeat these two marks, measuring from the other side seam.
20. Using a seam ripper or small scissors, cut open the stitches between the marks at the top edge (**FIG E**). Attach a safety pin to the end of a handle and feed it through the opening just created, making sure it lies flat between the lining and the foam (**FIG F**). Align the bottom of strap with the marks at lower edge and baste in place.
21. Repeat steps 19 - 20 for the back panel to add the other handle to the bag.
22. Top stitch around the top edge of the bag (**FIG G**). Baste all the way around the bottom edge, backstitching over the handle ends. Press corner seams and turn so the lining side is out.

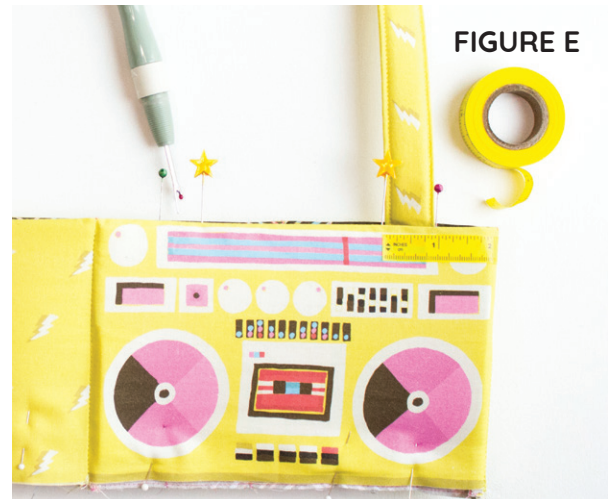


FIGURE E



FIGURE F



FIGURE G

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23. On the wrong side of the exterior bottom piece, mark a dot 1/4" from each corner (**FIG H**). Align one short edge with a matching short edge of the front bag panel, RST with the exterior. The dots should line up with the bag side seams. Sew between the dots, backstitching at the beginning and end. Repeat with the other short side.
24. Align and sew the two long sides, stitching between the dots, as before. Turn right side out (**FIG I**).
25. Fold the bottom lining in half RST, bringing the two shorter ends together (note, for the Weeny bag you will match the two longer ends). Stitch along the end, leaving an approx 6" gap in the center (note, you will need a much smaller gap for the Teeny and Weeny sizes).
26. Position the seam in the center, and press the seam open. Sew along the two short ends (**FIG J**).

FIGURE H

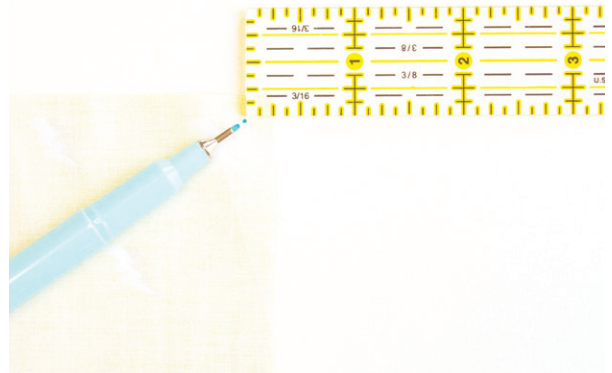


FIGURE I

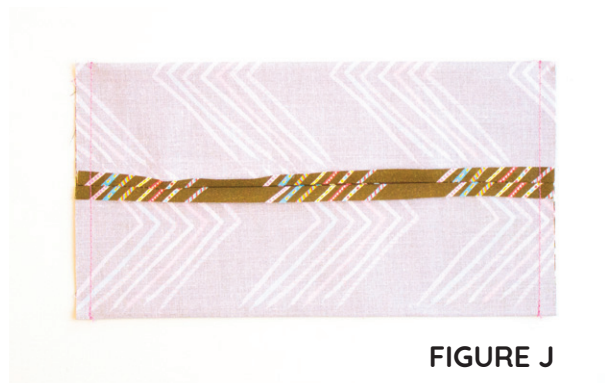


FIGURE J

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27. Turn right side out and press. Insert the foam piece through opening, arranging the seam allowance to point towards the opening side (**FIG K**). Hand sew the gap closed with a matching thread. Place inside the bag, covering the bottom seam allowance.

FIGURE K



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