

# A Bag for Lizzy

Approximate size 22cm x 15cm



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Read instructions carefully before starting the project.

## Materials:

- 40 x 40cm patterned fabric
- 20cm lining and tape casings
- 40cm lightweight pellon or similar
- 40 x 40cm Shrink Magic or Texture Magic, 15% or 30% shrink (a fabric to texturize your quilting using your steam iron)
- Thread
- 1.2m chain (craft shops sell by the metre or I have used plumbers chain purchased from the hardware store)
- 2 small dog clips
- Fray Stopper
- Masking tape
- Retractable metal builders measuring tape
- Optional: 1.5m cord that will fit through the links in the chain

**TIP:** Pull tape all the way out first and cut off with pliers. If you just cut one the tape will retract and you won't be able to use the rest

## Tools required:

- Brother sewing machine with zig zag J foot, zipper I foot and open toe quilting O foot
- Fabric scissors, measuring tape, pins and other standard sewing supplies
- Something to cut the metal measuring tape; pliers, tin snips or old kitchen scissors
- Small long nose pliers, handy but you can probably do without them.

## Preparation and Cutting:

1. Cut patterned fabric, Shrink Magic and Pellon all 30 x 40cm.
2. Sandwich Pellon between Shrink Magic and patterned fabric on top.
3. Pin layers together.
4. Cut lining 2 x 24 x 15cm.
5. Cut top casings 2 x 24 x 8cm.
6. Cut Pellon 2 x 24 x 8cm (I used Pellon because it was a light weight but any good stabiliser will be good for the casing) iron stabiliser to the back of casings.
7. Cut 2 x 20.5cm lengths from the measuring tape using pliers or old kitchen scissors. Cover ends with masking tape.

## Quilting:

1. Set up your Brother sewing machine for free motion stitching by dropping your feed dogs and attaching your darning foot. I like using my open toe quilting O foot because you can see right up to the needle.
2. Stitch following the fabric pattern. If there are large areas without design, change thread to a colour matching background and either stipple or eco quilt this area.
3. Steam quilted piece as per manufacturer's instructions.
4. Cut to size 2 x 24 x 15cm.

## Construction:

### Handles:

1. Open end links with small long nose pliers and insert dog clips into links. Close links with pliers.



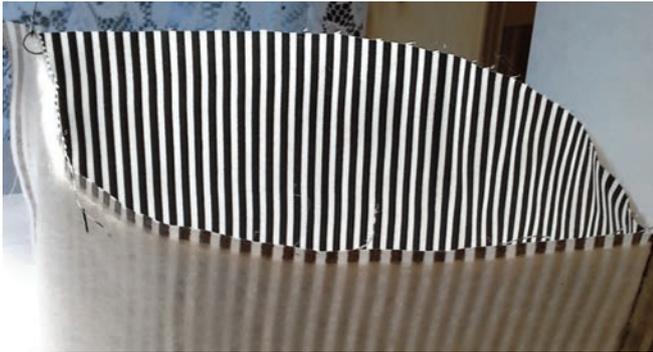
2. Cut cord about 10cm longer than chain, starting in the middle thread cord through the links.
3. Put Fray Stopper to the end 3cm of cord, let dry. Secure with hand stitching the same colour as the cord.
5. To make loops, cut 2 x 10cm cord, put Fray Stopper on the ends and let dry.
4. Loop cord through dog clips and back through about three links, trim cord. Secure with hand stitching the same colour as the cord.
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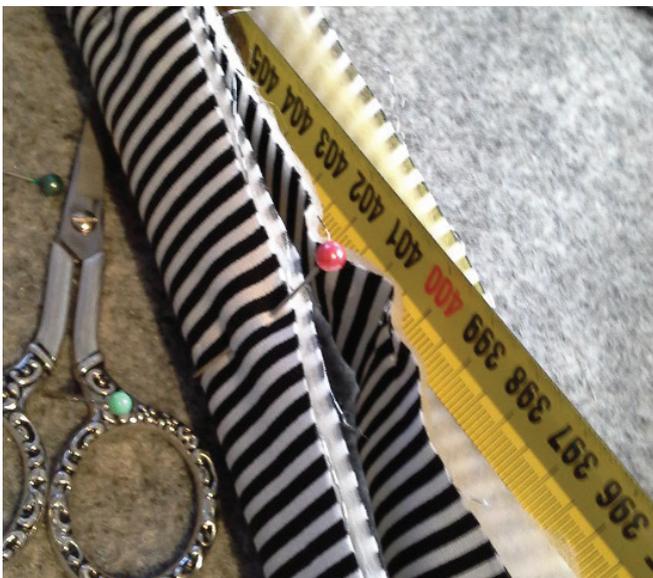
6. Fold each in half, stitch length 0 stitch width 7, stitch loops together.

Bag:

1. Place casings right sides together, sew 1cm seam each short ends.



2. Fold wrong sides together. Now you have a folded circle to cover measuring tape.



3. Insert a piece of tape in each side, curved side facing out. Push tape close to fold.

4. Pin as a guide for sewing, using the zipper foot stitch as close to the measuring tape as you can. **DO NOT STITCH ON METAL TAPE** (it helps to take the flat bed with accessory compartment off machine and slip casing over free arm).

5. Right sides together stitch 1cm side seams on quilted bag.

6. Repeat for the bag lining.

7. Pin the casing right sides together with the bag front / back.

Congratulations your bag is now finished.



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