CROSSBODY BAG

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Write your own fashion statement with this simple yet stylish crossbody bag. Your fabric choice can make this an understated accessory or an essential part of a bold look.
**Materials**

Using home décor or utility weight fabric will help this bag keep its shape for every day use. I also recommend using a **fusible craft weight interfacing** to prevent the fabric from shifting while sewing and with the durability of the bag. I have always used Pellon 809 fusible craft weight interfacing.

Please note: Using heavier fabric plus interfacing may require a stronger needle in your sewing machine. Refer to manufacturer’s manual for information about your machine.

Home décor fabric is typically 54” wide. This pattern is written for fabric that width.

**Fabric:**

If using the **same** fabric for interior and exterior

5/8 yard of 54” wide fabric (22 inches)

If using **different** fabric for interior and exterior

5/8 yard of 54” wide fabric of exterior fabric (22 inches)

1/2 yard of 54” wide fabric of interior fabric (18 inches)

Interfacing: 3/4 yards

Notions:

1 belt slide 1-inch

1 10 inch zipper

2 D-rings 1 ½ inch width

Seam Allowance: 1/4 inch unless otherwise noted.
Fabric Cuts

The first cut should be the strap. You will need 4 inches of the longest edge of the fabric.

Fold remaining fabric in half length-wise for cutting rest of the bag.

Place panel pattern on fold and cut four pieces (two for exterior and two for interior). If using a different fabric for the interior, cut two from each fabric.

Of remaining fabric cut the following:

- 2 28 x 2 ½ edge of gusset (If using different interior fabric, cut 1 from each)
- 2 2 x 4 rectangles (for side D-ring loops)
- 4 8 ½ x 1 ¾ rectangles (for zipper) (if using different interior fabric, cut 2 from each)
- 1 8 x 10 interior pocket
- Cut interfacing pieces for all pieces

Press interfacing to wrong side of all pieces.

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Zipper


![Folding ¼ inch on both ends and press.]

With **right sides facing**, place two rectangles on edge of zipper with pull tab facing up. Stitch along top using zipper presser foot, making sure the ¼ inch edge turns are sewn towards the wrong side of the fabric.

![Stitch along top of zipper]

Fold fabric so **wrong sides** are facing and press. Sew along 3 edges of rectangle leaving outside edge raw.

![After pressing, stitch along edge on three sides of rectangle.]

Repeat on other side of zipper.
Exterior

With **right sides facing**, pin one side of finished zipper assembly to one exterior piece. Pin center first, then work your way pinning towards the sides. Sew along pinned edge.

Repeat with other exterior piece. Open assembled piece and press seams flat.

With **right sides facing**, pin gusset piece to exterior of one of the panels. Find the center of the gusset piece and in at the bottom of the panel, then work towards the top of the panel pinning along edge. Sew along pinned edge.

Fold other panel down to meet raw gusset edge and pin edge, beginning in the middle. Sew along pinned edge.

Unzip the zipper and turn the exterior right side out and press.
Turn edge of long sides of each 2 x 4 piece in ¼ inch and press. Stitching along edge will secure structure, but is not always necessary. Heavier fabric will hold its own shape.

Loop each piece through a D-ring and fold in half.

Sew fabric looped through D-ring to each side of main body at top with D-ring hanging down.

Sew to each side of bag with D-ring hanging down

Side view of bag
**Interior**

Turn in $\frac{1}{4}$ inch edge on pocket fabric towards the **wrong side of the fabric**, along 8-inch edge and press

![Diagram showing turn in 1/4 inch on sides and press 8 inch on 10 inch]

Fold 8 x 10 pocket fabric in half to make an 8 x 5 pocket. Press and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam along fold.

Position pocket piece along bottom of one interior panel with raw edge towards the top. Center pocket and sew along raw edge.

![Diagram showing sew along raw edge of pocket]

Fold pocket up and press, hiding raw edge inside fold. Sew along edges of pocket, and if desired, sew center seam to divide it into two smaller pockets.

![Diagram showing sew along side edges of pocket. A center stitch will divide the pocket into smaller sections if you decide to add it.]

The following image is a variation I made of the interior pocket. You can add an extra level of pockets with any extra fabric you have.
With **right sides facing**, pin interior gusset piece to newly pocketed interior panel. Align the center of the gusset piece and the center bottom of the panel. Begin pinning at the bottom, working towards the top of the panel pinning along edge. Sew pinned edge.

Attach other panel to raw gusset edge. In the same manner, pin along the edge. Leave bottom open on second panel and only sew sides.
Assembling the Bag

Unzip the zipper entirely and fold over the top of the bag. Put the assembled exterior of the bag inside the interior with **right sides facing**. Ensure that the entire exterior is inside the interior gusset including D-rings and zipper. Align exterior and interior gussets and pin together at the top.

Stitch around the top of the entire bag.

Carefully pull the exterior body through the opening at the bottom of the interior gusset, until fully unfolded.

Stitch opening at bottom of interior gusset closed with either a whipstitch by hand or straight seam on your machine.

Push interior gusset into the main body and press wrinkles out of the bag.

With the zipper zipped, stitch a finishing seam along the top of the bag on each side, forming a recessed zipper.

With zipper flat on top of bag and zipped close, stitch seam along top of bag picking up outer edge of zipper panel and top edge of side panel to form recessed zipper.
Sew a top finishing seam on each side of the zipper to form a recessed zipper.

An optional finishing touch is to sew caps on each end of the zipper with fabric scrap.

Optional fabric zipper cap.
Strap

If you are using a lightweight fabric, the handle should be reinforced with interfacing to make the strap sturdy.

Using four-inch wide cut from full length of fabric, fold in half length wise, **wrong sides facing**, and press seam.

Press seam along entire length of strap

Fold edges of long raw sides inward to meet at middle and press.

Fold edges down to meet in the middle and press

If needed, press along original seam again. When completed, raw edges of fabric should be tucked in the middle of strap and not visible.

Sew along both edges of strap

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Feed strap through belt slide and wrap around middle bar. Stitch end of strap.
Loop loose end of strap through one of the D-rings on bag.

Feed strap through one of the D-rings.

Feed loose end of strap back through belt slide, then feed through the other D-ring of bag and sew final seam of strap.

Feed strap through belt slide

Feed loose end of strap around second D-ring and sew final seam.