

ROWAN

Travel Tote Bag

Skill level:
Intermediate

The Kaffe Collective
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Technique:	Sewing
Brand:	Rowan
Crafting time:	Weekend

Take this attractive and sturdy travel tote bag along when you go shopping, day-tripping, or running errands around town. It's a stylish, yet functional, approach to transporting your 'on-the-go' stuff.

Finished Size: 19½" x 17" (49.6cm x 43.2cm)
{excluding handles}

Supplies

Fabrics from Spring 2014 Kaffe Collective

⅝ yd (.6m) PWBM047.BRIGH

⅞ yd (.8m) PWBM046.CITRU

⅝ yd (.6m) PWBM045.COOLX

⅝ yd (.6m) interlining

Dual Duty XP® General Purpose Thread to coordinate with fabrics

Coats® All Purpose Polyester Zipper, 18" (46cm), 0100 White-1

1¼ yds ½"-wide (1.14m x 1.3cm) cotton cording

Additional Requirements

Sewing Machine with zipper foot attachment

Scissors

Rotary cutter/mat/plastic ruler

Iron, pressing board

Bodkin or large safety pin

Sewing needle

Transparent tape

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Notes:

All seams are ½" (1.3cm) unless noted.
All Illustrations follow at end of pattern

Instructions

1. Cut two 20½" x 18" (52cm x 46cm) rectangles from PWBM047.BRIGH for bag front and back.
 2. Referring to **Illustration 1**, cut one 3½" (9cm) square from bottom left and bottom right corners of bag front and back pieces (Step 1).
 3. Cut two 20½" x 18" (52cm x 46cm) rectangles from PWBM046.CITRU for bag lining.
 4. Repeat Step 2 for lining.
 5. Cut one 10" (25.4cm) square from PWBM046.CITRU for inside pocket.
 6. Cut three 6" (15.2cm) x WOF (width of fabric) strips from PWBM045.COOLX for handles.
 7. Cut two 20½" x 18" (52cm x 46cm) rectangles from interlining for bag front and back.
 8. Repeat Step 2 for interlining.
 9. Referring to **Illustration 2**, sew three handle strips together with diagonal seam. Press seam open.
 10. Referring to **Illustration 3**, fold long edges together toward center of strip and press.
 11. Bring folded edges together and press in place.
- Tip:** Finished strap should measure 1½" (3.8cm) wide.
12. Edge stitch along both sides of strap.
 13. Cut two straps 57" (145cm) long.
 14. Referring to **Illustration 4**, use pin to mark 18" (46cm) from each cut edge of handles.

15. Fold straps in half lengthwise and sew handles together between pins (Step 14).

Tip: Referring to **Illustration 5**, back tack at beginning and end of stitching.

16. Cut cotton cording into two 20" (51cm) lengths.

Tip: Tape ends of cotton cording with transparent tape to prevent fraying.

17. Referring to **Illustration 6**, use a large safety pin or bodkin to feed cording through sewn section of handles.
18. Fold pocket fabric in half, right sides together. Press.
19. Sew around side and lower edges leaving a 3" (7.6cm) opening in lower edge. Trim corners.
20. Turn pocket to right side and press flat.
21. Referring to **Illustration 7**, pin pocket to lining piece, long edge horizontally on lining, 5" (12.7cm) from top edge and 5½" (14cm) from side edges of lining. Sew pocket in place.
22. Baste interlining to wrong side of bag front and back. Trim away excess interlining from seam allowances.
23. Pin handles in place on bag front and back, matching raw edges at lower edge and 5½" (14cm) in from either side of bag.
24. Referring to **Illustration 8**, sew each handle in place along one edge beginning at lower edge and sewing 15" (38.1cm) up from lower edge. Pivot and continue across width of handle. Pivot and sew down other side of handle.

25. Fold handles down and pin to bag to keep clear of sewing machine while inserting zipper in upper edge.
26. Position zipper along upper edge of bag front, right sides together.
27. Center zipper and pin in place.

Tip: Fold zipper tabs toward seam allowance.

28. Referring to **Illustration 9**, baste zipper in place.
29. Layer lining on top of bag front, right sides together, matching upper edge of lining to zipper on bag front (Step 28).
30. Sew across upper edge from zipper start to zipper end.
31. Fold lining back and press.
32. Referring to **Illustration 10**, edge stitch through all layers from zipper start to zipper end.
33. Repeat Steps 29 through 32 for other side of bag.
34. Referring to **Illustration 11**, open bag and pin front and back of lining together and front and back of bag body together.

Tip: Do not sew cut out corners (Step 2 above).
Illustration 11

35. Sew side and lower edge seams, leaving an opening of 4" to 5" (10.2cm to 12.7cm) in lower edge of lining. Press seams open.
36. Referring to **Illustration 12**, pinch corners together, lining up side seams with lower edge seam on all four corners. Sew corner seams.
37. Turn bag to right side. Press to shape bag.

