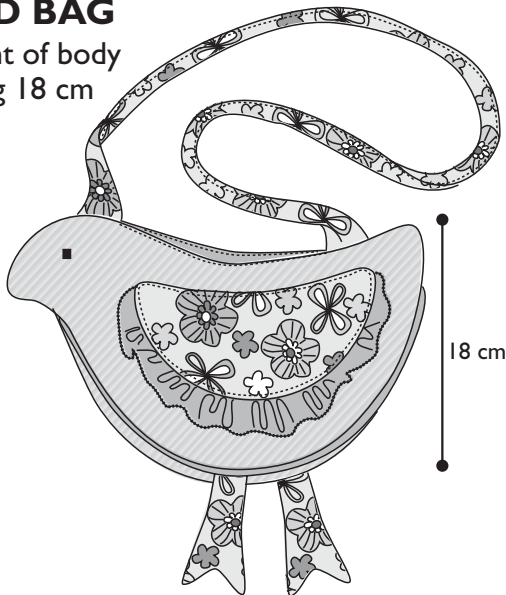


BIRD BAG

Height of body of bag 18 cm



MATERIALS

- 20 cm corduroy for bag exterior
- piece of green cotton fabric for lining, piping strips and frills
- piece of patterned cotton fabric for pockets, legs and shoulder strap
- fusible wadding, Vlieseline Volumenvlies H 640
- 120 cm cotton cord, ø 5 mm
- sew-on snap fastener, ø 10 mm

CUTTING

Cut pattern pieces out from pattern sheet. Trace pattern piece for lining side panel from pattern for exterior side panel following pattern markings; see also small-scale pattern pieces.

Cut bag pieces from fabrics and fusible wadding as indicated on list of pattern pieces. Add 1 cm seam allowances to edges of pieces cut from fabrics; cut wadding pieces without seam allowances.

Cut also: (measurements include 1 cm seam allowances)

From green cotton fabric

- two 3 cm x 17 cm strips for frills on pockets
- 3.5 cm x 65 cm strip for piping

From patterned cotton fabric

- 7 cm x 74 cm strip for shoulder strap

From wadding

- 2.5 cm x 74 cm strip for shoulder strap

SEWING

Seams: Stitch seams with straight stitch and topstitch them close to edge.

Preparation: Pin wadding pieces to exterior side and base panels as well as in the middle of shoulder strap, to their wrong side, and fuse them in place. Stitch darts on both exterior and lining side panels.

Piping: Fold piping strip in half, wrong sides together. Cut 65 cm piece from cotton cord. Place cord within piping strip and machine-baste open edges of piping strip together as close to cord as possible, using zipper foot. Cut piping strip in half. Machine-baste piping strips to bottom edges of exterior side panels as marked on pattern.

Pockets: Finish one long edge of each frill strip with serger rolled hem or with narrow, short zigzag. Sew gathering stitches along other long edge of each frill strip. Gather frill strips to match bottom edges of wings (see pattern markings). Pin and machine-baste frills to bottom edges of two opposite wing panels, right sides together, gradually tapering off ends of frills so that outer edges of frills appear curved. Pin wing panels together in pairs, right sides facing, and stitch their

PATTERN PIECES

Corduroy (exterior)

- | Pattern Piece | Cut |
|---------------|-----|
| 1 side panel | 2 |
| 2 base of bag | 1 |

Green cotton fabric (lining)

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|---------------|---|
| 1 side panel | 2 |
| 2 base of bag | 1 |

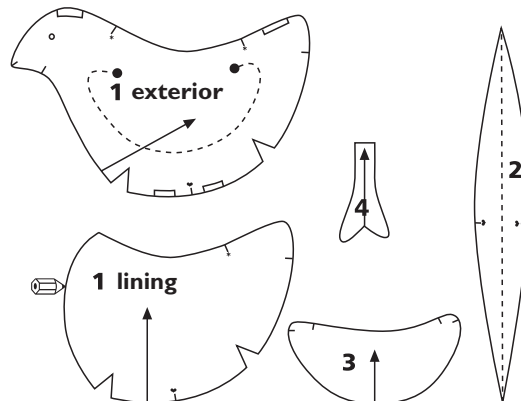
Patterned cotton fabric

- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| 3 wing (pocket) | 2+2 |
| 4 leg | 4 |

Fusible wadding

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1 side panel | 2 |
| 2 base of bag | 1 |
| 3 wing | 2 |

SMALL-SCALE PATTERN PIECES



outer edges together. Leave small opening at bottom edge of each wing for turning it right side out. Trim seam allowances and turn wings right side out. Topstitch top edge of wing (=opening edge of pocket). Pin wings to exterior side panels as marked on pattern and topstitch them in place close to edge, closing openings at the same time.

Legs: Pin leg pieces together in pairs, right sides facing, and stitch them together, leaving straight top edge of each leg open. Trim seam allowances, clip into corner on each leg and turn legs right side out. Machine-baste legs to exterior side panels as marked on pattern.

Shoulder strap: Fold shoulder strap piece in half lengthwise, right sides together, and stitch its long edge. Turn shoulder strap right side out and press it flat carefully, placing seam in the middle of strap. Lay cotton cord in the middle of shoulder strap, with its ends at equal distance from each end of strap. Fold and pin shoulder strap in half lengthwise, enclosing cord within strap. Topstitch edges of shoulder strap together along length of cord. Stitch across shoulder strap at each end of cord to stop cord from slipping out. Pin and machine-baste open ends of shoulder strap to one of the exterior side panels as marked on pattern.

Joining bag exterior: Pin one edge of exterior base panel to exterior side panel and stitch panels together along machine-basting that attaches piping to side panel. Pin and stitch other side panel to base and side panel section in the same way, starting and finishing stitching at point marked with * (asterisk) on pattern (stitching runs across shoulder strap on each side).

Joining lining: Stitch lining base panel to one of the lining side panels. Pin and stitch other side panel to base and side panel section in the same way, stitching as far as point marked with * (asterisk) on pattern on tail side. Leave 7 cm opening at bottom edge of lining for turning bag right side out.

Joining bag exterior and lining: At this stage, bag exterior and lining are inside out. Pin and stitch open edges of bag exterior and lining together, right sides facing. Press seams at bag opening open with point of iron and turn bag right side out through opening at bottom edge of lining.

Finishing: Place lining inside bag exterior and topstitch bag opening close to edge. Stitch bird's eye with short zigzag as marked on pattern. Sew snap fastener at bag opening by hand.

