

#851 Cosmetic, Clutch and Tote Bag

A rectangular shaped handbag with gathers in the frame area for fullness including five sizes. Finished cosmetic bag is 8 in. x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Small clutch is 10 in. x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Clutch is 12 in. x 10 in. Small tote is 14 in. x 14 in. Tote is 18 in. x 16 in. The cosmetic and small clutch size can double as an evening bag. The clutch works well with or without straps, and the totes become a knitting or sewing bag, diaper bag or carryall. All use the straight hex-open frame and are fully lined with lining showing on the finished bag. Eyelet or cluny lace, pleat or ruffle add a touch of decoration. Instructions for serging and strip piecing included.

Suggested Fabrics

The quickest, easiest version of this pattern is designed for double-faced quilted fabric. The 2nd option uses stitch and flip piecing combined with quilt as you go. Create double-faced quilted fabric using 2 complimentary fabrics and fleece as a 3rd option. Use quilting weight fabrics for pieced designs.

Yardage and Notions

Cosmetic	Sm. Clutch	Clutch	Sm. Tote	Tote
8 in.	10 in.	12 in.	14 in.	18 in.
1/2 yd.*	3/4 yd.**	7/8 yd.**	1 yd.	1 1/8 yd.
3/4 yd.	1 yd.	1 1/4 yd.	1 1/2 yd.	1 3/4 yd.

To make **strip pieced fabric**, replace above yardages with:

1/2 yd.	3/4 yd.	7/8 yd.	1 yd.	1 1/8 yd.
1/8 yd.	1/4 yd.	1/4 yd.	3/8 yd.	1/2 yd.
1/2 yd.	3/4 yd.	7/8 yd.	1 yd.	1 1/8 yd.

To create **double-faced quilted fabric**, replace above yardages with:

1/2 yd.	3/4 yd.	7/8 yd.	1 yd.	1 1/8 yd.
1/2 yd.	3/4 yd.	7/8 yd.	1 yd.	1 1/8 yd.
1/2 yd.	3/4 yd.	7/8 yd.	1 yd.	1 1/8 yd.

Thread

*Enough to make 3 cosmetic size bags

**Enough to make 2 clutch size bags

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