

# #721 The Messenger Bag

With 2 zipper pockets and 1 snap pocket, the Messenger Bag is the perfect small carryall for today's everyday bag. The long strap crosses the body from shoulder to hip for security. Finished small size is 6 in. wide by 7½ in. deep, medium is 8½ in. by 9 in., and large is 12 in. by 11½ in. A make it in minutes bag, use double faced quilted fabric with belting or webbing strap. For added pizzazz, chevron strip piece the outside optional pocket from included instructions.

## Yardage & Notions

This pattern is created with multiple design opportunities. The yardage for each size includes several pockets. It is okay to add more or use fewer pockets. This is your own personal choice. The yardages are listed for pattern pieces that are shown on the cutting layouts. Any changes may alter the amount of fabric necessary for the bag.

### Yardage and Notions for Fashion Fabric and Lining with Belting for Strap

Small	Medium	Large	
2-7 in.	2-9 in.	2-12 in.	Zippers
¼ yd.	¼ yd.	¾ yd.	Double Faced Quilted Fabric
2 yd. of 1 in.	2 yd. of 1½ in.	2¼ yd. of 2 in.	Belting or Webbing

1 Sew-in Magnetic Snap

Thread

2 Swivel Snaps to hold keys or small flash light

Optional Shoulder Pad the size of belting

For pieced optional pocket, use 1 Fat Quarter of Companion Fabric,

Steam-a-Seam® Fusing Medium, and Muslin

Strips of Fabric for pieced optional pocket

#### Extra Tips:

- All Purpose, Sport, or Decorative Zippers are appropriate.
- To make zipper installation easier, use longer zippers and trim to the necessary size. When constructing this pattern, each end of the zipper is covered by the strap. For the easiest, quickest, most accurate stitching, allow the zipper stop and zipper slider to extend off the ends of the fabric. There will be no bulge to stitch around.
- Because of the bulk in this project, use a Jeans Needle to avoid breaking the needle. Be extremely careful with stitching over the zipper coils. Stitch slowly.

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Ghee's offers a variety of handbag patterns along with the metal frames, magnetic snaps, chains, hardware, and stabilizers used to make them. Many of the embellishment ideas that designer Linda McGehee uses, originated from her books, *Simply Sensational BAGS*, *Creating Texture With Textiles* and *The Perfect BAG*.

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