

Supplies: Jump On the Bag Wagon

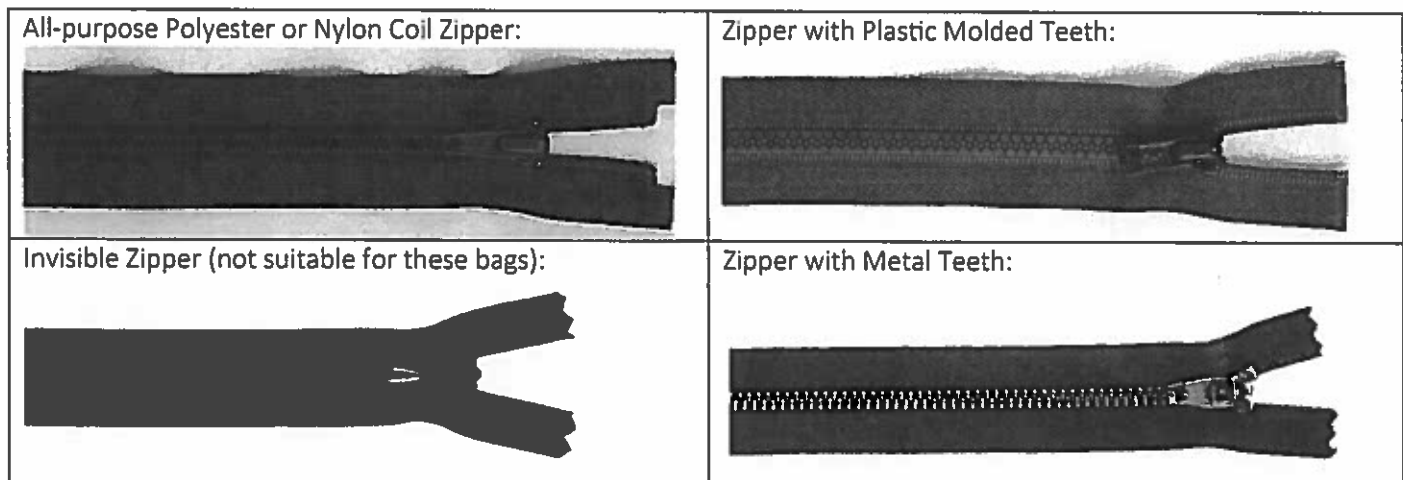
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Thank you and welcome to the bag wagon! We'll make two great bags in class: Ellie Lum's Oberlin Tote Bag (Klum House Sewing Studio in North Portland) and Ticklegrass Designs' Bodobo Box Bag. The Oberlin Tote Bag, made from canvas, features four exterior pockets, an interior zipper pocket, a sturdy doubled bottom, an optional magnetic snap closure, and French seams for a clean interior finish. Options for handles include: sewn canvas handles, purchased leather handles, or purchased webbing handles. The tote bag finishes ~11½" H x 13½" W x 5" D.

After lunch, we'll make the Bodobo bag; the pattern includes three sizes that nest inside one another as well as a bonus "Mini Diddy" bag. We will make the large bag in class that finishes ~9½" L x 5" W x 3½" H. The large Bodobo bag has tabs at either end of the zipper that make zipping and unzipping easy, an optional fabric handle and is fully lined for a clean interior finish.

NOTE: do not use invisible zippers as these are intended to be installed in a garment seam. All-purpose polyester coil zippers are used in the Bodobo bag. Polyester coil zippers and zippers with metal or plastic molded teeth work very well for the flat interior pocket of the tote bag. Types of zippers:



- **Patterns:** Oberlin Tote Bag pattern by Klum House (Ellie Lum), Bodobo Box Bag by Ticklegrass Designs
- **Basic sewing supplies:** sewing machine in top notch working order with power cord, foot control, manual, matching thread, small sharp scissors/snips, seam ripper, pins and/or Wonder Clips, marking pens/pencils, fabric glue pen, stiletto, tailor's awl if you have one
- **Sewing machine feet:** ¼-inch foot, basic all purpose foot, zipper foot, edge stitch foot if you have one
- **Heavy duty machine needles:** jeans/denim size 100/16 or 110/18 (bring extra needles just in case)
- Wash Away Wonder Tape
- Cutting supplies: large and small rectangular rulers, rotary cutter with fresh, sharp blade
- Irons and ironing boards are provided in the classroom

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- **Bag exterior:** 1 yard heavy weight canvas or denim for the bag exterior, base, interior pocket and optional straps. 54" wide cotton canvas is affordable and an ideal weight for the bag.
- **Exterior pockets:** $\frac{1}{3}$ yard medium weight fabric such as linen, home dec or cotton/linen blend. For quilting weight cotton, I recommend $\frac{5}{8}$ yard; we'll cut larger rectangles and fold them in half so the pocket is doubled.
- **Interior pocket(s):** if you prefer to make the interior pockets from a contrasting fabric instead of the exterior bag fabric, you'll need a $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14" rectangle for each pocket. If you have trouble finding 8" zippers, the interior pocket size can be modified to fit the zipper. Cut a rectangle 14" long; for the width, add $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to the zipper length, e.g. for an 8" zipper, cut a rectangle $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14"; for a 9" zipper, cut a rectangle $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14".
- **Interior pocket trim:** two rectangles 2" x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " (or a bit longer) for each pocket.
- 8" or 9" zipper (I have used metal, polyester coil and plastic molded teeth zippers)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ " Dritz magnetic purse snap for purses and totes, optional
- Optional: Purchased leather handles $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide by 27-30" long (or desired length for an "over the shoulder" handle) or webbing. I will bring the tools necessary for setting leather handles (leather punch, hammer, brad/rivet setter etc). The Stitchin' Post will stock an Oberlin finishing kit that contains pre-punched leather handles, antique brass brads, antique brass magnetic snap and a Klum House sew-in label.

The pattern calls for fusible fleece applied to the bag exterior as well as the lining pieces. Fleece and/or one or two layers of Pellon Shape-Flex work very well for the bag exterior but I prefer Shape-Flex or Fusible Vinyl for the lining. Shape-Flex adds body without adding bulk. Fusible vinyl gives the bag a water resistant, easy to clean interior. To make the large Bodobo bag, you need:

- Bag exterior: 1 fat quarter. Quilting weight cotton, cotton/linen, denim and home dec weight fabrics are all suitable.
- Lining: 1 fat quarter
- Fusible fleece: $\frac{1}{2}$ yard (optional if you interface with Shape-Flex).
- 1 yard Pellon Shape-Flex woven cotton fusible interfacing to give the bag or lining more body.
- Optional: $\frac{1}{2}$ yard Pellon Vinyl Fuse for a water resistant interior. It is available in a 15" x 2 yd package or off the bolt.
- One 14" dress weight all-purpose polyester/nylon coil zipper. Note: metal, heavy duty and invisible zippers are not suitable for this project.

Oberlin Tote Bag

- Please cut out and mark the fabrics for the leather handle version or the canvas handle version. Please read the pattern carefully and note when fabric pieces are to be folded on a marked line vs. folded to a marked line.

Bodobo Bag

- Please cut out the fabrics for the large bag. Prepare the bag exterior and lining fabrics by fusing fleece, Shape-Flex and/or fusible vinyl as desired.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to email me: pam@lovedtopieces.com.

