

Carry Me Bag 7" x 18"

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SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- ...Pattern- Carry Me Bag by Bunny Hill Designs (*)
- ...Sewing Machine, which you are familiar with, in good working order
- ... Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
- ...Basic sewing supplies (seam ripper, extra needles, pins, etc.)
- ...Neutral colored thread that will blend with fabrics

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- ...1 Honey Bun roll or 13 assorted 1 ½" x 42" strips
I used a packet of 8 coordinating fat quarters for the whole bag
- ...Lining: ½ yard
- ...Pockets ½ yard
- ...1 yard Pellon Craft Fuse Interfacing
- ...2/3 yard 22" wide "Timtex" Interfacing (**)
- ...Ribbon: 2 yd 1 ½" ribbon (I made self ties)
- ...1 ½" "Dritz" Covered Button Kit or Button of your choice

NOTES:

I've made a second bag using a solid fabric as the outside, so that is an option for you too (however, Mr. Elliott doesn't think it is nearly as cute as the stripy one!)

The reason I was less than pleased with the Timtex was it is too heavy to fuse and then sew, especially around the curve, so it has to be applied after the bag is partially constructed, not an easy accomplishment! The product that I used on the second bag is what they use to make all the Japanese bags here in Singapore and it is not as heavy as Timtex so you can apply it before construction and it has body that is equal to the Timtex, IMHO.

The pattern calls for fabric handles.....I made them on the second bag and they are quite nice. The bag that is shown on the website has purchased leather handles. If you would like to have the ones shown please email me ASAP with what color you would like to have, mine were pink. I believe the store had red, black and brown also. If you let me know soon enough Rosie has said she can order what we want. (I wouldn't want to ask her any later than Oct. 1 to do any special orders!) These would cost you US\$18.75 payable to me at the getaway. I know that this type of handle is also becoming more readily available in the US, as we saw some very cute ones at the quilt show in Maine, and they seemed to be very reasonably priced.

So as you can see there are LOTS of options for your creation and it is so fun to carry this bag!

So use your imagination and you might just want to make several.....they would make great gifts too!

Please don't hesitate to email me if you have ANY questions!

(*) **Pattern available from Easy As Pie Designs for \$8.50.** You will need to preorder this. It will be available for you to pick up at the getaway, just be sure you preorder promptly!

(**) **I was less than pleased with using the timtex.....**I've found a similar product here and if you email me by October 15th I will bring it pre-cut for you for a \$2 fee payable at the getaway.