

Chunky Wee Bag

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Chunky Wee Bag is a messenger style bag that comes in three useful sizes, and includes a LOT of pockets to help you keep you organized. It's a great introduction to bag making as it has no zippers or fancy hardware. We usually finish the bag in class, so you'll have one less UFO to take home!

Skill level: Confident beginner to intermediate. Basic cutting skills; must be able to sew a consistently accurate seam, and have knowledge of using a walking foot.



Welcome to class! I'm excited to be making stuff with you! It's going to be fun!

Fabric-wise, this project is a great way to feature a beloved fabric. The pattern is written to use just three fabrics, but if you prefer, you can look at each component of the bag as a separate canvas, and choose fabric for it accordingly. I love to use something dramatic or fun on the flap (the accent stripe is optional), and I tend to put lighter fabrics on the inside of the bag as it helps me see into the "black hole" my handbag can become.

To see examples of what you can do with the bag, search "chunky wee bag" on my site huntersdesignstudio.com, my Instagram feed [@huntersds](https://www.instagram.com/huntersds), and also on Instagram the hashtag [#chunkyweebag](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/chunkyweebag).

CLASS PREPARATION!

Please make an effort to come to class prepared and on time so that I can help you have maximum success! This means read this handout as soon as you get it, and give your self the gift of gathering your supplies and doing your homework/prep BEFORE the night before!

ALSO - YOU NEED TO CUT YOUR FABRIC BEFORE COMING TO CLASS, so don't leave it until the last minute!
(see next page)

If you have any questions at all, please email me (see above). I want to help you get the most out of your class! If you need accommodation for a disability of any kind, please email me so I can hopefully help.

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BEFORE CLASS:

- Buy the pattern <https://huntersdesignstudio.com/product/chunky-wee-bag/> (if you sign up for the newsletter you get a discount code!)
- Give the pattern a read through, and choose which size you'll be making (6", 8", or 10")
- Look up the bonus pocket instructions here: <https://huntersdesignstudio.com/2017/07/11/chunky-wee-bag-bonus-pocket-modification/> . This is a great and useful back pocket for the bag - perfect for your cell phone, sketchbook, or shopping list - so make note of the extra fabric you'll need if you decide to add this.
- Note the size you want to make on the cutting chart with pencil or high-lighter (page 2)
- Choose your fabrics - remember, each section can be different. It's YOUR art, so you get to make it YOUR way!
- Cut the fabric according to the cutting chart, and LABEL them.
- Cut the fusibles according to the cutting chart, and LABEL them.
- Fuse the fusibles onto all the fabrics as needed, BUT... if you are unsure of any fabric choice, or you're adding the accent stripe to your flap, leave those parts uncut and/or unfused. Bring all your extra fabric possibilities with you, and we'll help you make a good choice in class :-)
- Cut out the templates for the size you'll be making (pages 11 and 12) from cardboard or template plastic.

FOR CLASS:

- Your sewing machine in good working order, with power cord, feet, and foot pedal
- If your sewing machine has a table extension, use it - it makes sewing more accurate
- A walking foot for your machine - the entire construction process goes easier and more accurately with a walking foot.
- Extra machine needles - it's not unusual to break needles while making bags
- Good quality thread plus 1 wound bobbin to match your fabric, plus top-stitching thread if you like, and a bobbin for that too.
- Basic sewing and rotary cutting supplies (do you need a fresh blade?).
- Fabric marking pen or chalk in a color that will show up on your fabric.
- Scissors, seam ripper, pins, etc. Clips (like Clover Wonder Clips) can be a nice addition to your kit for sewing bags - nice to have but not required.
- All your fabrics and fusible fleece, cut out and labeled per the pattern
- Your templates.
- Bag notions: canvas for the strap (optional), split rings for the key ring option, velcro for closures, and foam core for the baseboard. If you want to do a button and loop closure, have those handy (use a hair tie for the elastic).
- Lunch/snacks/water/chocolate, seat cushion, etc. for your comfort. We will take a half hour break around noon for lunch.
- A sense of humor and adventure!

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I look forward to creating with you!

