

“Ninja Messenger Bag”

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Featuring the Ninjas Don't Sweat collection by Lily Gonzales-Creed
Finished Size: 12 high x 15 wide x 4 deep”



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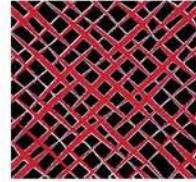
38945B-1



38948-2



38949-1



38951-6

Fabric requirements:

1 yard of Grey Grunge, 38945B-1

2 yards of Ninja Eyes, 38949-1

½ yard of Red Ninjas, 38948-2

1 ½ yards of Black and Red Crosshatch, 38951-6

2 ½ yards of heavyweight sew-in stabilizer (designer recommends Pellon 70)

5 yards of all purpose woven fusible interfacing (designer recommends Pellon SF101)

Hardware:

Adjustable strap bag hardware, including 1, 1.5" slider and 1, 1.5" ring

1, magnetic snap closure

Fabric panel dimensions:

Fabric for body of bag (Grey Grunge, 38945B-1)

2, 16" wide by 13" high panels for front and back

2, 5" wide by 13" high panels for sides

1, 5" wide by 16" long panel for bottom of bag

For front pockets (Black and Red Crosshatch, 38951-6/Ninja eyes, 38949-1):

1, 16" wide by 7" high panel of each fabric (2 panels total)

For side pockets (Black and Red Crosshatch, 38951-6/Ninja eyes, 38949-1):

2, 5" wide by 5.5" high panels of each fabric (4 panels total)

For bag flap (Red Ninjas, 38948-2):

2, 15.5" wide by 16" high panels for flap

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Fabric panel dimensions cont.:

For lining (Ninja eyes, 38949-1):

- 2, 16" wide by 13" high panels for front and back
- 2, 5" wide by 13" high panels for sides
- 1, 5" wide by 16" long panel for bottom of bag

Panel for dummy bottom of bag (Ninja eyes, 38949-1):

- 2, 4.5" wide by 15.5" long panels

For strap (Black and Red Crosshatch, 38951-6):

- 1, 3" wide by 50" long

Heavyweight sew-in stabilizer (designer recommends Pellon 70):

- 2, 15.5" wide by 12.5" high panels for front and back
- 1, 15.25" wide by 15.75" high panel for flap
- 3, 4" wide by 15" long panels for dummy panel for bottom of bag

All purpose woven fusible interfacing (designer recommends Pellon SF101):

- 4, 16" wide by 13" high panels for front and back and lining
- 4, 5" wide by 13" high panels for sides of exterior and lining
- 2, 5" wide by 16" long panels for bottom of bag and lining
- 2, 16" wide by 7" high panels for front pocket
- 4, 5" wide by 5.5" high panels for side pockets
- 1, 3" wide by 50" long panel for strap

Tutorial:

Step 1: Cut all panels of fabric based on supplies list above.

Step 2: Iron all purpose woven fusible interfacing to all panels. For a more sturdy bag, double up your interfacing, changing the direction of the grain of the interfacing for the second application.

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Tutorial cont.

Step 3: Prepare side panels and pockets. Place two side pocket rectangles right sides together. Pin the top short sides together and sew together with a 1/2" inch seam allowance. Repeat for other side pocket. Press open. To create decorative trim on pocket, be sure to leave 1/2" of backing fabric exposed.

Pin pockets on to bottom of side panels and baste stitch with 1/4" seam allowance.

Sew each bottom end of side panels to the short ends of bottom panel.

Press seams open and set aside.

Step 4: Prepare front panel and pockets. Center stabilizer onto wrong side of front and back panels, leaving 1/4" gap between edge of fabric and edge of stabilizer on all sides. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, baste stitch heavyweight sew in stabilizer to fabric.

Like side pockets, place two pocket panels right sides together. Using 1/2" seam allowance, sew together top edges. Press open. To create the decorative trim on top, be sure to leave 1/2" of pocket lining fabric showing.

Pin pocket to front panel and baste stitch using 1/4" seam allowance.

Step 5: Sew exterior bag panels together. Center the bottom panel of bag with the bottom of the front panel placing right sides together. Pin bottom in place and work from the bottom up, pinning side panels to sides of front panel. Using 1/2" seam allowance, sew side and bottom panels to front panel.

Repeat for back panel of bag making sure you keep all extra fabric free of stitching. You don't want to sew the front panel to the back.

Step 6: Prepare flap. Center stabilizer onto wrong side of one flap panel, leaving 1/4" gap between edge of fabric and edge of stabilizer on all sides. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, baste stitch heavyweight sew in stabilizer to fabric.

Place front and back flap panels right sides together. Sew along sides and bottom of panels using 1/2" seam allowance. To create a curved edge, take your drinking glass or a small bowl and trace a curve on each bottom edge of flap. Follow the line of the tracing with your machine. Clip the corners making sure you don't clip into the stitching of the bag.

Turn right sides out and iron.

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Step 7: Insert magnetic closure. Pin or clip front flap to the body of exterior bag by placing outside of flap against the back messenger bag panel. Fold over your panel and mark with a temporary marker, chalk or erasable pen where you want your magnetic clasp to be. Make sure you mark the front panel of the bag and the back panel of the flap where they will meet and lay flat when bag is closed. Insert your magnetic clasp per the manufacturer's directions. Be sure you insert the magnet on the flap only on the back flap panel.

Baste stitch flap to back of bag and set exterior of bag aside.

Step 8: Prepare interior lining by following Step 5. Be sure to leave a 5" gap at bottom panel of bag so you can turn the bag right sides out at the end.

Step 9: Prepare straps by ironing panel in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Open up fabric and iron long edges in 1/4", wrong sides together. Fold edges together, right sides out, pin and stitch together with 1/8" seam allowance. Sew decorative seam on other long side of strap with 1/8" seam allowance.

Cut off one, 10" long piece of strap. Thread 1.5" ring from the adjustable strap hardware through the 10" long piece of strap and double over strap, baste raw edges together using a 1/4" seam allowance. Pin raw edges onto one side of the exterior bag and baste stitch onto bag using 1/4" seam allowance.

Thread the end of the long strap over the middle bar of the slide adjuster. Fold the strap over the middle bar and stitch it back on to the long strap. Be sure to fold under your raw edge so it's sandwiched between the two straps and concealed.

Lay the slide adjuster end of the strap down, wrong sides facing up. Thread raw edge end of strap through 1.5" ring. Thread the end of the long strap through the slide adjuster.

Baste stitch raw edge end of strap onto other side of bag. Be sure your strap is not twisted.

Tighten your strap so you can wrap it around the bottom of the exterior bag with no slack.

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Step 10: With right sides facing together, slip lining of back on outside of exterior bag. Meet up the top edges of lining and exterior (including flap and straps), pin in place, and stitch around the edge using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.

Reach through the hole in bottom of lining, turn bag right sides out and stitch bottom opening closed.

Step 11: For dummy panel on bottom of bag, sew two dummy panels, right sides together using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Leave one short end open. Trim corners and turn right side out.

Sew together three heavyweight sew in stabilizer panels. Slip into opening of dummy panel. Tuck raw edges into panel and sew closed. Place dummy panel in bottom of messenger bag.

Your project is now complete. Now you can stuff all your stealthy ninja gear in your bag for safe keeping.

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