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Day Trip

Fabrics Designed by Dana Willard

**Summer Picnic**

- DAT-89400: Bluebonnet Dusk
- DAT-89401: Picnic Plaid
- DAT-89405: Taco Love Light
- DAT-89406: Joyride Night

**Winter Break**

- DAT-99400: Bluebonnet Midnight
- DAT-99402: Grazing Goats
- DAT-99405: Taco Love Bright
- DAT-99406: Joyride Day

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**CONSTRUCTION**

Sew all rights sides together with ¼ seam allowance.

**INVERTED BOX STITCH POCKET**

- Before creating the inverted box pleat pocket, quilt both 5 ⅛” x 4 ¾” squares as desired.
- The first step is to mark out the pleat with a water soluble pen:

![Diagram 1](image1)

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**

- Kraftex (dark brown)
- Three (3) belt buckles
- Velcro

**CUTTING DIRECTIONS**

¼” seam allowances are included. WOF means width of fabric.

- One (1) 36” x 14” rectangle from Fabric A, B
- Two (2) 5 ⅛” x 4 ¾” square from Fabric B
- Two (2) 5 ⅝” x 2 ¼” rectangle from Fabric B
- Two (2) Top Flap Template from Fabric C
- Four (4) 20” x 1 ¼” strip from Kraftex (Back straps)
- Two (2) 12” x 1 ¼” strip from Kraftex (Front strap)
- Two (2) 7” x 1 ¼” strip from Kraftex (Front bottom strap)
- Four (4) 9” x 1 ¼” strip from Kraftex (Back bottom strap)
- One (1) 11 ½” x 6 ½” rectangle from Kraftex

**DIAGRAM 1**

- Next, press the pocket fabric at the fold. When folded, the marked lines will stack on top of each other.
- From the top, sew about 1 ½” down at where the lines are marked, and from the bottom, sew about 1 ½” up

![Diagram 2](image2)

**DIAGRAM 2**

- The pocket fabric should look like this after the above steps.

![Diagram 3](image3)
• Press the pleat down such that it is spread evenly down the middle.

**Diagram 4**

• Serge or use zigzag stitches around all edges of the pocket.
• Press the pocket hem and sew using straight stitch along the hem.
• Then, press the other edges of the pockets in, add a small binding, and top stitch around the pockets.
• And, your inverted pleat pocket is done.

**Diagram 5**

• For the pockets placement, measure about 6” from the edges to the center of the main fabric and 1 ½” from the bottom up. That will be your pockets placement.

• For the pocket flap measure about 1 ½” from the bottom up in order to sew the velcro piece.
• Place the velcro, wrong side facing down.
• Sew the edges of the velcro and sew a small X.
• Repeat the same for the other pocket flap.

**Diagram 6**

• Measure and mark about ½” up from the pocket in order to sew the pocket flap.
• Place the pocket flap facing the velcro up and sew at the edge of the flap.
• Fold the flap down, press and steam on the edge.
• Repeat the same procedure for the other pocket.

**Diagram 7**

• Now, take your main fabric, already with your pockets attached, fold it right sides facing and stitch on the edge.
• Set aside.

**Diagram 8**
**CREATING THE TOP FRONT & BACK STRAPS**

- Take two (2) 21” straps, pair them one on top of the other and pin.
- Mark and cut an angular corner on one end of each strap.
- Then, measure up to 1” from the angular edge up and mark 6 holes every ½”, then punch holes with an awl.
- Stitch the strap all around the edges.
- Repeat the same process for the other 21” and 12” strap.

**DIAGRAM 9**

**CREATING THE BOTTOM FRONT & BACK STRAPS**

- Take two (2) Kraftex strips, lay them on top of each other, pin together and top stitch all around.
- Use a triple stitch if you are using regular thread so that it will pop out and look like a professional top-stitch.
- Thread strap through belt buckle and fold in about 1”
- Use the awl to punch a hole in the center of the strip at the fold line and insert the buckle
- Fold if in half over the buckle.
- Stitch the edge for closure.
- Repeat the same process for the other 2 remaining straps.

**DIAGRAM 10**

**STRAP PLACEMENT**

- Flip the piece and make a mark on the bottom edge of the center of your piece, where your strap will be placed.
- Pin the strap

**DIAGRAM 11**

- Now, measure up to 3 ½” from the center back to mark and pin your bottom back straps
- Pin both straps.
- Now, take your 11 ¼” x 6 ½” bottom piece and pair it with your main piece, wrong side facing out.
- Stitch around close to the edge, making sure your attaching the straps as well
- Flip inside out
- Now you should have your body with the bottom straps attached with the bottom piece

**DIAGRAM 12**

- Now, take your top flap pieces and place them one on top of the other, wrong side facing, adding a layer of batting.
- Stitch all around leaving a small opening on the top part of the flap
- Flip inside out
- Press and steam
- Now, take your top flap, your 10” Kraftex strap, your pointed edges strap (already topstitched as instructions above) and pin it as diagram below
• Now, take your 10” strap and place it at ½” from each side of the pointed edge strap

• Pin both pieces

• Take your main piece and place right side facing up, the ends of the two 20” straps and your flap pinned with the strap pieces facing down, laying on the back side of the main piece as diagram below.

Sewing the Lining to the Exterior

• Place exterior of bag inside lining making sure right sides are touching.

• Pin lining to the exterior of the bag and sew all the way around the top of your bag at 1/2” seam allowance.

• Pull exterior of bag through the unsewn portion in the lining. Handstitch or machine stitch unsewn portion closed.

• Once assembled all the pieces, cover the rough edges by placing a binding of desired color fabric.

• For your final step, you have the option to do a to stitch of the front strap with the flap so its more secured.

• Just top stitch a small 1” x ¾” square and an X in the middle buckle closed and your done!

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