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Description

To create a classic book bag, with an internal slip pocket, that can be embellished with appliqué, or, embroidery. The example shown here uses a unicorn machine embroidery design.

Cutting List – For Book bag excluding embellishment

Number Required	Dimensions	Material	Comments
1	16.5” x 14.5”	Denim	Piece A - Back
1	14.5” x 14”	Denim	Piece B - Front
1	14.5” x 3.5”	Denim	Piece C - Front
2	20” x 5”	Denim	Piece D - Handle
2	16.5” x 14.5”	Cotton	Piece E – Bag lining
1	14.5” x 14”	Cotton	Piece F – Internal Pocket
1	14.5”	Fancy trim	Optional
1	As required	Appliqué	Optional Appliqué embellishment

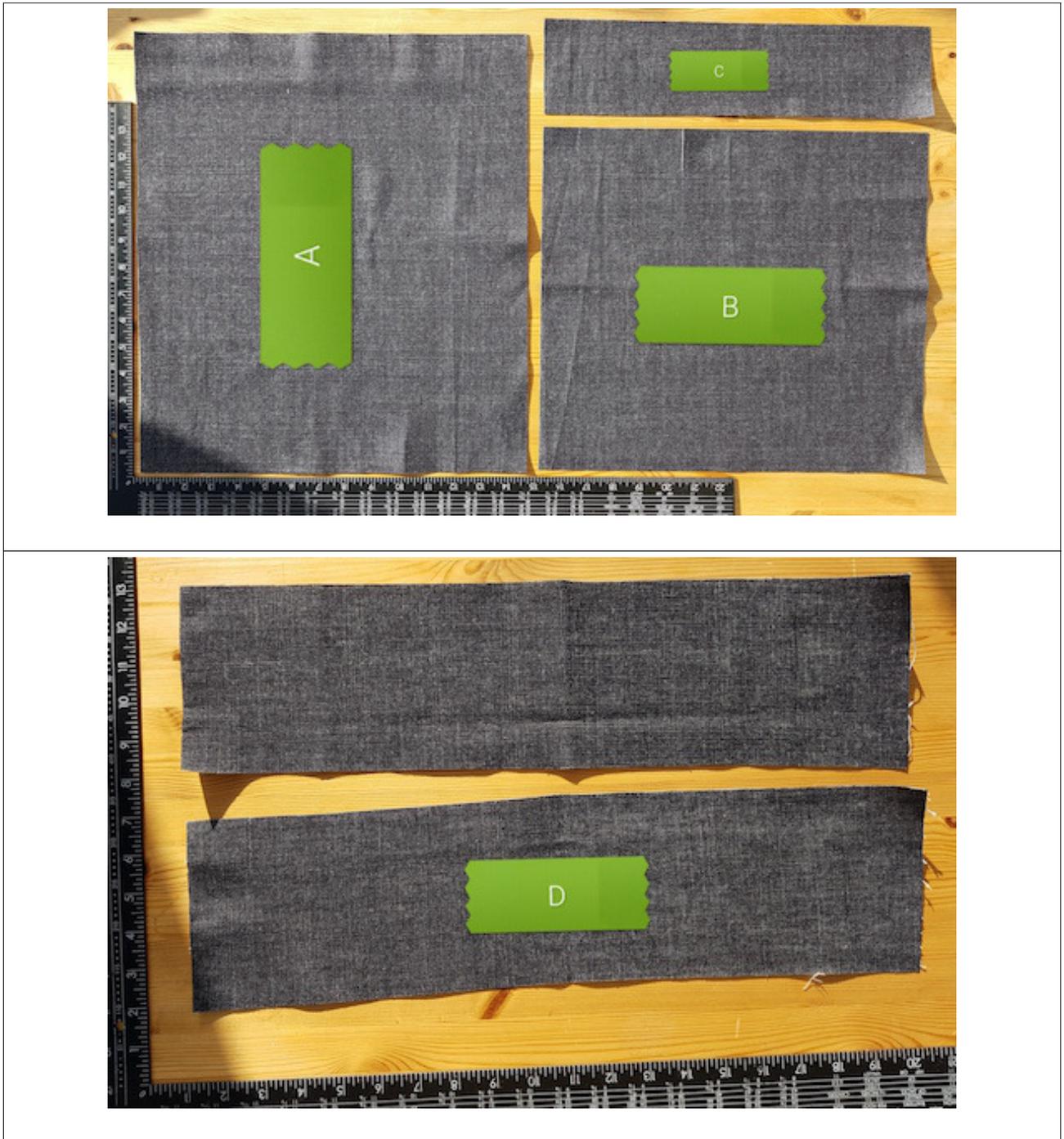
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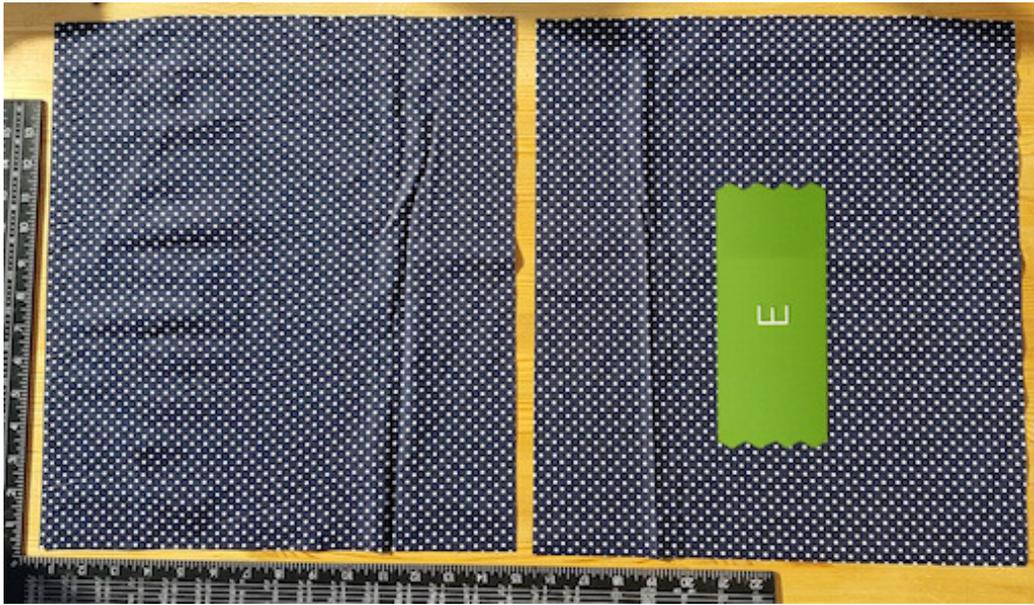
For this set of instructions, the [Kreative Kiwi KK513 Unicorn appliqué design set](#) that makes 4 different sizes of unicorn, within a 7” x 5” hoop, was used,



Although the example here was made using denim, canvas, or, quilted panels could also be used, i.e. a material with a bit of stiffness is ideal.

STEP 1 – Cutting Out





The preceding 4 pictures show the pieces required to make the book bag.

STEP 2 - Front



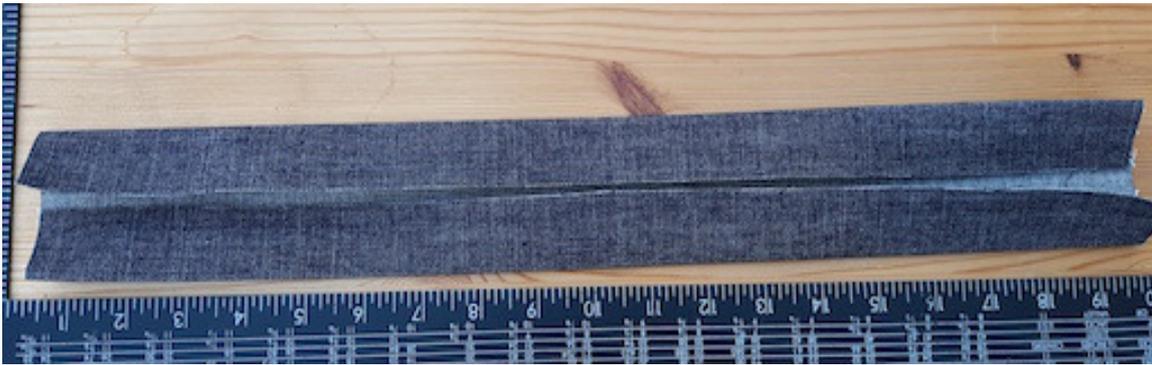
Join front pieces B & C together with 0.5" seam attaching optional fancy trimming at the same time. The trim can be of your choice like prairie point, Ric Rack, or similar.

STEP 3 – Front embellishment



Front panel with appliqué added, plus some additional embroidered text.

STEP 4 - Handles



Take a 5" x 20" strip and fold in half lengthways and press. Open out and fold each long side to the centre and press. Fold in half again to give a 20" x 1.25" strip. Top stitch down both sides. Repeat for second handle.

STEP 5 - Attaching handles



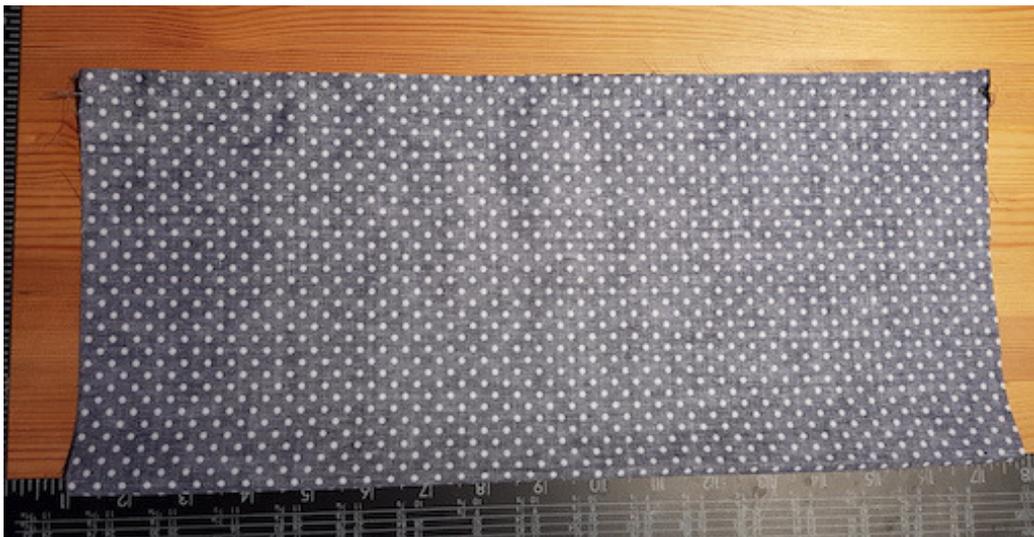
Pin handles as shown above. Attach the handles 4" from the edges, of the front panel. Secure by sewing with a 0.25" seam.

STEP 6 – Making the bag

Place front panel (B & C joined) to back panel A, right sides together. Sew sides and bottom together using a 1/2” seam.

Then turn bag right side out, so that embellishment is visible.

STEP 7 – Internal pocket



Take piece F internal pocket and fold in half right sides together, then sew along the long edge with a 0.25” seam to create a tube 14,5” x 7”. Turn right side out and top stitch a 1/8” seam along the folded edge, which will become the top edge of the internal pocket.

STEP 8 – Attaching internal pocket



Attach the folded pocket piece F to the bag lining piece E, by pinning in place, so that the bottom of the pocket is 3” from the bottom of the lining, then top stitch along the bottom with a 1/8 ” seam.

STEP 9 – Create 3 individual pockets



Mark a line 4.5" from each edge and then sew down them to create a central pocket. The edges of the other two pockets will be completed when attaching the lining front to back.

Attach the front and back linings by placing right sides together and then sewing down the sides and along the bottom of the lining with a 0.5" seam, **leaving a 5" gap in the bottom seam**, to allow for turning right side out once fitted to bag.

STEP 10 – Attaching lining to bag



Insert bag outer, inside the lining, so that right sides are together. Pin then sew around the the top to secure lining to bag with a 0.5” seam. Then turn bag right side out, by pulling through the 5” gap left previously.

STEP 11 – Finishing bag

Hand, or, machine sew closed, the 5” gap left to turn bag right side. Then press lining inside the bag. Top stitch around the top of the bag with a 0.25” seam to finish off.



STEP 17 – Other examples



Other variations, using the same approach.

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