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This retro overnight bag is inspired by vintage bowling ball bags and features bright and colourful modern prints from the Serengeti range.

It is quilted and features (optional) contrast piping with double zip opening and 2 pockets. Plenty of room for all the overnight essentials including your child's favourite stuffed toy.



Finished bag measures approximately 17" (at widest) x 11" x 4". Seam allowances are 1/2" unless otherwise specified.



PREPARATION

Cut out all pattern pieces from pre washed/shrunk fabric and make piping if using home made.

Cut base piece from heavy duty interfacing and baste to wrong side of interior base.

Cut all interior pieces (not interior pocket) and 1 strap from wadding/ batting also and baste to wrong side of interior pieces plus 1 strap piece.

INTERIOR

- Sew along top edge of interior pocket right sides facing (RSF).
- Press wrong sides facing (WSF) and sew a line of top stitching 1/4" from top edge.



- Insert elastic securing with a line of stitching either end 1/4" from edge.
- Baste pocket at sides and base to one of the interior main panel.
- Sew base to two main interior panels, start and stop 1/2" from top of base, and set aside.







EXTERIOR

- Sew the pocket (side and base) (RSF) leaving 1/4" seam allowance from top and press the front of the pocket seam allowance to wrong side.
- Swap to using a zipper foot for your sewing machine. Place the top edge of the zipper lined up with the top of the pocket with the right side of the zipper facing up. Place the longer raw edge of the upper front right side facing the zipper and lined up against the top edge of the pocket. Sew in place.



- Turn over and line up the front of the pocket with the zipper and the lower front and sew the other edge of the zipper.
- Baste the pocket along the sides and base 1/4" from edge. If you are using piping then baste around the main panels 3/8" from the edge. If you are planning on using a velcro closure then sew it in place now 1/2" from the top of one end of the base piece.
- Sew base to main exterior panels.



STRAP

- Sew the two strap pieces along the long edges (RSF).
- Turn the strap right side out and top stitch close to edge.



FLAP

- Pin the zipper left hand side (RSF) the right side of the flap and the second zipper right side (RSF) the left side of the flap. Place both zippers' stops 1" from the short edge of the flap and stitch the ends in place.
- Pin the zippers in place between the interior and exterior flap pieces (RSF) and sew all the way around the flap leaving the bottom edge open.

Turn right side out. Sew velcro to

interior or add snaps on the top edge.





ASSEMBLING BAG

Turn exterior of bag inside out. Sew other side of flap zippers in place on the exterior. start at the top of 1 zipper, sew along the short edge of the flat, joining the

flap to the bag exterior and sew up the other zipper finishing at the top.

Turn exterior right side out. Put exterior of bag inside interior (RSF) Sew all the way around the edge leaving a gap for turning along the edge where the zippers end.





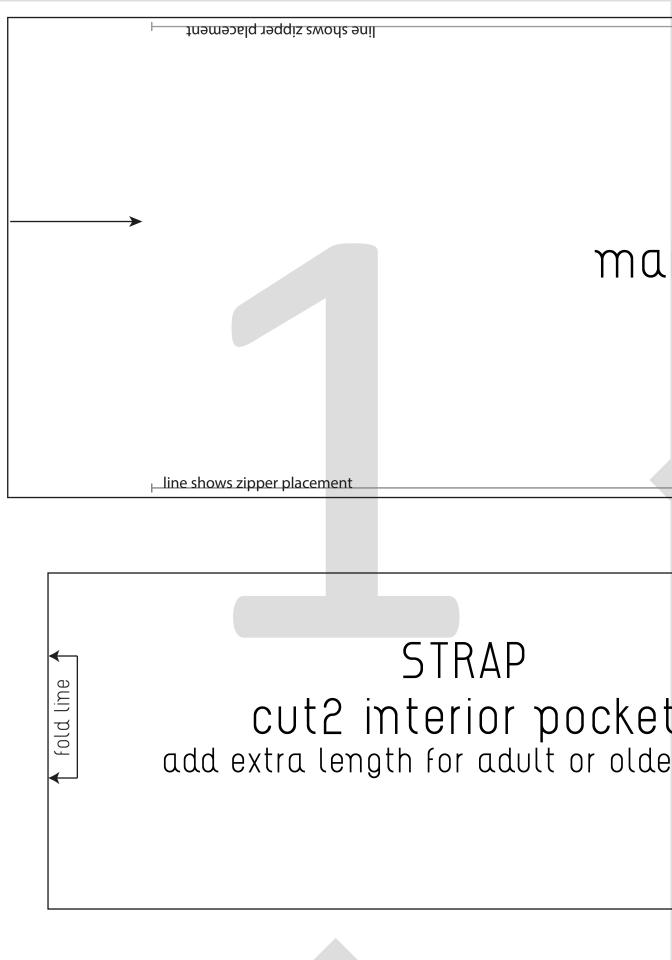
- Turn bag right side out and put interior inside. Close the opening with a blind or whipstitch.
- Sew straps in place. Add snaps to main bag if using.



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FLAP-cut 1 in, cut1 interior

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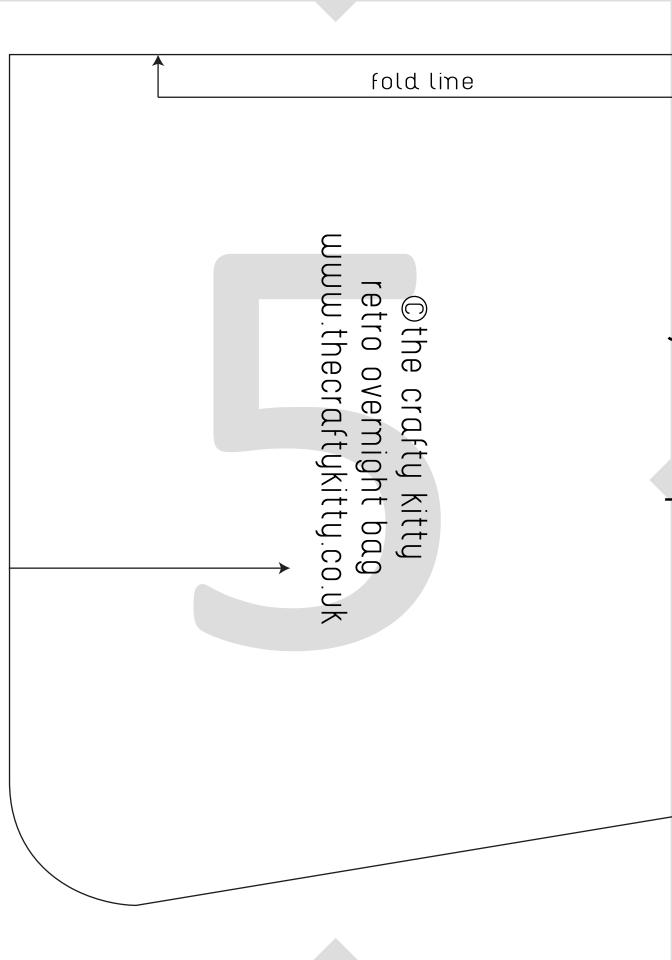


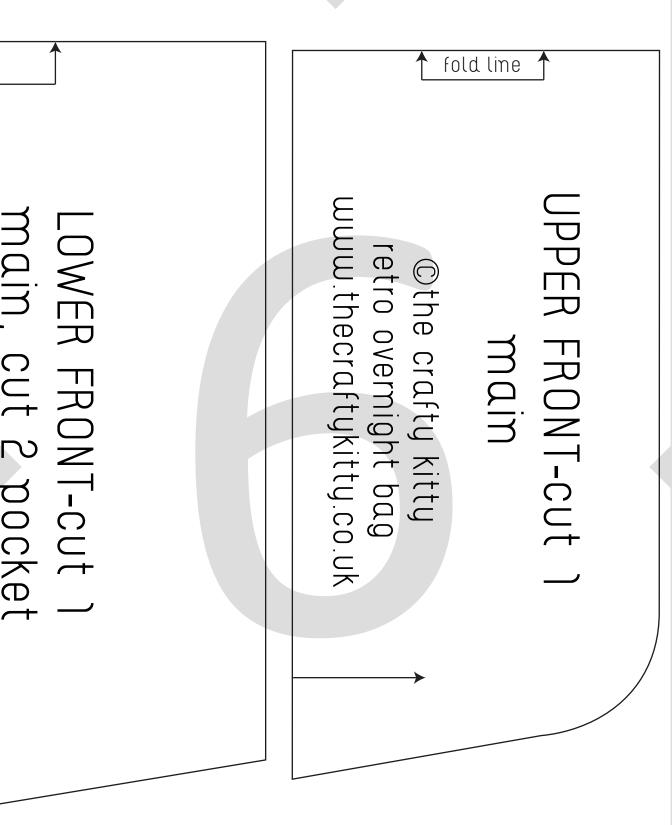
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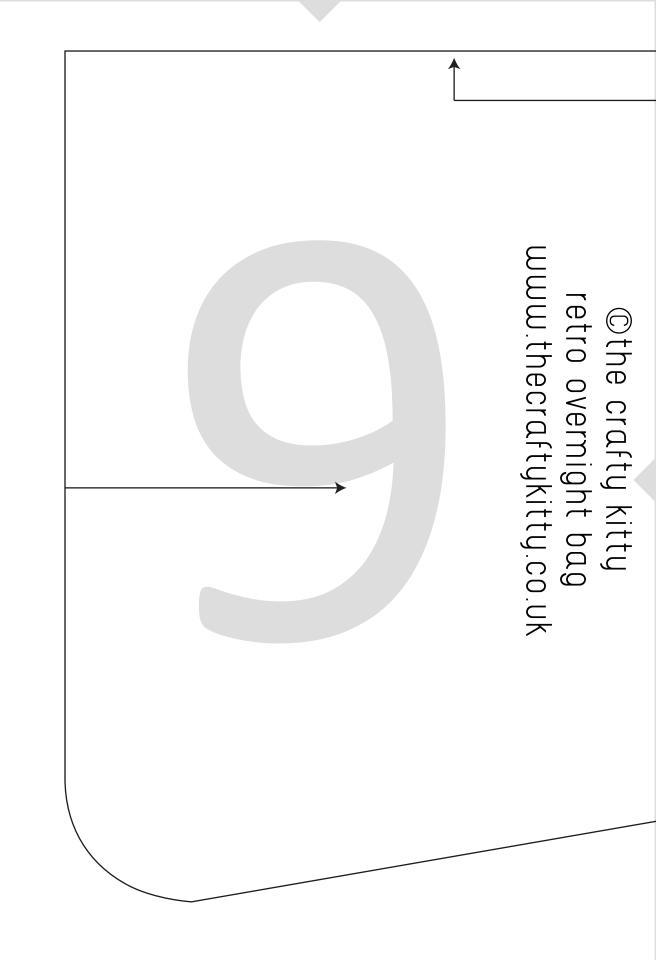


INTERIOR POCKET cut 2 interior pocket

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BASE-cut 1 main, cut 1 interior

fold line



fold line MAIN PANEL-cut 1 main, cut 2 interior

line shows zipper placement





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