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## Fabric Requirements:

1 yard 36376-X Multi  
1 yard 37381-2 Black  
(1) Magnetic snap closure  
3 ¼ yards ¼" cording for piping  
Fusible batting  
(2) 1 ¼" black plastic D-rings  
1/8 yard of fusible interlining

**Special Note:** Using template on the last page, cut the required rectangles for the bag and flaps then round the corners at the one end to create the curved edges. To distinguish the pieces, the rectangles in the cutting layouts show the rounded corners.

## Cutting Instructions:

Main Fabric 36376-X Multi  
Cut (2) 14 ½" x 11 ½" for bag outside  
Cut (2) 14 ½" x 14" for flap  
*\*Note: Pattern direction on cutting layout*  
Cut (2) 3" x 21" for strap  
Cut (2) 3" x 3 ½" for strap loop  
Cut (1) 12" x 12" for inside pocket  
Cut (2) 3" x 17 ½" for bottom

Lining 37381-2 Black  
Cut (2) 14 ½" x 11 ½" for bag lining  
Cut (1) 34 ½" x 3" for bottom  
Cut (2) 3 ½" x 7" for shoulder pad  
Cut (2) 2 ½" x 5" for shoulder pad  
Cut (7+) 1 ¼" strips on bias and piece together to make about 3 ¼ yards of piping

**Note: Piping must be cut on bias!**

Fusible Batting

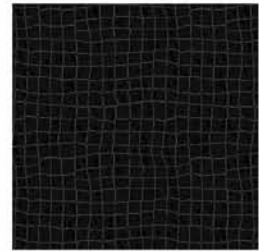
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Fusible Interlining

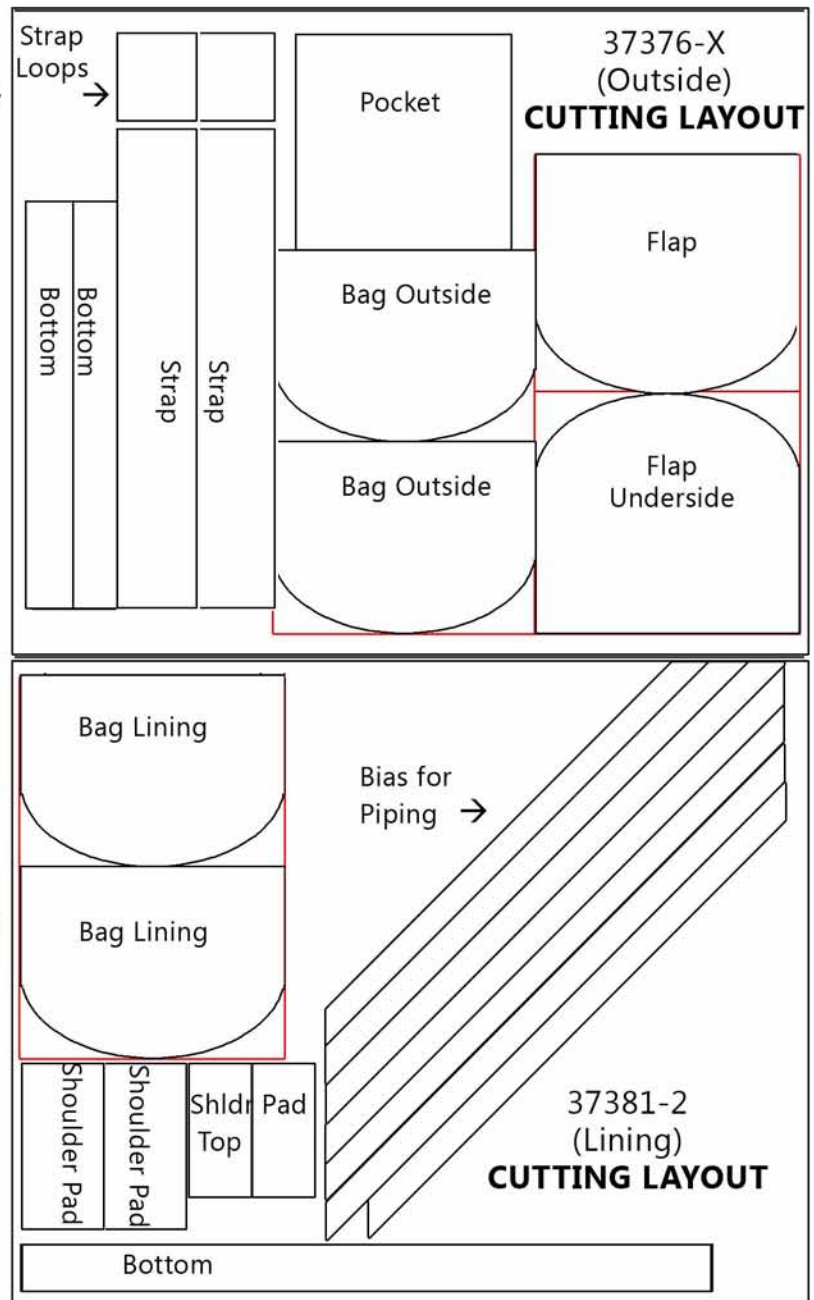
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Cut (2) 3" x 3 ½" for strap loop



36376-X



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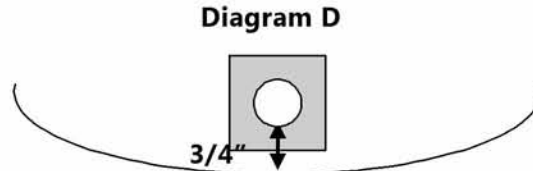
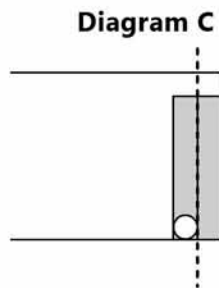
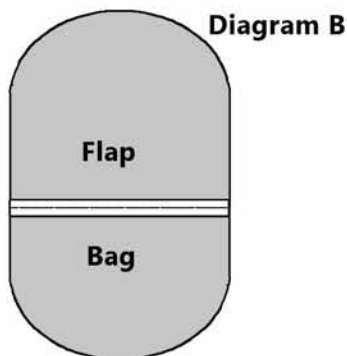
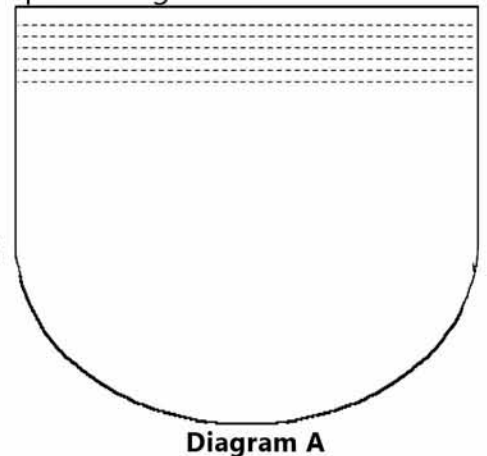
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## Assembly:

All seam allowances are  $\frac{1}{4}$ "

### Bag Outside

1. Add fusible batting following manufacturer's recommended instructions to both pieces of bag outside, flap outside and the two bottom pieces.
2. Take the flap and at the straight end, sew 6 rows of stitches  $\frac{3}{8}$ " apart. Diagram A
3. Making piping - sew pieces of your bias together and cover cord to create piping.
4. Take the flap and one side of the bag outside and with right sides together, sew on the straight side. Press seam allowance open. Diagram B  
Trim fusible batting from the seam allowance to reduce bulk.
5. Using a zipper foot, add piping by sewing to the right side edge of bag (piping edge to bag edge). Stop and start at the bottom side so the join mark will not be so noticeable. Diagram C



6. Take the other bag outside and sew the piping around the outside edge.
7. On the flap underside piece, add a small square of fusible interlining to wrong side at the center along curved edge. This will help secure one side of the magnetic closure. Attach the closure  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the edge following manufacturer's instructions. Diagram D
8. Repeat the above step on the bag outside at the bottom edge for the other side of the closure.
9. Take the (2) outside bottom pieces and with right sides together, join on the short end. Check to be sure the pattern top is at each end. Diagram E

Top of print



Top of print

10. Take the fusible interlining and attach to the wrong side of the strap loops. Fold the strap loop pieces and with right sides together, stitch on long side, turn and press. Take one end and place  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the top edge of the bottom piece and stitch. Take D-ring and slide it onto the loop. Take the free end of the loop and match the end to the stitch line then fold the loop towards the top. Stitch  $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the fold line catching the free end. Stitch a few times to secure in place.

Diagram F

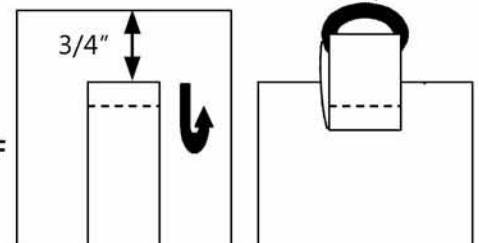


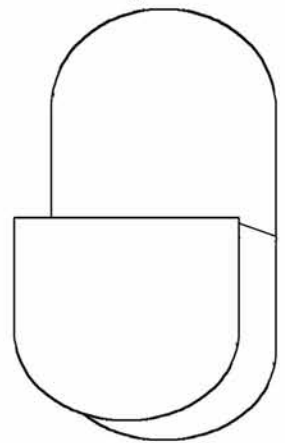
Diagram F

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Diagram G

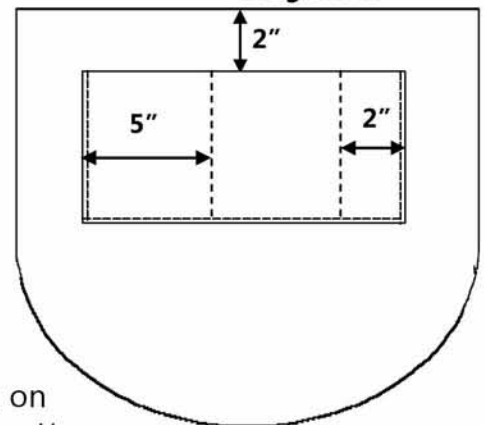


11. Repeat for the other strap loop.
12. With right sides together, attach the bottom to one side of the bag outside. (best to pin in place first before you sew!) Repeat for the other side of the bag stopping at the flap join. Press. Diagram G
13. Set aside.

## Pocket & Lining

14. With right sides together, take inside pocket square and fold in half making sure the fold line is at top. Also check to be sure the images will be oriented upright for the pocket outside.
15. Sew around 3 sides leaving a small opening on a short side for turning. Clip corners to reduce bulk, turn and press flat.
16. Take one side of the lining body and place pocket 2" from the top edge and centered between each side.
17. Stitch around sides and bottom reinforcing top edges. Add a vertical stitch 2" from right side and one vertical stitch 5" from the left side to create 3 pockets. Diagram H
18. With the right sides together, join the underflap piece to the top of the lining with the pocket. Press seam allowance open.
19. Take lining bottom and join to the one side of the bag lining leaving a 4" opening on one side to turn the bag. Press.
20. Join the other bag lining piece to the bottom stopping at flap. Press.

Diagram H



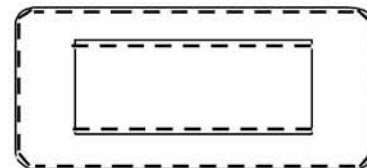
## Shoulder Strap

21. Take the fusible interlining and attach it to the wrong side of each handle strips.
22. With right sides together, take 2 shoulder strap pieces and stitch on short end. You might want to orient the strap pieces so that the pattern on each side will be right side up when bag is on your shoulder.
23. Fold in half with right sides together and stitch the handle on each long side, turn and press flat.
24. Take the (2) 3 1/2" x 7" shoulder pad strips and apply the fusible batting to the wrong side. Curve the edges of each end. Diagram I

Diagram I



Diagram J



25. With right sides together, join the pieces leaving a small opening on one long side for turning. Trim batting from seam allowance, clip corners. Turn and press. Edge stitch around the outside.
  26. Take the (2) 2 1/2" x 5" shoulder pad strips and apply the fusible interlining to the wrong side.
  27. With right sides together, take the strips and join the 2 pieces leaving a small opening on one long side for turning. Clip seam allowance at corners. Turn and press.
  28. Take the smaller shoulder pad piece and put it onto one of the larger one centered on all sides. Sew the 2 long sides of the small piece leaving the ends open (be sure to reinforce ends). Diagram J
- Set aside.



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## Final Assembly

29. With right sides together, take the lining and slip it into the bag. Stitch around all sides. It will be a little tricky at the join of the flap to the bag but you should have enough seam allowance. Clip seam allowance where necessary. Turn by pulling through the side opening and press flat.
30. Edge stitch the opening in the lining closed.
31. Add a edge stitch using your zipper foot around the flap edge next to piping. Diagram K
32. Add an edge stitch to the top of the bag opening to keep lining from rolling out of the bag stoppping at flap join on each side.
33. Take the shoulder strap slide the shoulder pad onto it. Make sure the larger side is down. (This is the part that rests on your shoulder - refer to bag picture).
34. Take one end of the strap and thread it through the D-ring. Turn the raw edge back  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to clean finish and stitch the end to the strap. Reinforce with a couple of row of stitches to secure. Repeat for the other side.

Your bag is now complete and ready to use.

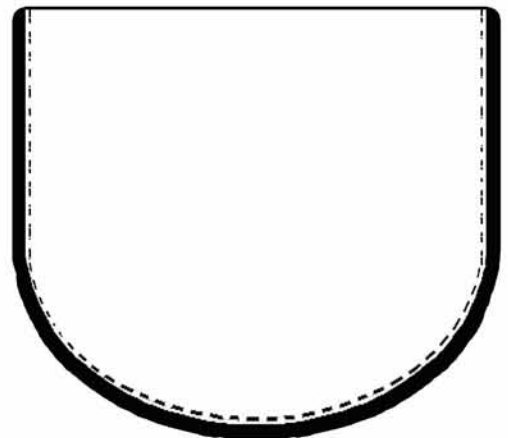


Diagram K



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Template for Bag and Flap Corners

Lay on cut rectangles and curve corners at the bottom of the bag outside + lining and flap ends

