

# Sarah Ann Smith's Easy-Peasy Inside-Out Bag Materials List

**WARNING:** These bags are like potato chips, you can't have just one!

**NOTE:** This supply list is for a three-hour half-day class. If your venue has booked a four-hour or full-day class, or if you work fast, please bring enough to make at least two bags and extra fabric for pockets.

Glasses or reading glasses, if you use them!

**Sewing Machine**

**NOTE: if at a show or retreat, skip this item if machines are provided.** Provided machines will do what you need.

- Should be in good working order and one with which you are familiar
- Should be able to drop or cover the feed-dogs for free-motion work if you wish to free-motion quilt your bag
- Manual, just in case

Walking foot for your sewing machine—please practice putting the foot on your machine (and taking it off) **before** class; open-toe if you have it

Zipper foot

Regular sewing foot (we will use 1/2 inch seam allowances so a quarter inch foot isn't as useful here)

Extra sewing machine needles; Topstitch size 12 or 14 are my favorites

Optional: Free-motion or darning foot for your sewing machine—if you want to free-motion quilt in class

Optional: Sewing Extension table if you have one---the larger the flat space around your machine the easier it is to machine quilt

## **The bag:**

You can make your bag any size you want! Something that is medium or larger sized is actually easier to make for the first one. If you are taking a full-day class or if you are fast and/or an experienced sew-er, bring enough for at least two bags!

A bag made from two rectangles cut at 14 x 10 1/2 inches finishes with a bag about 8 1/2" long (inside) x 4 1/4" tall (inside) x 2 wide/ bottom in size. This is about a "make up bag" size. I like mine a bit larger—large enough for sewing or art stuff; I cut those 14 inches wide by 18 inches. That bag is about 11 1/4" long (inside) by 6" tall (inside) by just under 3" wide/bottom. Depending on how quickly you work and your level of sewing experience, you might even be able to make a second bag in class!

## **For each bag, you will need:**

Two rectangles of cotton, same size. I like to have two contrasting prints that look good together; see note above for size.

One piece of batting the same size as the fabric.

Extra fabric, felt, ribbon or ultrasuede scraps to make zipper tab ends. If using fabric, you will need two pieces of cloth about 2 1/2 by 3 inches. If using Ultrasuede or felt, about 1 1/4 wide by 2 1/2 inches long.

Optional: extra fabric for inside pockets. Depending on size a piece of fabric 5 by 7 will make a 4 1/2 by 3 inch pocket.

Thread for piecing and sewing zipper; it is fun to use a contrasting thread on the zipper!

Thread for quilting—bring several colors so you have options

Zipper, at least 14 inches long. I usually buy 22" zippers and just trim off any extra.

If you don't bring the fabric pre-cut, bring a rotary cutter, 6x12 or other ruler and cutting mat.

- Straight pins
- Marking tool(s): bring what you have. Possibilities are blue wash-out pen, chalk marking tool, or quilt marking pencil.
- Safety pins for basting your quilt sandwich, if you have them (if not, you can use straight pins for the class)
- Ruler—at least 12" long and 3 inches wide.
- Scissors, thread snips and (sigh) seam ripper: we will try not to use Mr. Frog (rippit, rippit), but stuff happens. It's the umbrella thing again. And an old pair of "junk drawer" scissors for cutting the zipper.
- Optional: Machine Quilting Gloves if you plan on free-motion quilting in class

**Other stuff:**

- Paper to take notes.
- Pen and pencil for notes and for doodling.
- Chocolate and caffeine often help <grin>!
- A sense of humor.*
- A permission slip, written out to yourself, to try this without expecting perfection from yourself on the first try! After all, there aren't very many two-year-olds running marathons! Walk first, run second. Have FUN! PLAY!!!

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