

# 2020 Messenger Bag



14" x 15"

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2020 All Iowa Shop Hop

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Read through all instructions before cutting or sewing.

WOF--Width of Fabric--selvage to selvage

All measurements based on 42" WOF.

All seams are sewn with Right Sides Together--RST--and an accurate 1/4" seam allowance unless noted otherwise.

Organization is key--use the method that works best for you!!

## Fabric Requirements:

One All Iowa Shop Hop State Block

Cream Toile 52000-1.....	1 yard
Jet Black Solid 35370S-2 .....	5/8 yard
Red 40171-62.....	1/8 yard
Cream Shirting 42595A-20 Black .....	1/8 yard
Turquoise-Jade 40171-46.....	1/4 yard
Black Block Toss 52001-2.....	1 1/8 yard
Other Solids .....	3 Fat 1/8ths
Cream 37098-11 for binding .....	1/8 yard
Warm and Natural Batting (or Pellon Fusible Fleece ) .....	1 1/4 yard
Vinyl .....	18" x 22"
14" Zipper	

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**Note: The cutting and sewing instructions are split into three sections for ease of assembly.**

## **Instructions to make the bag back, front flap, and inside vinyl pocket**

### **Cutting:**

One All Iowa Shop Hop Block trimmed to 8 1/2" x 8 1/2"

From Red 40171-62 fabric

Cut [2] rectangles 1" x 8 1/2"

Cut [2] rectangles 1" x 9 1/2"

From Jet Black Solid 35370S-2 fabric

Cut [2] rectangles 1 1/2" x 9 1/2"

Cut [2] rectangles 1 1/2" x 11 1/2"

From Cream Shirting 42595A-20 Black fabric

Cut [2] rectangles 1 3/4" x 11 1/2"

From Black Block Toss 52001-2 fabric

Cut [1] rectangle 14" x 30"

Cut [1] rectangle 14" x 19"

Cut [2] rectangles 1 3/4" x 11 1/2"

From Warm and Natural batting

Cut [1] rectangle 14" x 30"

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From Vinyl

Cut [1] square, 14" x 14"

From Cream 37098-11 binding fabric

Cut [1] rectangle 2 1/2" x 14"

**Assembly:** To make the bag back, front flap, and vinyl pocket for the inside

1. Piece the [2] 1" x 8 1/2" red rectangles onto the top and bottom sides of the All Iowa Shop Hop square and press.
2. Repeat using the [2] 1" x 9 1/2" red rectangles to the left and right sides of the All Iowa Shop Hop square and press. This will now measure 9 1/2" x 9 1/2".
3. Using same technique, piece the [2] 1 1/2" x 9 1/2" Jet Black Solid rectangles to the top and bottom of the block and press.
4. Repeat using the [2] 1 1/2" x 11 1/2" Jet Black Solid rectangles to the left and right sides of the block and press. It will now measure 11 1/2" x 11 1/2". Refer to Diagram 1

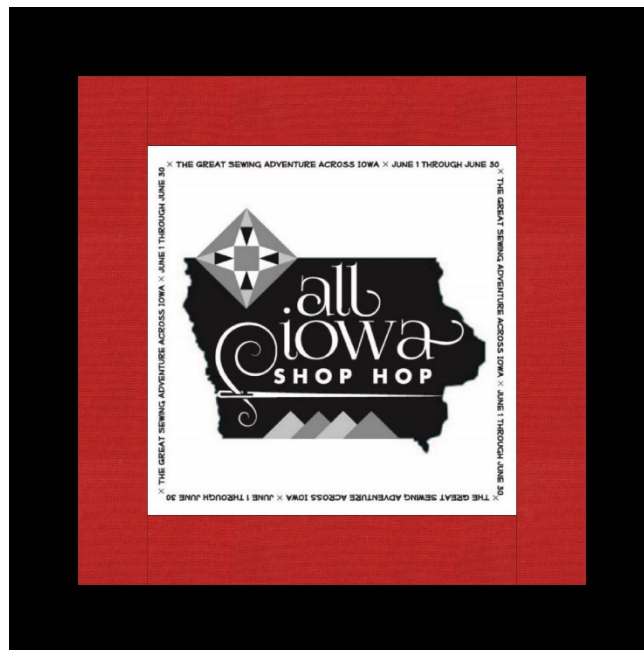


Diagram 1

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5. Add the Cream Shirting 42595A-20 Black 1 3/4" x 11 1/2" pieces to right and left sides (opposite sides of the block) making sure that the block is facing the right direction, and press. Refer to Diagram 2.



Diagram 2

6. Piece the Black Block Toss - 14" x 19" rectangle to the TOP of this block, and press. This unit will now measure 14" x 30". Refer to Diagram 3.



Diagram 3

7. Round the corners of end of the lining that has the Iowa Shop Hop Block.



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8. Layer as follows: batting, right side up;  
All Iowa Shop Hop Block front flap of bag, right side up;  
Black Block Toss lining right side down.
9. Mark a dot on the center on each long end.
10. Sew from one dot to the other dot to make the flap, sew a generous 1/4" seam allowance.
11. Trim as needed, clip curves, turn it right side out and press.
12. Place this flap unit on a table with the Black Block Toss fabric facing down.
13. Using the Cream 37098-11 - 2 1/2" x 14" binding fabric rectangle, bind one edge of the vinyl piece.
14. Using wonder clips to place vinyl pocket on the Black Block Toss fabric square end, with the raw edges aligned, and the cream bound edge should be toward the center of the piece.
15. Sew through all layers along the raw edges, 1/8" from the edge, to hold all the pieces in place.
16. Top stitch along the finished curved edge of the unit if desired. Set aside.

## Instructions to make the inside pockets and bag front

### Cutting:

From Cream Toile 52000-1 fabric

- Cut: [1] rectangle 14" wide x 15" tall
- [1] rectangle 5 1/2" wide x 8" tall
- [1] rectangle 6" wide x 8" tall
- [1] rectangle 3" tall x 10 1/2" wide
- [1] rectangle 6 1/2" tall x 10 1/2 wide

From Black Block Toss 52001-2 fabric

- Cut [1] rectangle 14" X 15"

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From Fat Eighth Solid Fabrics

Cut [1] rectangle 5 1/2" x 9"

[1] rectangle 6" x 9"

[1] rectangle 4 3/4" x 10 1/2"

From the Warm and Natural batting

Cut [1] rectangle 14" x 15"

## Assembly:

### Make pockets:

1. Match the toile rectangles to the same width solid rectangle. Line up the top short edges, right sides together, sew a 1/4" seam and press toward the solid.
2. Fold the pocket, right sides together, the solid fabric will stick out above the toile fabric (this is correct!) and sew both of the long sides with 1/4" seams, clip the top corners and turn right sides out and press. Top stitch along the edge of the solid fabric. The bottom short edge will have raw edges. Refer to Making Pocket Diagram.



Making Pocket Diagram

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## Attach pockets:

3. Layer batting and Cream Toile 52000-1 fabric right side up and baste 1/8" from edge all around the edge.
4. With a frixion pen, mark a line 7" up from the bottom of this piece.
5. Lay pockets right side down, with raw edges lined up against the line you drew.
6. Position the pockets with about 1/2" inch space between them and about 1 1/2" from each side and pin in place.
7. Sew the pockets in place with a 1/4" seam along the raw edge, trim seam corner, flip up and press sides. Pin in center of pocket and then top stitch the sides of the pockets along the sides.





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8. Fold the 3" tall and 6 1/2" tall 10 1/2" wide rectangles lengthwise, with wrong sides together.
9. Open the zipper and lay it face up on a table.
10. Lay the folded 3" strip on the right side and the 6 1/2" folded strip on the left side. Match raw edge of strip with the side of the zipper and sew to the zipper with a zipper foot.
11. Press fabric away from the zipper and using zipper foot, top stitch in place.
12. Stitch across the zipper on both ends to keep the zipper pull from coming off and trim excess of zipper off. It should measure about 4 3/4" x 10 1/2".
13. Open the zipper half way, with zipper right side up, lay the solid 4 3/4" x 10 1/2" right side down on top of it and pin in place.
14. Sew all the way around it, 1/4" seams, reinforce corners.
15. Trim corners and turn right sides out and press.
16. Place the zipper pocket under the other two pockets and topstitch into place. Refer to Attaching Pocket Diagram

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Attaching Pocket Diagram

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17. Lay the Black Block Toss 52001-2 fabric right side down on the pocket section and sew a 1/4" seam along the top. Press toward the black and position the seam so it is at the very top edge and press.
18. Top stitch along the top seam, if desired. All the raw edges on the sides and bottom should be even all the way around.
19. Baste all the raw edges together, 1/8" from edge, on the two sides and the bottom. Set aside.

## Instructions to make the handles

**Note: The handles can be any length you wish, adjust according to your preference. The pattern is written for 48" cross body handle.**

### **Cutting:**

From Black Block Toss 52001-2 fabric

Cut [3] strips - 2 1/2" x WOF

From Turquoise-Jade 40171-46

Cut [3] strips - 2 1/2" x WOF

From Jet Black Solid 35370S-2 fabric

Cut [6] strips - 2 1/2" x WOF

From batting

Cut 2 1/2" strips double the length of the body handle

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## Assembly:

1. Piece the Black Block Toss 52001-2 fabric strips, end to end, similarly to how you piece binding strips and trim to 92" long.
2. Piece the solid Turquoise-Jade 40171-46 fabric the same way, and the same length.
3. Do the same with the batting.
4. Layer the Black Block Toss 52001-2 fabric strips, the batting, and solid Turquoise-Jade 40171-46 fabric like you would a quilt, pin in place, and quilt through all the layers. Any type of quilting you like, I just quilted long lines, down the middle and about 1/2" away on both sides of that and 1/8" from the edge on both edges with a walking foot.
5. Sew it end to end, to make a giant loop that is about 91", re-enforce that seam and topstitch down the seam down, make sure it is not twisted! This seam will be on the bottom of the bag.
6. Pin the big loop to the bag front, centering the handle seam to the bottom of the bag. All the raw edges should be showing, sew it to the pocket side of this unit using a scant 1/4" seam allowance. It seems a little wrong.... but it's right! Refer to Attaching Bag Handle Diagram



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Attaching Bag Handle Diagram



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7. Carefully matching the corners and bottom of the bag, sew the flap/vinyl pocket to the handle using a scant 1/4" seam allowance, raw edges should be showing. Use a regular machine foot to sew bag together and put the binding on the bag, the bulk will make using a walking foot.



8. Sew the solid Jet Black Solid 35370S-2 fabric binding strips end to end and press.
9. Attach the binding to the bag handle all the way around, much like you would put a binding on a quilt. Starting on the handle area will make it easier to get all the way around it.

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10. Sew it on the front and top stitch it down on the handle side. It may be a little tricky on the corners, but go slowly and use wonder clips to hold things in place as you go.
11. Attach binding to both sides of the handles; this will enclose all the raw edges.



**Yipee!!!! You are Done!!!!**

*Now load up your bag with your All Iowa Shop Hop Magazine in the vinyl pocket, add a small notebook & a pen, your fabric stash money, your phone, a bottle of water and some snacks! You are ready to shop!*