

## Let's Do Lunch

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### WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

Use 1/4" seam allowances unless otherwise noted.

#### *Fabric*

- 1/2 yard of solid fabric
- 1/2 yard of print fabric with motifs you can cut out

#### *Other*

- 1/3 yard of insulated batting (such as Insul-Bright)
- 1/4 yard of stiff fusible interfacing (such as fast2fuse)
- 3/4" button
- Coordinating cotton sewing thread
- Coordinating or contrasting decorative thread
- Spray adhesive

#### Cutting

**From the solid fabric** cut one 11"x28" rectangle for the bag.

**From the print fabric** cut one 11"x 28" rectangle for the lining and two 2 1/2"x7" rectangles for the tab.

**Cut one 11"x 28"** rectangle from the insulated batting.

**Cut one 4"x 6"** rectangle of stiff fusible interfacing for the bag bottom.

Sewing

**Center the insulated batting** on the bag fabric rectangle wrong side; pin. Using the decorative thread and decorative stitches or free-motion stitching, stitch all over the rectangle to secure the layers together.

**Square up the stitched rectangle.** Fold the rectangle in half widthwise with right sides together so it measures approximately 11"x14"; pin. Stitch the short edges.

**To box the corners,** align the lower edge with the adjoining side to form a point. Draw a line 2" from the point; stitch across the point to form a triangle **(1)**. Trim off the triangle 1/4" from the stitching. Zigzag-finish the seam allowance; press open. Repeat to box the opposite corner.

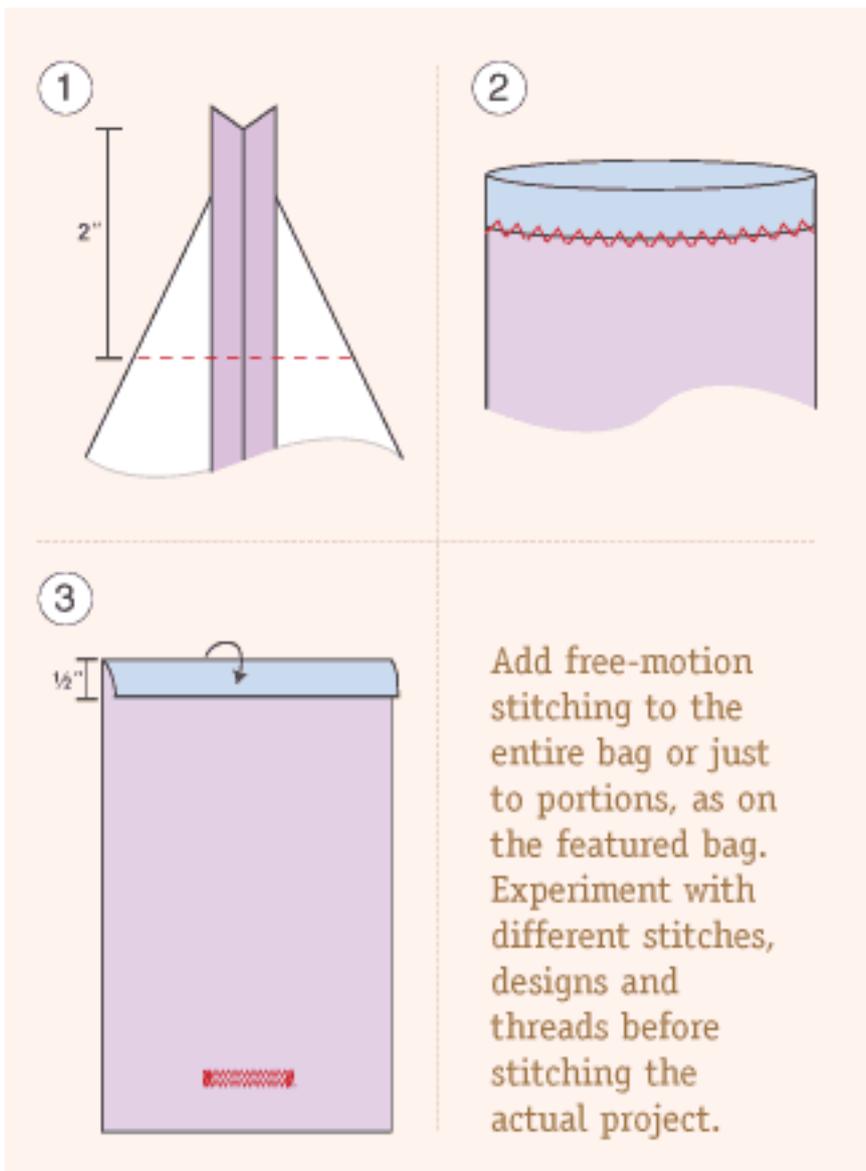
**Right sides facing,** fold the lining rectangle in half widthwise so it measures approximately 11"x14"; pin. Stitch the short edges. Box the corners as directed for the bag fabric rectangle.

**Right sides facing,** pin the lining and bag together around the upper raw edge. Stitch, leaving a 4" opening for turning.

**Turn the bag right side out** through the opening and stuff the lining into the bag. Extend the lining over the bag upper edge approximately 1/2" to produce a binding effect. Use a zigzag or other decorative stitch to sew around the upper edge, closing the opening with the stitching **(2)**.

**To make the tab,** stitch the two 2 1/2"x7" print fabric rectangles along the perimeter with right sides facing. Leave an opening along one lengthwise edge for turning. Turn the tab right side out; press. Whipstitch the opening closed.

**Stitch a buttonhole** at one end of the tab, centering it 3/4" from the end. Fold under the opposite tab end 1/2"; pin **(3)**.



**Align the bag side seams** to find the bag center back; pinmark. Center the tab folded end on the lunch bag center back; stitch.

**Fold over the bag** and mark where the buttonhole hits the bag. Hand- or machine-sew a button at the mark.

**Cut out a motif** from the print fabric. Spray the motif wrong side with spray adhesive. Wrong sides facing, align the motif with a scrap of the solid fabric. Cut out the motif. Print side up, position the motif on the bag center back, covering the tab end; stitch.