

BUTTONS, FABRIC STRIPS AND RIBBON

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LAZY SECRET #11

Just Another Button Company (JABC), created these Wildflowers from the Crayon Box button collection just for this Lazy Secret. JABC's handmade polymer clay buttons are a fantastic embellishment for Lazy Girl bags, shown here on our Katy Bags #121. This simple technique uses 10 strips of fabric (all the same size), and six strips of ribbon to create a look of many strips and layers. The buttons are the perfect embellishment for this cute project! The beauty of this technique is that the math of the strip size and the seam allowances guarantee that the strips are perfectly placed. We've taken all of the guess work out for you. Stitching the strips in place also serves as the quilting - now that's Lazy. For best results, buy buttons, then choose fabrics.

ITEMS NEEDED IN ADDITION TO KATY BAGS PATTERN AND SUPPLIES:

- Wildflowers buttons from JABC to coordinate with your fabrics - a few or a lot!
- 2 strips at 9" x 1 5/8" from each of five fabrics that coordinate with the Katy cover fabric. Ten strips total. (Katy cover fabric is the magenta and black stripe.)
- 1 yard of 3/8" grosgrain ribbon, cut into four 9" pieces. (Shown in black.)
- 1/2 yard of 1" grosgrain ribbon, cut into two 9" pieces. (Shown in black.)
- Size 8 quilting 'betweens' needle to sew on buttons.
- Fabric glue stick, or other method to hold ribbon in place for topstitching.

How-To:

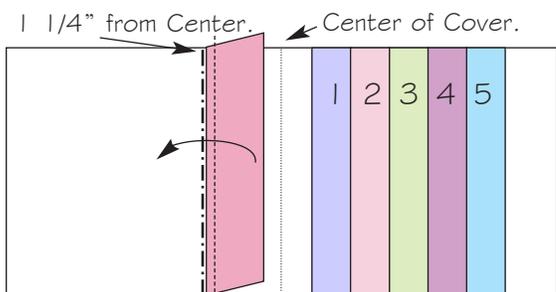
- Cut the Katy Bags cover piece as directed in 'Step 1 - Cover and Batting' in the pattern. Mark a line at the center of the cover as shown below. Call this the 'Bottom Fold'.

- Then layer the cover fabric on top of the batting as directed in the pattern.

At this point, you should have your cover fabric right side up on top of the batting, and you should have a line marking the center.

- Mark a line across the cover fabric 1 1/4" from the center line on each half of the cover fabric as shown for strip placement. Three marked lines total, one on each half, one in the center.

- Place one strip of fabric with raw edge against the strip placement line, right sides together with the cover fabric (strip will cover the center line).



Stitch and flip fabric strips 1-5 on each half. Stitch ribbons. Add buttons and finish the bag.



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- Stitch the strip in place, through all layers, 1/4" from the raw edge near the strip placement line.

- Fold strip away from the center line so strip is right side up and covers seam. Press.

- Lay a second strip right side together with the first strip, matching raw edges. Stitch, fold and press. Repeat with strips 3, 4 and 5. Stitch close to the raw edge on the fifth strip to secure.

- Begin at the other strip placement line and add the remaining five strips to the other half of the cover fabric in the same way. Change the order if you like.

- Place one piece of the 3/8" ribbon on top of the raw edge of each of the fifth strips. Use a fabric glue stick to secure it while stitching if needed. Attach the remaining narrow and wide ribbons where you please to add more stripes to the purse. Topstitch along both edges of each ribbon. Trim the ends of the strips and ribbons even with the edge of the fabric cover.

- Add Wildflowers from the Crayon Box collection, shown below, on wide ribbons as shown. Finish the Katy Bags project according the pattern.



Lime Teal Indigo Raspberry Bittersweet Goldenrod
CB1000 CB1002 CB1004 CB1006 CB1008 CB1012

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