



## last-minute teacher's tote

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### cutting

From the main bag fabric, cut:

- 1 piece 17" x 2 ¼"
- 1 piece 17" x 27 ¼"
- 2 pieces 30" x 6" for straps

From the accent fabric cut:

- 2 pieces 5 ½" x 5 ½"

From the lining fabric, cut:

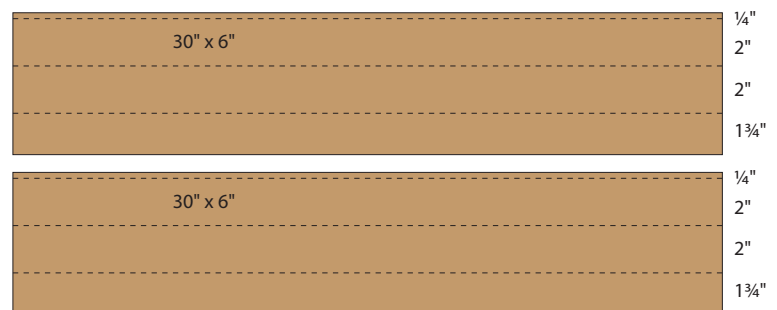
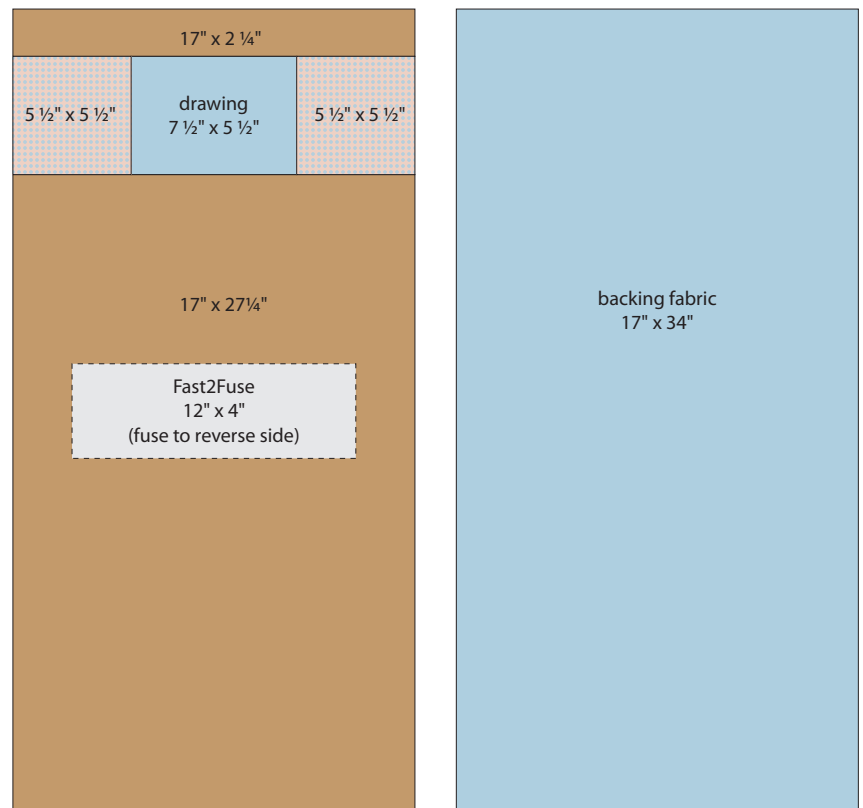
- 1 piece 17" x 34"

From the Fast2Fuse, cut:

- 1 piece 12" x 4"

### assembling the bag

1. Scan child's drawing, print on inkjet fabric and trim to 7 ½" x 5 ½".
2. Cut all fabric pieces.
3. Sew accent pieces to sides of drawing.
4. Sew top strip to drawing panel.
5. Sew lower bag panel to drawing panel.
6. Center Fast2Fuse panel (or similar stiffener) on *wrong* side and fuse.
7. Iron ¼" fold along length of straps on one side and 1 ¾" along the other side then iron in half.



All sizes shown above are the cut sizes and assume a 1/4" seam allowance. Using a heavier weight fabric for the body of the bag and straps will make them more rigid.



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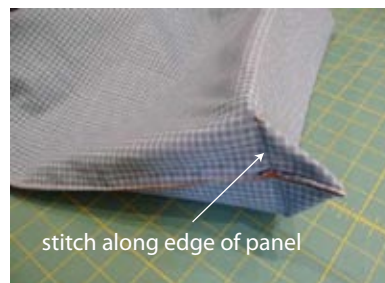
8. Top stitch  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from both edges of straps with a jeans needle on your machine.
9. Pin straps to the right side of the front panel with the outer edge of the straps  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " from edge of lining.



10. Layer front and lining with right sides together then pin edges leaving an 8–10" gap open along a long side of the bag.



11. Sew around the perimeter leaving the gap unsewn.
12. Turn bag inside out through the gap then press edge seams carefully.
13. Top stitch the gap closed.
14. Fold bag in half with right sides facing each other (inside out.) Line up the top edges then sew sides together.
15. With bag still inside out, form gusset at edge of bottom panel and stitch.



16. Tack gusset to edge seam of lining.



17. Turn bag right-side out and it's ready for your favorite teacher!

