

Tilda®



Windy Days

Toiletry Bags, three sizes



Toiletries Bags

These lovely bags are so roomy that they are ideal for make-up or toiletries. They also look so smart that they make perfect gifts. Just three fabrics are used, and these are suggested, but of course you can use any Tilda fabrics. There are three sizes of bag – small medium and large – all made the same way, with the instructions describing the small bag. See the end of the instructions for the measurements for the other two bags.

Materials for Small Bag

- Fabric for bag exterior: two pieces 9½in wide x 6½in tall (24.1cm x 16.5cm) – Wendy blue (100341)
- Fabric for bag lining: 10in x 13in (25.5cm x 33cm) – Aella coral (110029)
- Fabric for tabs: 5in x 3in (12.7cm x 7.6cm) – Stormy blue (100343)
- Fabric for binding: 2¼in x about 20in (5.7cm x 51cm) – Stormy blue (100343)
- Wadding (batting) 10in x 13in (25.5cm x 33cm)
- Zip 8½in (21.6cm) long – choose the colour of zip to suit your fabrics

Finished Sizes

Small Bag: approximately 6in (wide) x 3⅜in (high) x 3⅜in (deep) (15cm x 8.5cm x 8.5cm)

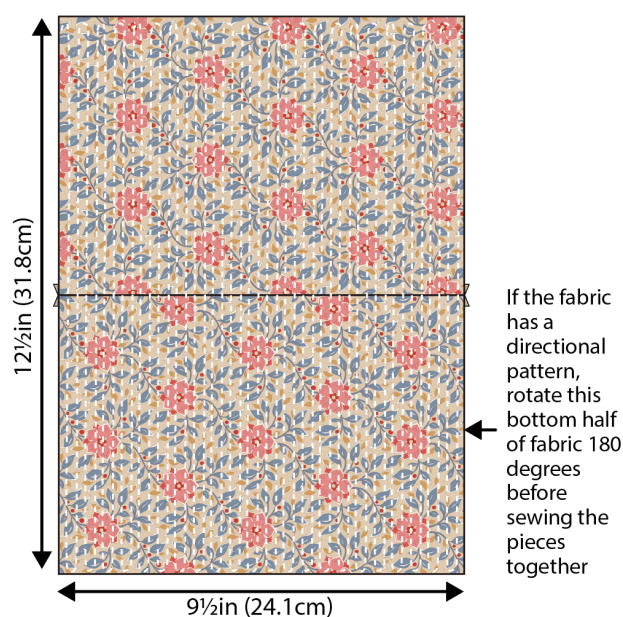
Medium Bag: approximately 8in x 4¾in x 4¾in (20cm x 12cm x 12cm)

Large Bag: approximately 12in x 6¾in x 6¾in (30cm x 17cm x 17cm)

Making the Small Bag

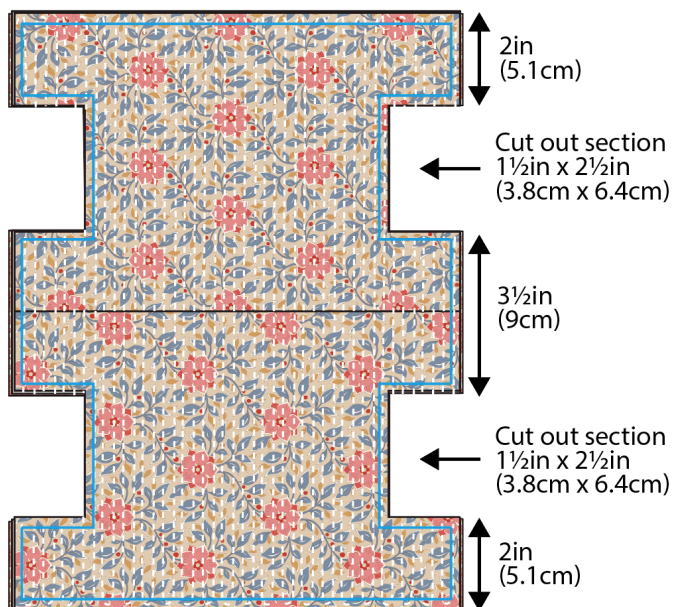
1 These instructions are for the small bag, but the method of making is the same for all bags, with only the sizes of the fabrics changing. Join the two pieces of the bag exterior fabric together along the 9½in (24.1cm) width, but rotating one of the pieces 180 degrees first, as shown in **Fig A**. If you are using a pattern with a direction, this rotation will ensure that the pattern direction will be the right way up on both sides of the finished bag. Press the seam open and check the joined piece is 9½in x 12½in (24.1cm x 31.8cm).

Fig A



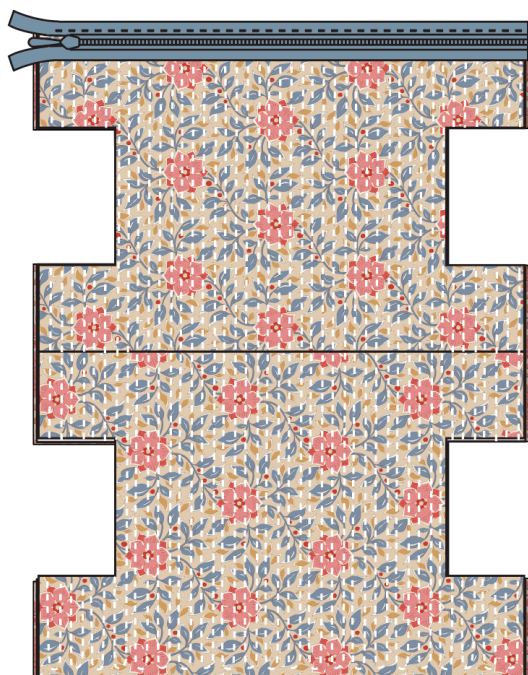
2 On this bag exterior piece, mark and carefully cut out the sections shown in **Fig B** (the blue line shows the seam allowance). Place the piece of lining fabric right side down, add the wadding (batting) and then the bag exterior piece right side up. Quilt the layers together. We used straight lines, but you can use another pattern. When quilting is finished, carefully trim the excess wadding and lining fabric to match all the edges of the bag, including the cut-out sections, as shown in the diagram.

Fig B



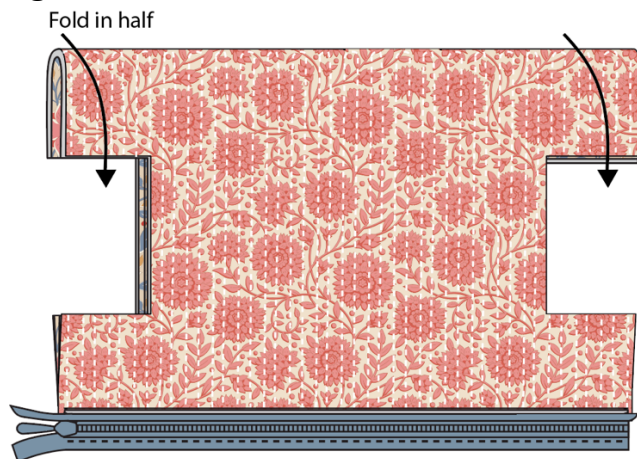
3 Position the zip right side down along the top of the patchwork, as in **Fig C** and sew it in place along one edge – use a zipper foot on your machine if you have one, so you can sew close to the zip teeth.

Fig C



4 Fold the bag in half across the width as in **Fig D**. Open the zip a little and then sew the other side of the zip in place on the other edge of the patchwork. The bag will look like a sort of tube at this stage. Turn the bag through to the right side.

Fig D



5 From the tab fabric cut two pieces $2\frac{1}{2}$ in x 3in (6.4cm x 7.6cm). Take one piece and fold each long side in by 1in (2.5cm), to make the width about $\frac{5}{8}$ in (1.6cm). Sew down the open side and then fold the tab in half as in **Fig E**. Repeat to make a second tab. Position the tabs on the right side of the bag, with the tabs facing inwards (**Fig F**). Stitch them in place along *one* short raw end (*not* through both ends of the bag). Turn the bag through to the wrong side.

Fig E

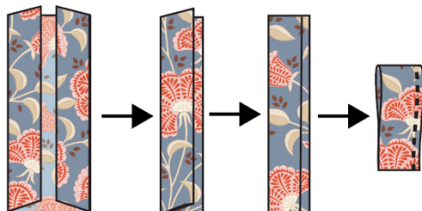
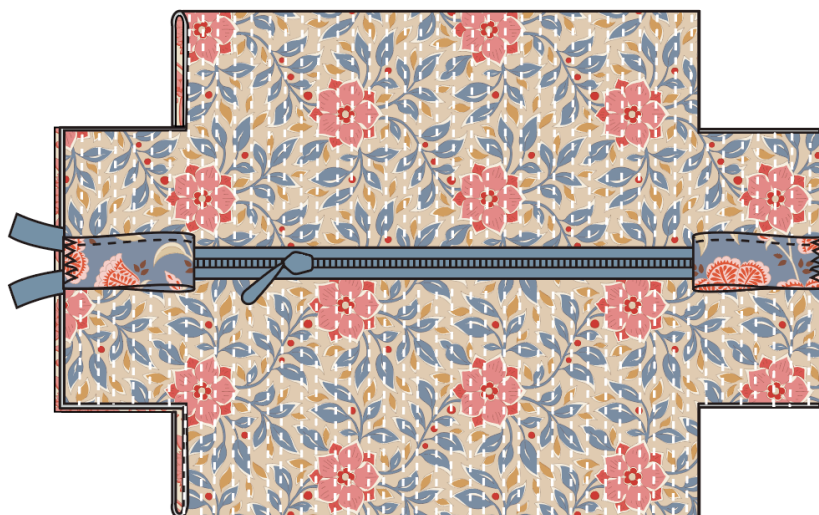


Fig F



6 Take the binding strip and press in half all along the length, wrong sides together. Cut two pieces long enough to bind the bag sides. Bind along each short edge of the bag, as **Fig G**. Now fold the binding over and hand stitch the pieces into place (**Fig H**).

Fig G

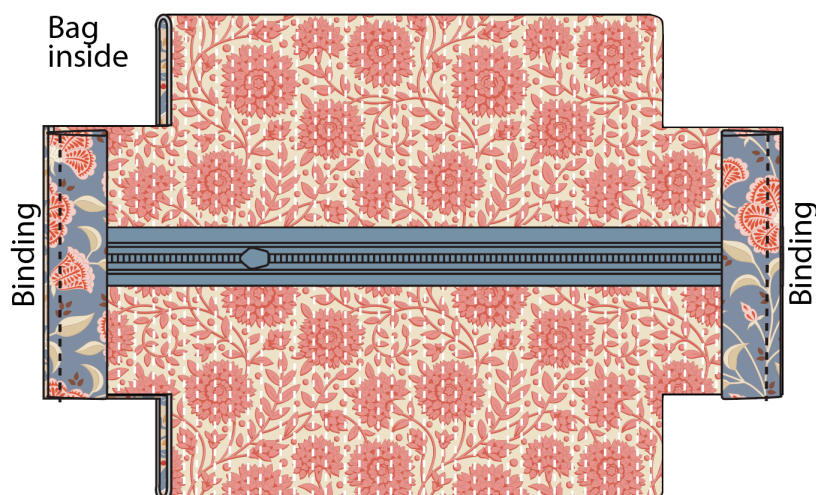
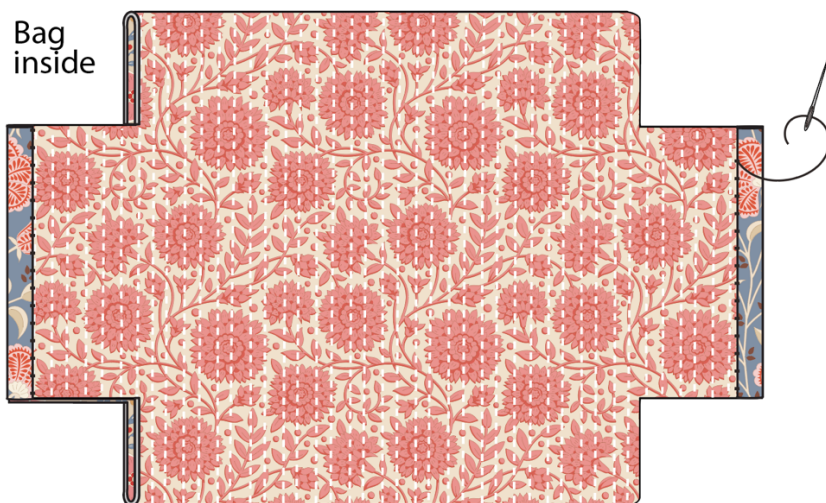
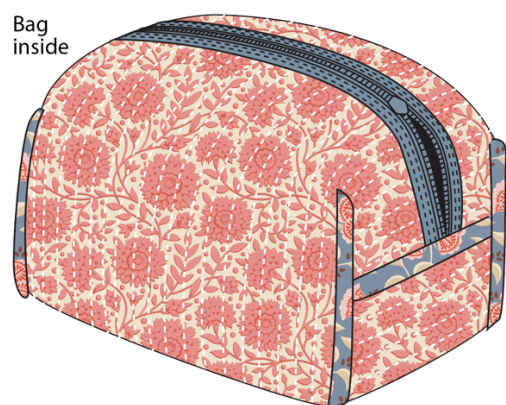


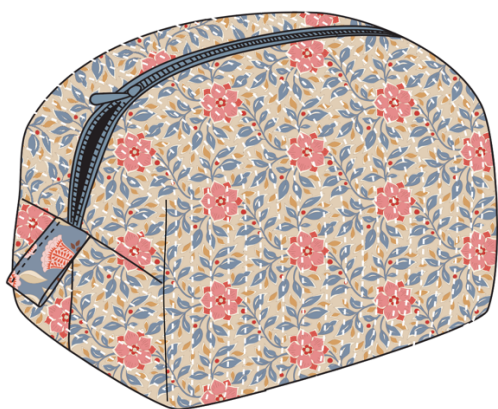
Fig H



7 To create depth to the bag, fold the bag on an open corner, matching the two short edges. (One side will be slightly longer than the other due to the insertion of the zip.) Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) seam sew across the corner (**Fig I**). Repeat this on all four corners and then bind all of these sewn edges, turning the short edges of the binding under first to hide raw edges (**Fig J**). You could use a thicker machine needle for these later stages of the bag, as there are many layers to sew through. **Fig K** shows the completed binding from the inside of the bag.

Fig I**Fig J****Fig K**

8 To finish, turn the bag through to the right side and press, making sure the tabs are pulled out and pressed downwards (**Fig L**).

Fig L

Medium Bag

Materials for Medium Bag

- Fabric for bag exterior: two pieces 12½in wide x 8½in tall (31.8cm x 21.6cm) – Breeze coral (100346)
- Fabric for bag lining: 13in x 17in (33cm x 43.2cm) – Aella blue (110030)
- Fabric for tabs: 5in x 3in (12.7cm x 7.6cm) – Stormy coral (100349)
- Fabric for binding: 2¼in x about 25in (5.7cm x 63.5cm) – Stormy coral (100349)
- Wadding (batting) 13in x 17in (33cm x 43.2cm)
- Zip 11½in (29.2cm) long – choose the colour of zip to suit your fabrics

Making the Medium Bag

1 The Medium Bag is made in the same way as the Small Bag, but the measurements are different. For the medium bag exterior cut two pieces of print fabric each 12½in wide x 8½in tall (31.8cm x 21.6cm). If using a fabric with a directional pattern, rotate the bottom piece 180 degrees (as described in Step 1 of the Small Bag) and sew the pieces together to make a piece 12½in wide x 16½in tall (31.8cm x 42cm) (see **Fig A** below).

2 From this joined piece, cut out the side sections using the measurements in **Fig B** below.

3 Make a quilt sandwich, quilt the layers and then trim the wadding and lining to match the patchwork. Continue on to make the bag following the instructions for the Small Bag.

Fig A Medium bag exterior piece

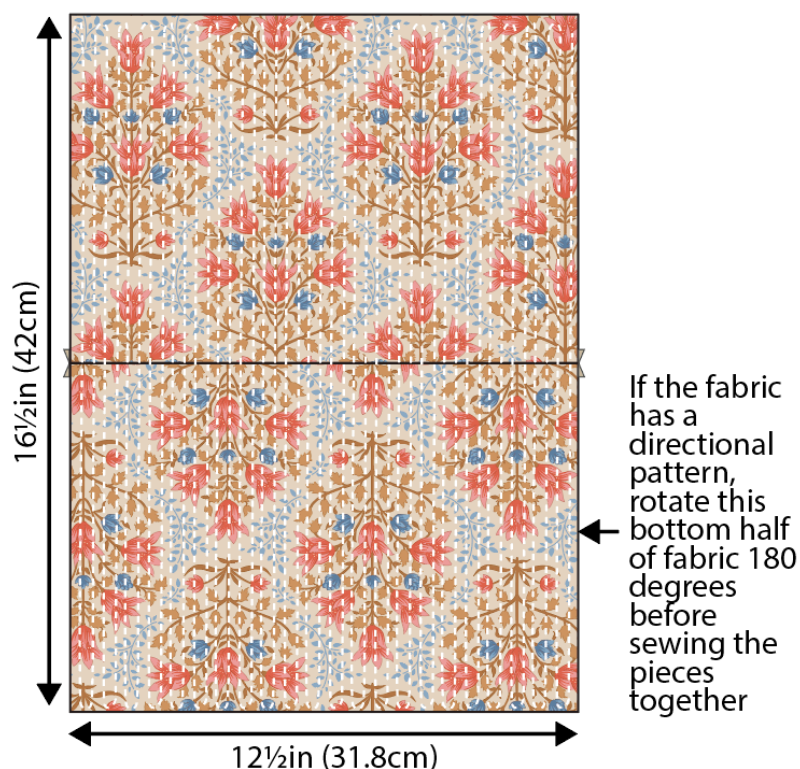
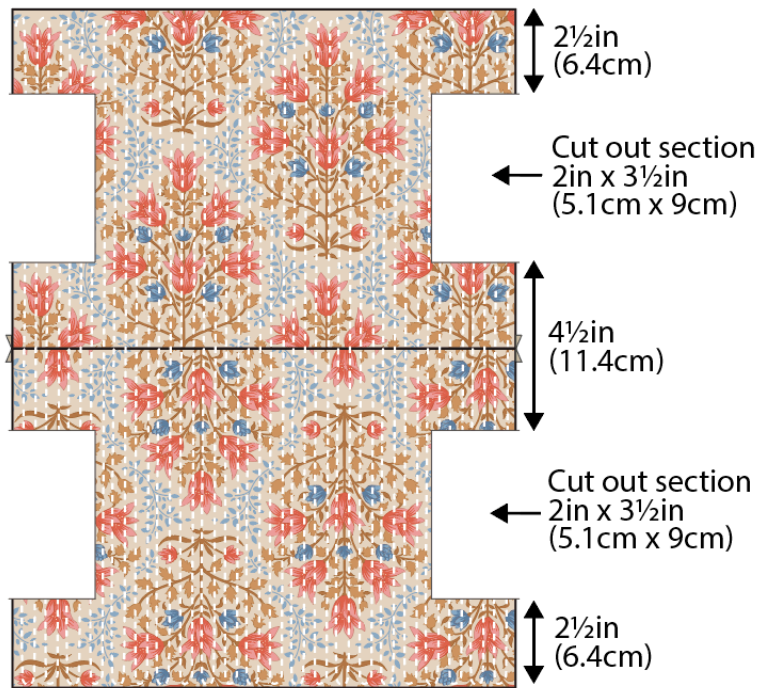


Fig B Medium bag cut-outs

Large Bag

Materials for Large Bag

- Fabric for bag exterior: two pieces 18½in wide x 12½in tall (47cm x 31.8cm) – Skyler blue (100342)
- Fabric for bag lining: 19in x 25in (48.2cm x 63.5cm) – Aella coral (110029)
- Fabric for tabs: 5in x 3in (12.7cm x 7.6cm) – Wendy blue (100341)
- Fabric for binding: 2¼in x about 35in (5.7cm x 89cm) – Wendy blue (100341)
- Wadding (batting) 19in x 25in (48.2cm x 63.5cm)
- Zip 17½in (44.4cm) long – choose the colour of zip to suit your fabrics

Making the Large Bag

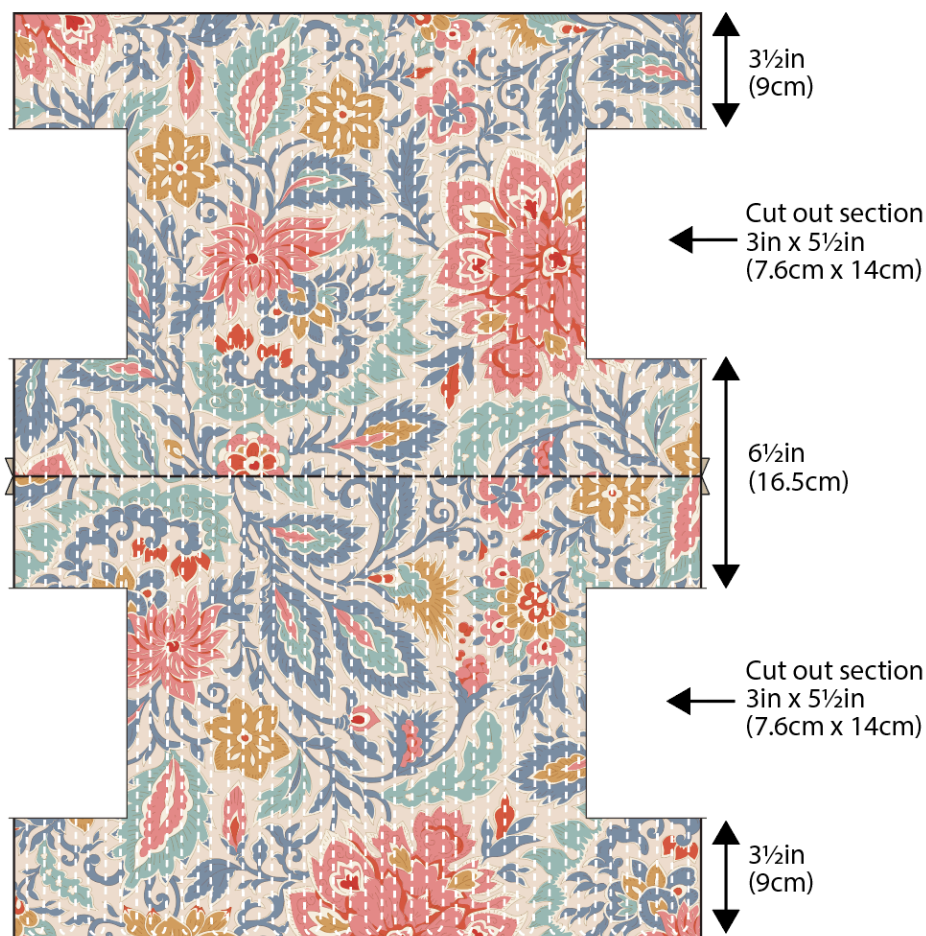
1 The Large Bag is made in the same way as the Small Bag, but the measurements are different. For the large bag exterior cut two pieces of print fabric each 18½in wide x 12½in tall (47cm x 31.8cm). If using a fabric with a directional pattern, rotate the bottom piece 180 degrees (as described in Step 1 of the Small Bag) and sew the pieces together to make a piece 18½in x 24½in (31.8cm x 42cm) (see **Fig A** below).

2 From this joined piece, cut out the side sections using the measurements in **Fig B** below.

3 Make a quilt sandwich, quilt the layers and then trim the wadding and lining to match the patchwork. Continue on to make the bag following the instructions for the Small Bag.

Fig A Large bag exterior piece



Fig B Large bag cut-outs**Tip**

The bag will have two raw edges on the inside under the zip. While these will not show from the outside of the bag, if you wish you could neaten them in one of two ways.

- Before the zip is sewn in place, use your sewing machine to sew an overlock stitch or tight zigzag along these edges, through the quilt sandwich.
- Alternatively, avoid quilting right up to the edges of the quilt sandwich, to leave a little free fabric. Trim off a thin strip of wadding (batting) from the sandwich. Turn under and press a tiny seam about 1/8 in (3mm) on each fabric edge and then topstitch the edges together. Now carry on and add the zip as described in the instructions.