

Upcycled Jeans Crossbody Bag Project

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Supplies

Fabric 1 (exterior) : 1 pair of used/ unwanted (non stretchy preferably) jeans*

Fabric 2 (interior/lining) : 5/8 yard yard of cotton quilting fabric** <https://tidd.ly/3lqhm36>

*choose a pair of jeans that is large enough to extract each panel as listed in the cutting measurements, for your reference I use man's jeans size 32 (medium) for this project.

*if your jeans have a bit of stretch to it, you may still use them.

Just apply light interfacing (woven/ no stretch) to help stabilize the fabric.

**the yardage requirement is an estimate of total fabric that you may need for this project beside the jeans fabric.

I did combine different fabric pieces (left over from previous projects) for my bag; nonetheless to simplified this pattern, I listed them all as **Fabric 2**.

1x 9" (23 cm) - teeth length; metal zipper - for the front exterior pocket <https://amzn.to/3vQFIVm>

1x at least 8" (20 cm) long; all purpose zipper - for the interior pocket <https://amzn.to/3j4UB9Z>

1 set of magnetic snap closure (18mm) <https://amzn.to/396hUP2>

1" (25mm) inner measurement d-rings or rectangular rings 2x

1" (25mm) inner measurement adjustable strap slider <https://amzn.to/3BPQ0Rr>

1/8" or 1/4" basting tape <https://amzn.to/3BPXtjx>

Finished bag measurements :
Approx. 9 1/2" x 11" x 2 1/2" (24 x 28 x 6.4 cm)



Fabric 1



Fabric 2

watch the video tutorial
<https://youtu.be/4ZPSp-Xelsc>

Tools

Basic sewing notions

Jeans size needle <https://amzn.to/3L15x44>

Walking foot

Zipper Foot

Polyester thread

Cutting

Bag Exterior

Panel 1 (upper front), cut 1x from fabric 1 : 11" x 3 1/2" (28 x 9 cm)

Panel 2 (lower front), cut 1x from fabric 1 : 11" x 9 1/2" (28 x 24 cm)

Panel 3 (inner front pocket), cut 1x from fabric 2 : 11" x 15" (28 x 38 cm)

Panel 4 (back exterior), cut 1x from fabric 1 : 11" x 12 1/2" (28 x 31.7cm)

Panel 5 (back slip pocket), cut 1x from fabric 1 : 9" x 8" (23 x 20.3 cm)

Panel 6 (back slip pocket lining), cut 1x from fabric 2 : 9" x 8" (23 x 20.3 cm)

Zipper tabs, cut 2x from fabric 2 : 3" x 1 1/2" (7.5 x 3.8 cm)

Bag Interior

Panel 7 (front&bag interior), cut 2x from fabric 2 : 11" x 12 1/2" (28 x 31.7 cm)

Panel 8 (slip pocket), cut 1x from fabric 2 : 11" x 15" (28 x 38 cm)

Panel 9 (zipper pocket), cut 1x from fabric 2 : 10" x 14" (25.5 x 35.5 cm)

Strap*

d-ring tabs, cut 2x from fabric 2 : 4" x 3" (10 x 7.6 cm)

adjustable strap, cut from fabric 1 : 55" x 4" (140 x 10 cm)

*if you don't have sufficient amount of fabric to make the adjustable strap, or your machine can't handle too much bulk, you may substitute with webbing, or use different fabric instead.

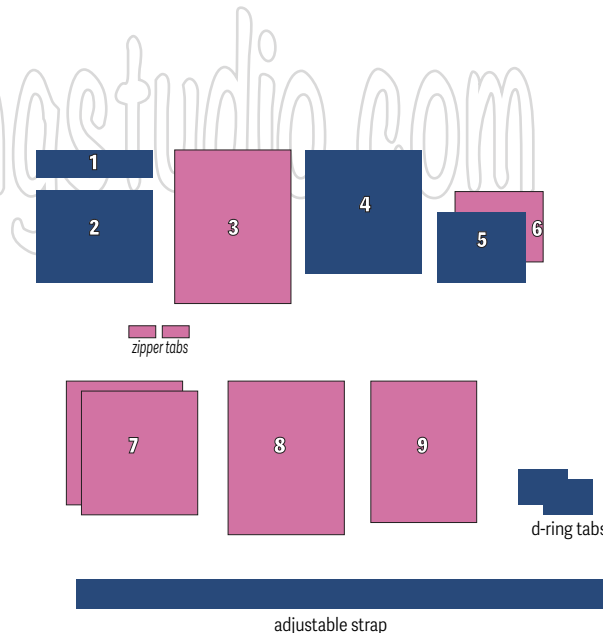
Note :

-When cutting your jeans fabric for panel 1 & 2, avoid any seams or embellishments around the area where the zipper is going to be installed.

for panel 4, make sure that there is no seams or embellishments around the area where the slip pockets are going to be installed.

Please refer to the video tutorial for visual explanation.

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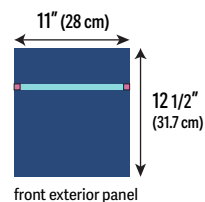
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Directions

Seam allowances are **3/8" (1cm)** unless otherwise stated.
Please watch the **Full Video Tutorial** for thorough demonstration.

Bag Exterior

1. Install the zipper tabs to both sides of the zipper extension tape.
2. Sew and install the front zipper pocket use 1/4" (6mm) seam allowance.
3. Trim off the bottom of the front exterior panel, so that it will measure **12 1/2" (31.7cm)** tall
4. Sew and install the back slip pocket.



Bag Interior

5. Sew and install the slip pocket to the right side of the front interior panel
6. Install the zipper pocket to the back interior panel.
7. Install the magnetic snap closure (male for the front, female for the back)

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Assembling the bag interior and exterior panels

8. Cut 1 1/4" (3.2 cm) square notches at the bottom corners of the exterior panels and interior panels.
9. With the right sides facing sew the front and the back exterior panels. Box the the corners.
10. Assemble the bag interior panels the same way as the exterior panels; leave an opening at the bottom.

Strap

11. Sew and install the d-ring tabs
12. Make the strap, set it aside.

Final assembling, finishing

13. With the bag interior facing right side out , and the bag exterior facing wrong side out, insert the bag interior into the bag exterior; make sure that the front side of the interior is touching the front side of the exterior, and the back side of the interior is touching the back side of the exterior. Align the top edges, clip, then sew.
14. Turn the bag right side out through the bottom opening, topstitch the top edges.
16. Fold the raw edges of the bottom opening, then sew the edges to close the opening.
17. Install the adjustable strap, and your bag is done.

Supporting links

Link to the zipper pocket installation : https://youtu.be/EYT_iFmBEFA?t=310

Link to the adjustable strap installation : <https://youtu.be/KnoxsjU3III?t=1131>

You may sell the bag that you make from this pattern given that it's a home based business.

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