

Sweet Pea Bag

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All fabrics are from the So Sweet Pea range by **Fabric Freedom**

Requirements

Fabric 1. Antique green batik 9004 col.11 - 60cm. Also used for bag lining

Fabric 2. Small Sweet Peas antique ground F312 col.6 - Fat $\frac{1}{4}$

Fabric 3. Large Sweet Peas antique green ground F311 col.6 - Fat $\frac{1}{4}$

Fabric 4. Pale yellow tendrils F314 col.7 - Fat $\frac{1}{4}$

Fabric 5. Close Sweet Pea heads F313 col.6 - Fat $\frac{1}{4}$

Wadding $\frac{1}{2}$ m.

1 large popper (optional)

Cutting

Fabric 1.

2 x $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x $18\frac{1}{2}$ " strips

Fabric 2.

4 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22" strips

Fabric 3.

4 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22" strips

Fabric 4.

16 x 1" x 22" strips

2 x 2" x 2" squares

Fabric 5.

2 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22" strips

2 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 16" strips

Making up

Start by taking the narrow strips of fabric 4 and sewing one strip to either side of the wider strips of fabric 2 and fabric 3. Press back.

Cut these strips into $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, you should end up with 24 of each colourway. Half of these are for the front of the bag and the other half are used for the back.

Refer to the diagram and lay out the squares, you will achieve a woven effect. Carefully stitch the squares together in rows and then join the rows together to make the lower section of the bag. You will need to do this for both the front and back panels of the bag.

Take your 2" squares and turn in the left and right hand sides $\frac{1}{4}$ " and $\frac{1}{4}$ " again, then sew the edges into place. Press the top and bottom edges $\frac{1}{4}$ " in and place as shown in the main diagram onto the front panel of the bag. Stitch both loops into place along the top and bottom edges.

Take your 16" strips of fabric 5 and fold in both of the long edges $\frac{1}{4}$ ", pressing into place, you will also need to fold in one of the short edges $\frac{1}{4}$ " as well. Fold the strip in half with right sides facing outwards and sew all the way around.

Place the strips onto the front panel of the bag, feeding them under the loops and stitch into place on the raw edge. Tie the two strips together in the middle in a knot.

Place both the panels onto wadding and cut the wadding to the same size as the bag. It's a good idea to cut the wadding about ½" short across the top edge as this allows you to turn in the top edge of the bag more easily and gives you a cleaner edge.

Place your panels onto the lining fabric and cut them to exactly the same size.

Place the wadding and front panel together and quilt.

Once quilted, place the two panels with right sides together and stitch along the bottom edge and also along the left and right hand sides. Leave the top open.

Mitre the bottom corners of your bag. You can choose how wide you would like the mitre to be, a deeper mitre will give you a wider base to your bag.

Now make up the lining to your bag in the exact same way as you made the outer bag. It is a good idea to give a generous ¼" seam allowance as this will make the lining fit into the bag more comfortably.

Place the lining into the bag, and fold the top edges of both the lining and the outer in by ½" and pin into place, you will need to make the handles before you stitch the top closed.

Taking your 22" strips of fabric 5, fold in ¼" along each of the long edges and then fold the strip in half and press into place.

From your wadding cut out a 1" x 22" strip and place this inside the folded strip. Stitch along each side.

You will need to do this for both handles.

Once your handles are made, place them approximately 4" in from the edge of the bag, between the lining and the bag outer and pin into place. Once you are happy with the position of the handles, stitch the entire way round the bag. You may wish to do a second row of stitching. Attach a popper to the top of the bag if desired.

This completes the bag.

Canvas Bag

Requirements

1 Canvas bag

Sweet Pea squares F315 col. 6 - 5 squares

Close sweet pea heads F313 col. 6 - 2 strips 2½" x 22"

wadding - 2 strips 1" x 22"

A small amount of bondaweb to hold squares in place.

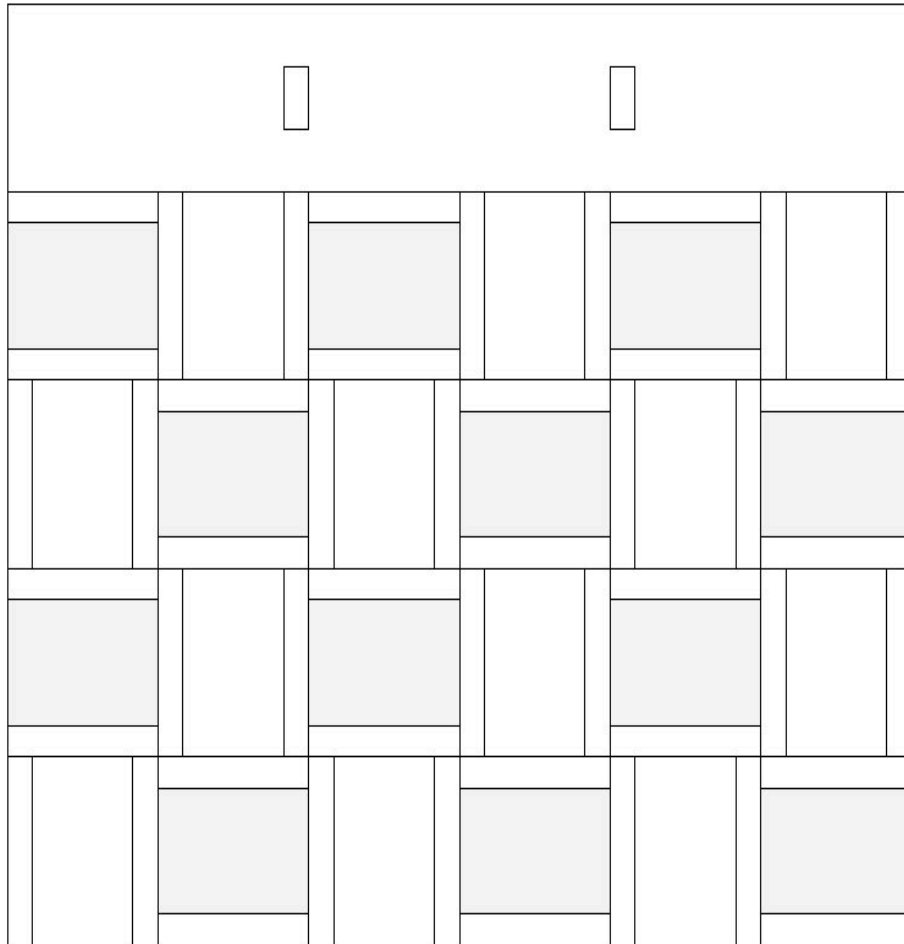
Making up

Make up the two handles as in the bag above, but this time turn in both of the short edges.

Place bondaweb onto the back of your 5 squares of fabric and carefully cut to size.

Arrange the squares onto the front of the canvas bag and stitch into place.

Feed the handles through the eyelets of the bag and stitch into place.



main diagram.