

# MJ's Messenger Bag

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## Class Description

Learn the secrets to making bags that look like you bought them -- not like you made them!

Annie will share techniques for working with Soft and Stable, installing zippers, making adjustable carrying straps, and more.

Carry your electronic gear, books, papers, and supplies comfortably in these handy messenger-style book bags in two sizes.

Each satchel has a zippered closure as well as hardware closures. They feature two styles of handles including a detachable, adjustable strap for comfortable over-the-shoulder or cross-body carrying.

A roomy interior has a slip mesh pocket and a padded expanding divider.

Zippered and slip pockets on the outside and a handy pen holder provide easy access to all your supplies.

## Class Supply List

- ☐ **MJ's Messenger Bag pattern** (available at [www.ByAnnie.com](http://www.ByAnnie.com) or check at your local quilt shop)

- ☐ **Fabric, mesh, and Soft and Stable as listed on pattern back cover** (see page 2)

- ☐ **Thread to match fabrics**

- ☐ **Finishing kit available at [ByAnnie.com](http://ByAnnie.com)**

Finishing kit includes zipper, 1" hardware, 1" strapping, fusible interfacing, mesh fabric, elastic, and hook and loop fastener.

Kit does NOT include fabric or Soft and Stable.

## ALSO BRING TO CLASS:

- ☐ Sewing machine in good working order with walking foot, 1/4" foot, and zipper foot. Don't forget the extension table for your machine.
- ☐ Rotary cutter and rulers
- ☐ Basic sewing kit, including #90/14 topstitch needles, Wonder Clips, a stiletto, pins (the large yellow-topped quilting pins work best), scissors, thread, chalk marker or similar tool for marking lines, etc.

## BEFORE CLASS:

- ☐ To make best use of class time, please cut out the fabric and Soft and Stable according to the Cutting & Quilting Instructions on pages 2 of the pattern.
- ☐ Then layer, quilt, and cut out the pieces as directed in Step I (A, B, and C) on pages 2 and 3 of the pattern BEFORE coming to class.



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SUPPLIES NEEDED	Small	Large
	9"H x 12"W x 4"D	10"H x 14"W x 5"D
<b>Main fabric</b> (body of bag, outer pockets)	1 yard	1¼ yard
<b>Lining fabric</b> (lining of bag, stabilizer sleeve)	1 yard	1¼ yards
<b>Coordinating fabric</b> (bindings, strap, handle, lining of inner divider)	1⅞ yard	1¼ yards
<b>Contrasting fabric</b> (borders, inner divider)	Fat quarter	Fat quarter
<b>ByAnnie's Soft and Stable®</b> (stabilizer for bag)	36" x 58" SS1036/SS2036	41" x 58" SS1072/SS2072
<b>Mesh fabric*</b> (inner pocket) SUP209	7" x 14"	8" x 16"
<b>Fusible interfacing*</b> SUP179	1/4 yard	3/4 yard
<b>Handbag zippers*</b> to match fabric ZIP24, 30, 40 or ZIPYD <i>TIP: One 40" double-slide handbag zipper will make both the zippers for one bag.</i>	One 14" or longer single-slide zipper One 18" or longer single-slide zipper	One 16" or longer single-slide zipper One 20" or longer single-slide zipper
<b>1" polypro strapping*</b> SUP164-1	3½ yards	4 yards
<b>1" hardware*</b> 1" D-rings or triangle rings* 1" swivel hooks* 1" wide-mouth slider* <b>NOTE:</b> Sets are available in antique brass (2000 and 2200/2250) or nickel (3000 and 3200/3250)	Four 1" rings Four 1" hooks One 1" slider	Four 1" rings Four 1" hooks One 1" slider
<b>¾" to 1" wide elastic*</b> SUP183	4½"	4½"
<b>¾" hook-and-loop tape*</b> SUP169	1½"	1½"
<b>Base stabilizer</b> (Plaskolite, foam core, plexiglass, or heavy cardboard)	3¾" x 9½"	4¾" x 11½"
<b>Thread</b> to match fabrics	SoFine #50 polyester thread	

\*ByAnnie's Soft and Stable®, mesh fabric, handbag zippers, strapping, hardware, and more are available at [www.ByAnnie.com](http://www.ByAnnie.com).

Special thanks to Free Spirit for the fabrics used for the cover models.  
Ask for Spirit Animal by Tula Pink at your local quilt shop.

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