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Difficulty Level: Intermediate

## What you need

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- Rotary Cutter / Fabric Scissors
- Basting Spray, Pins, and/or Sewing Clips
- Point Turner (optional)
- Iron, Ironing Board, & Pressing Cloth

- Dressmakers Chalk
- Sewing Machine & General Purpose Thread
- Zipper Foot
- Cutting Mat

### Apple

- 20cm (8") Red Flannelette
- 20cm (8") White Flannelette
- 10cm (4") Green Flannelette
- 10cm (4") Black Felt
- OR
- 1 Black Felt Sheet
- 20cm (8") 'Fruit Stand' Craft Cotton - Apple print (*Lining*)
- 20cm (8") Fusible Fleece
- 130cm (51") Red Polyester Belting 25mm (1")
- 2 x D-Rings 12mm (1/2")
- 2 x Snap Hooks 25mm (1")
- Slide Buckle 25mm (1")
- Dress & Skirt Zipper 23cm (9")
- 5cm (2") Green Soft Stretch Elastic 5mm (0.2")
- OR
- 5cm (2") Green Ribbon Hank 4mm (0.15")

### Lime

- 20cm (8") Green Flannelette
- 20cm (8") White Flannelette
- 10cm (4") Light Green Flannelette
- 20cm (8") 'Fruit Stand' Craft Cotton - Lime print (*Lining*)
- 20cm (8") Fusible Fleece
- 130cm (51") Green Polyester Belting 25mm (1")
- 2 x D-Rings 12mm (1/2")
- 2 x Snap Hooks 25mm (1")
- Slide Buckle 25mm (1")
- Dress & Skirt Zipper 23cm (9")

## Orange

- 20cm (8") Orange Flannelette
- 20cm (8") White Flannelette
- 10cm (4") Yellow Flannelette
- 20cm (8") 'Fruit Stand' Craft Cotton - Oranges print (*Lining*)
- 20cm (8") Fusible Fleece
- 130cm (51") Yellow Webbing 25mm (1")
- 2 x D-Rings 12mm (1/2")
- 2 x Snap Hooks 25mm (1")
- Slide Buckle 25mm (1")
- Dress & Skirt Zipper 23cm (9")

## Tips before you start

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- The base assembly of all the bags is almost all the same. Any variance of instructions between bags will be specifically noted.
- You can also use canvas, twill or cotton fabric for the fruit slice base, instead of flannelette, for added durability.
- Sewing instructions for Lime & Orange bags are the same.
- It's a good idea to pre-wash and press your fabric before you start.
- Press using a pressing cloth to prevent damaging your fabric. Test your iron settings on a scrap piece of fabric before you start your project. Iron on 'cotton' setting.
- This project requires precise placement of smaller appliqués of flannelette/felt. For this project, we recommend using basting spray instead of pins, for securing placement before sewing. However, if basting spray can't be used – pins are a viable alternative.
- If using basing spray, remember to spray in an open and well ventilated area.
- If possible, try to use thread that matches the fabric you are sewing. When sewing appliqués on the bag, match the thread to the appliqué being sewn.
- It is a good idea to fill multiple bobbins before starting the project.
- Try sewing on a scrap piece of fabric before sewing your project pieces. Adjust your tension, stitch length, and needle type accordingly.



# Instructions



## Step 1: Cut and Prep all fabric.

**a)** Cut out all templates from PDF pattern provided. Trace the templates and cut out all pattern pieces from the required fabric. See below for what you need for each bag.

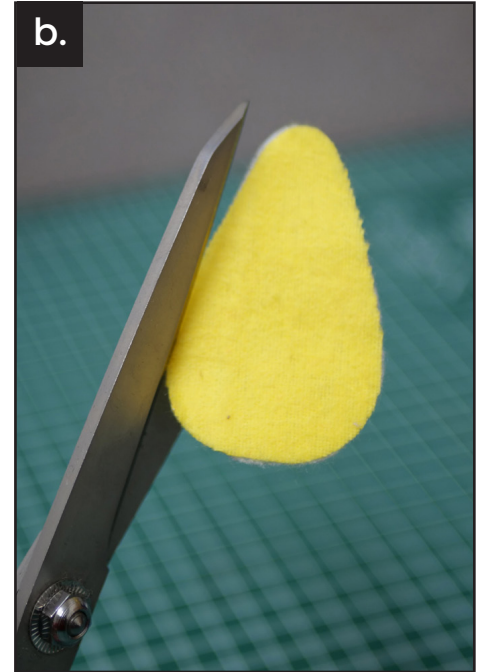
**Apple:** 6x Fruit Slice Base (2x red flannelette, 2x fusible fleece, 2x craft cotton lining), 4x Fruit Slice Applique (2x white flannelette, 2x fusible fleece), 6x Seed Applique (6x black felt), 3x Apple Leaf (2x green flannelette, 1x fusible fleece).

**Orange:** 6x Fruit Slice Base (2x orange flannelette, 2x fusible fleece, 2x craft cotton lining), 4x Fruit Slice Applique (2x white flannelette, 2x fusible fleece), 20x Citrus Applique (10x yellow flannelette, 10x fusible fleece).

**Lime:** 6x Fruit Slice Base (2x green flannelette, 2x fusible fleece, 2x craft cotton lining), 4x Fruit Slice Applique (2x white flannelette, 2x fusible fleece), 20x Citrus Applique (10x light green flannelette, 10x fusible fleece).

**b)** When all pieces are cut, iron out any wrinkles on flannelette pieces.



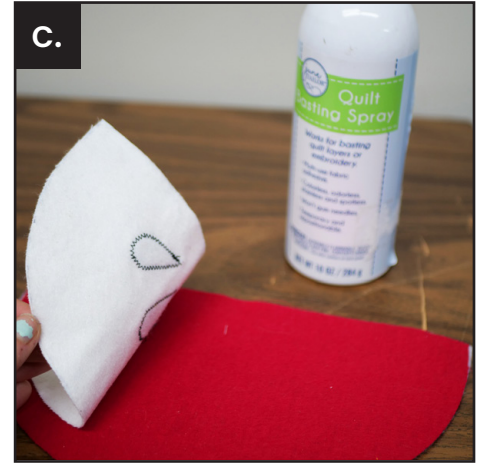
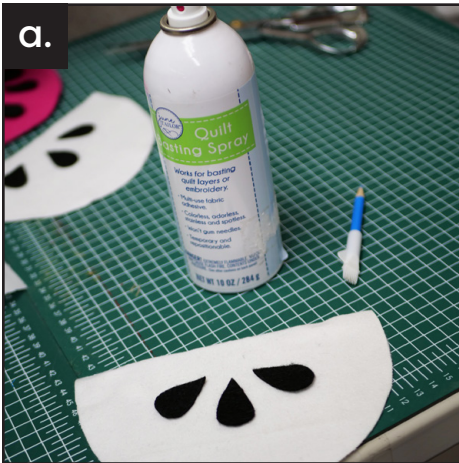


## Step 2: Fuse Fabric

**a)** Fuse all fusible fleece to respective flannelette pieces. To do this, place the fleece with the fusible (rough) side against the back of the flannelette, lining up the pieces as close as possible. The 'back' side of the flannelette is the side that is less soft. Using pressing cloth, press down for 10 seconds at a time along the flannelette until fused.

NOTE: For 'Fruit Slice Base', fuse the fleece to the flannelette, not the craft cotton lining.

**b)** Trim any excess fleece from around the flannelette.



### Step 3: Baste & Sew Appliqués

**a)** Carefully plan where you want your appliques to go. Starting with the top layer, use basting spray to temporarily hold the applique(s) in place while you sew. Spray the area where the applique will be placed, then carefully press the applique down. If pinning, carefully pin the applique(s) in place.

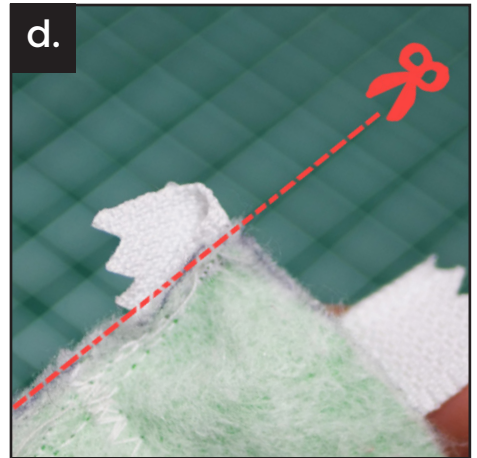
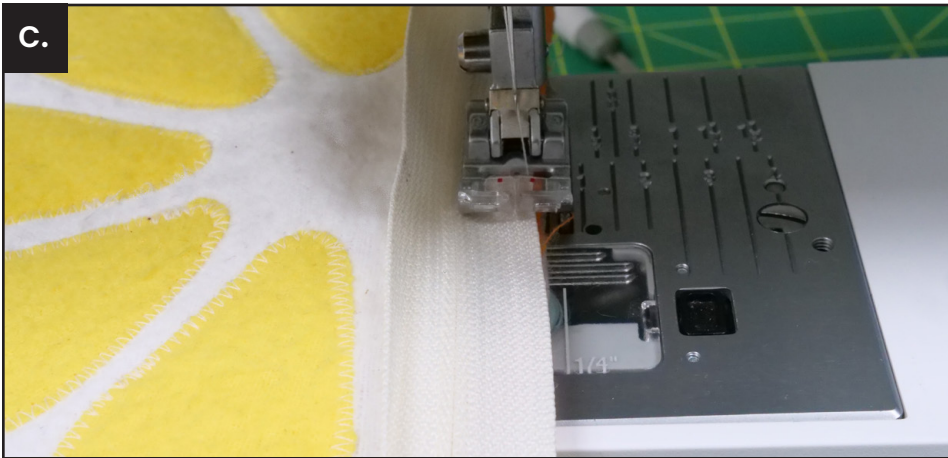
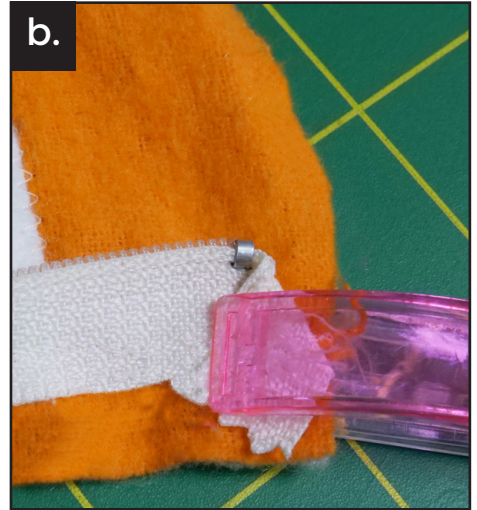
NOTE:

- When placing 'Seed Appliques' and 'Citrus Appliques', make sure to place them at least 1.5cm (5/8") from the top of the flannelette below, to account for the 1cm (3/8") seam allowance for the zipper.
- When placing "Fruit Slice Applique" onto "Fruit Slice Base", line up their flat edges at the top.

**b)** Using a medium zig zag stitch, sew the applique(s) on the layer on flannelette.

**c)** Repeat steps a) and b) until there are now two identical pieces: one front piece and one back piece (not including 2x lining pieces).

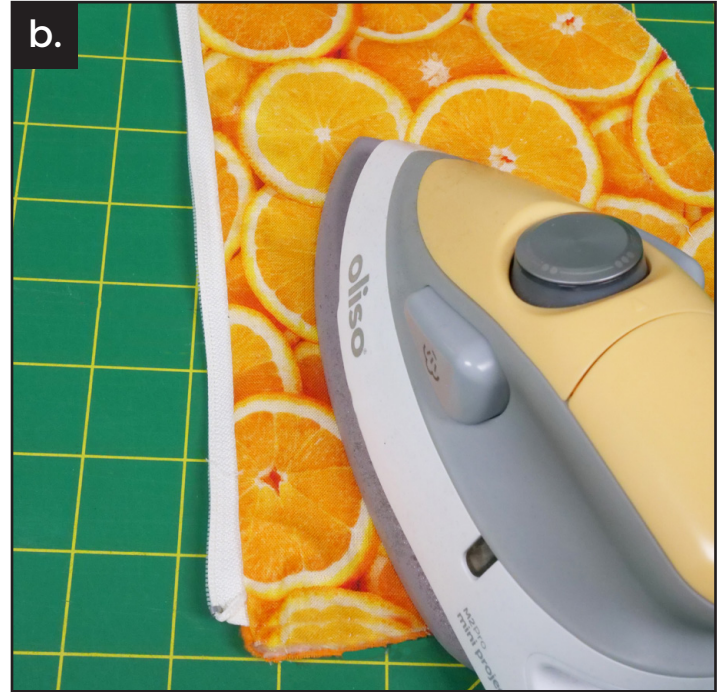




#### **Step 4: Zipper Part 1 – Clip, Fold, Sew, & Trim**

- a) Starting with one of the two flannelette pieces, clip the zipper in place before sewing. Make sure the front side of the zipper is facing the front side of the flannelette piece.
- b) Folds the ends of the zipper down as pictured.
- c) Using a zipper foot, sew the zipper in place.
- d) Trim the excess zipper.





### Step 5: Zipper Part 2 - Lining

- a) Clip & Sew the lining in place over the zipper, with the front of the lining facing the front of the flannelette.
- b) Flip around the lining, so both the lining and the flannelette piece are facing out. Iron down.



### Step 6: Zipper Part 3 - Other flannelette side

Place the piece of flannelette attached to the zipper on top of the other flannelette piece, with the front of both flannelette pieces facing each other. Line up the zipper to the top of the new flannelette piece.

Clip & Sew in place. Remember to fold the ends of the zipper down as pictured in Step 4 b).

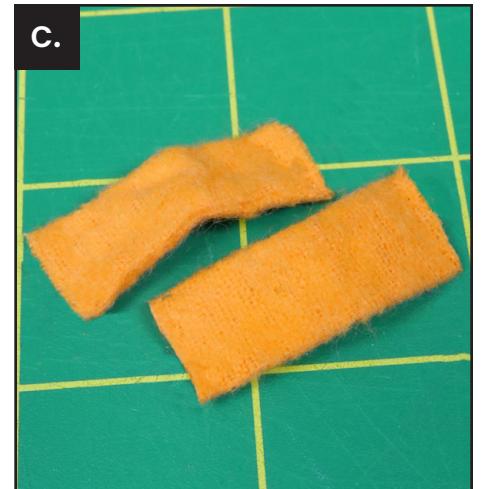
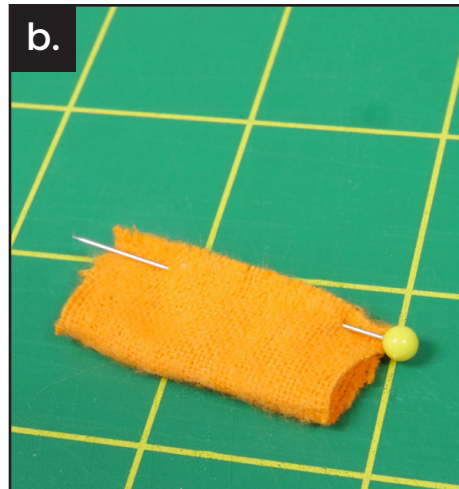
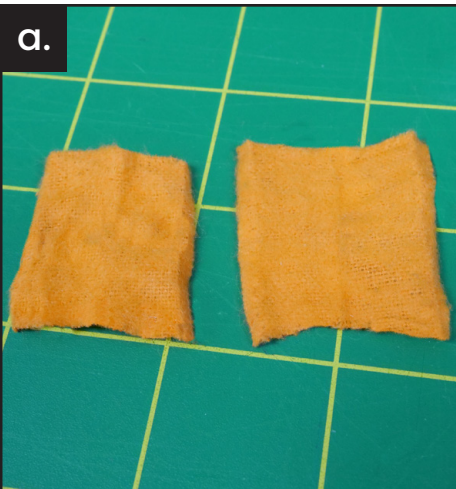
TIP: Try unzipping the zipper to separate the two sides. This might make the other side easier to sew.





### Step 7: Zipper Part 4 – Other Lining Side

**a)** Lay the bag down with the first lining piece facing up. Place the new lining piece on top of it, with the two linings facing each other. Line up the new lining piece with the top of the zipper. Zipper should be face down. Flip around the lining, so both the lining and the flannelette piece are facing out. Iron down.



### Step 8: Cut two squares

- a)** Cut 2 3.2cm (1.25") x 3.8cm (1.5") squares out of the primary flannelette colour. Fold these squares in half lengthwise, so they are still 3.8cm (1.5") long. These will be the strips that hold the D-Rings.
- b)** Using a straight stitch, sew along the non-folded edge about 1/8"–1/4" from the edge. Back stitch a few times to strengthen.
- c)** OPTIONAL: Try flipping inside out using a safety pin or another method, if possible, so the seam is on the inside.





### Step 9: Place D-Rings

Place the strips from Step 8 through the D-Ring, folding in half over the D-Ring. Place the ends of the strip on the edge of the flannelette, about 1cm-2cm ( $\frac{3}{8}$ "- $\frac{3}{4}$ " ) down from the zipper. Place one on either side. Clip in place.



### Step 10: Sew Bag Together

- a)** Arrange the bag pieces so both lining pieces are facing each other, and both flannelette pieces are facing each other, right sides in. Unzip the zipper!
- b)** Sew around the edge, making sure to sew over the zipper and the strips of the D-Ring holders. When doing this, leave a 7.5cm (3") gap in the lining, so the bag can be flipped right-side-out later. There should be about 1cm ( $\frac{3}{8}$ " ) seam allowance.



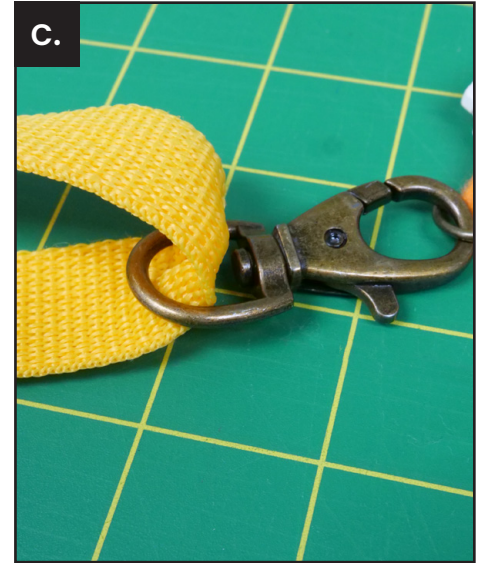


### Step 11: Finish Lining & Clean Up

- a)** Turn the bag right side out through the gap you left in the bottom of the lining.
- b)** Turn the raw edges of the lining hole in and sew the opening closed.
- c)** Tuck the lining down inside the bag
- d)** Use a point turner to clean up the edges of the bag.

*Your bag is now ready to be used as a clutch, pencil case, or makeup bag! Follow along further for instructions to create the bag straps.*





## Step 12: Adding Straps

**a)** Clip your Snap Hooks to the D-Rings on the bag, as pictured.

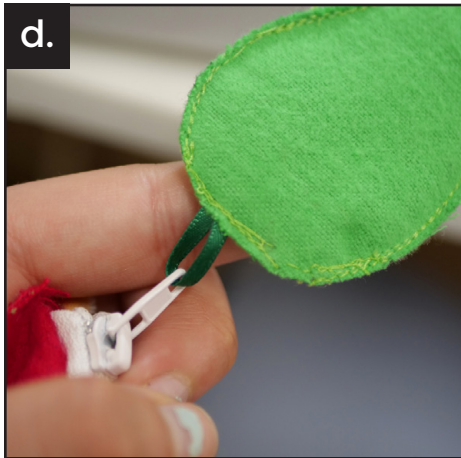
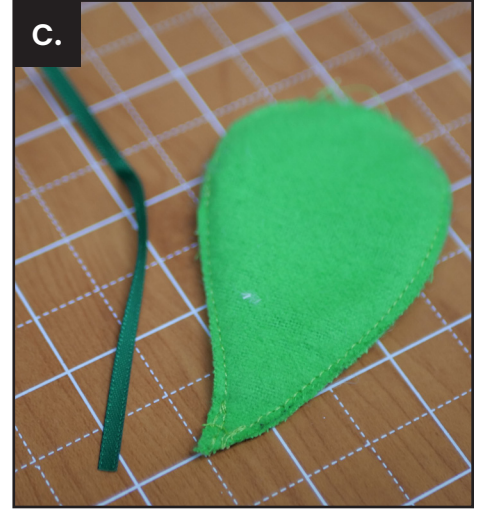
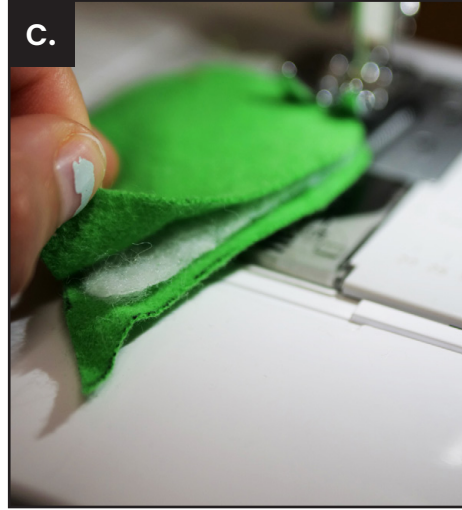
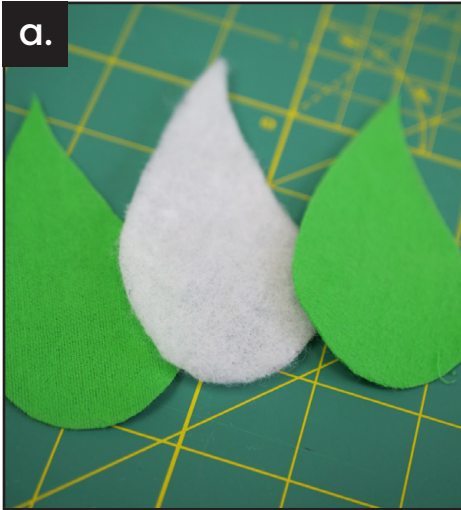
**b)** Gather the Slider, and your 130cm (51") strip of webbing/belting; this will be the strap for the bag. Insert the strap into the Slider on one side, then bring it up and over the bar and back down through on the other side of the Slider. Sew the end of the strap onto itself 1" (2.5cm) from the slider. Back stitching a few times is recommended for security. Try to use matching thread to the strap colour.

**c)** With the strap wrong side up, take the other end of the strap and feed it through one of the Snap Hooks

**d)** Thread that end back through the Slider. Go up and over the centre bar, passing over the end you sewed in place. This is what creates the adjustability of the strap.

**e)** Feed the end through the remaining Snap Hook. As you did with the Slider, you should pull this end through the Snap Hook. Sew the end of the strap onto itself 2.5cm (1") from the Snap Hook. Back stitching a few times is recommended.

**f)** Your bag is now all done! If making an **Apple** bag, see the next step for instructions on adding leaf decal.



### Step 13: Apple Leaf Decal (optional)

- a)** Gather the cut outs of the leaf (2x flannelette, 1x fusible fleece) and the 2" (5mm) piece of Green Soft Stretch Elastic / Green Ribbon Hank. The elastic/ribbon will be used to attach the leaf to the zipper.
- b)** Iron the fusible fleece to one flannelette leaf.
- c)** Carefully sew the two pieces together using a straight stitch, with the fusible fleece in the middle. Leave a small gap in the bottom of the leaf so you can insert the ribbon.
- d)** Thread the elastic/ribbon through the eye of the pull tab of the zipper. Put both ends into the leaf through the small gap in the bottom of leaf. Pin in place. Sew the leaf closed, securing the ribbon/elastic within the leaf in the process. Now the Apple Leaf decal is complete!





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