

# Sew Many Creations Explorer Foldover Crossbody Bag

This pattern was originally featured in the Spring 2020 issue of the Better Homes & Gardens Quilts & More magazine. It was the first in my 4-part series called Pack your Bags. If you still have that magazine, the sizes and overall techniques have not changed however I did add some magnets to the flap closure as well as an adjustable strap. Please refer to the FREE video tutorial on my YouTube channel for full instructions. Enjoy!

## Supplies:

(1) 18" x 27" piece of non-directional cork for outside & handle

**OR**

(1) Fat quarter cotton fabric for outside and 1/8 yard for handle

(1) Fat quarter for lining - cotton or waterproof canvas

10" or longer #3 or #5 zipper for top closure - plastic/nylon that can be sewn over

1/2" hardware for removeable/adjustable handle: (1) slide, (2) D rings & (2) swivel hooks or a Charlotte Hardware Kit from website ([sewmanycreationsny.com](http://sewmanycreationsny.com))

Optional: (2) magnetic snaps of choice - I used 14mm rivet snaps from [KamSnaps.com](http://KamSnaps.com) along with handheld press and die set in video

If using cotton for outside, lining or handle you will also need interfacing for each piece. I prefer Pellon 809 Decor Bond or 525 Decovil Light

## Cutting Option 1 - Cotton Outside:

(2) 9"W x 14"H strips interfaced cotton for outside

(2) 2" x 30" strips interfaced cotton for handle (see instructions below)\*

(2) 2" x 2" strips cotton for tabs (no interfacing)

(2) 9"W x 14"H strips interfaced cotton for lining

## Cutting Option 2 - Cork Outside:

(2) 9"W x 14"H strips cork for outside

(2) 1" x 27" strips cork for handle

(2) 9"W x 14"H strips waterproof canvas for lining

\*If using cotton for handle, sew 2 pieces together to form one long handle using 1/4" seam. Fuse interfacing to back of handle leaving short approx. 1" - 2" from each end for hardware. Fold in half interfacing sides together and then fold raw edges in towards center. Fold one last time to create a handle that is 1/2" wide by approx. 59" long. Cotton handles are cut slightly longer than cork because of the additional folding needed when adding hardware. Please refer to Georgia Tote & Backpack video for more info and instructions.



All assembly instructions can be found on my YouTube channel under the Free Patterns playlist  
[YouTube.com/SewManyCreations](https://www.youtube.com/SewManyCreations)

Acrylic templates are available for purchase along with cork, hardware, zippers and more on the website:  
[SewManyCreationsNY.com](http://SewManyCreationsNY.com)

