

Beach Selfies Bag



Bag measures 14" wide x 12" tall

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Fabric: Beach Selfies by Howard Robinson for Elizabeth's Studio LLC

1326 Cream (selfie blocks)—2/3 yard

1327 Blue (overall dog selfies)—1/2 yard

1328 Blue (overall cat selfies)—1/2 yard

6105 Blue (water)—7/8 yard

Foam interfacing (such as Bosal InRForm): (2) 15" x 20-1/2"

Batting: (2) 8-1/2" x 15-1/2"

Cutting Directions:

1326 Cream (selfie blocks): Fussy-cut (4) 7-1/2" blocks, centering motifs.

1327 Blue (allover dog selfies): Cut (1) 15" x Width of Fabric (WOF) strips, cross cut into (2) 15" x 15-1/2" sections.

1328 Blue (allover cat selfies): Cut (1) 15" x WOF strip. From this, cut (4) 2-1/2" x 15" sections from length of fabric and (2) 8-1/2" x 15-1/2" sections from width of fabric for pocket lining. Cut (1) 14-1/2" x WOF strip, cross cut into (2) 14-1/2" x 20" sections for lining.

6105 Blue (water): Cut (5) 1" x WOF strips—cross cut into (4) 1" x 15-1/2" sections, (4) 1" x 15" sections and (4) 1" x 7-1/2" sections. Cut (1) 8" x WOF strip, cross cut into (2) 8" x 21" sections for handles. Cut (2) 2-1/2" x WOF strips, set aside to bind top of bag.

Foam interfacing: (2) 15" x 20-1/2"

Batting: (2) 8-1/2" x 15-1/2"

Outer pockets: (make 2)



Sew together (2) 7-1/2" **1326 Cream** squares. Add 1" x 7-1/2" **6105 Blue (water)** strips to each end. Add 1" x 15-1/2" **6105 Blue (water)** strip to top and bottom. Layer: 8-1/2" x 15-1/2" batting, 8-1/2" x 15-1/2" **1328 Blue (overall cat selfies)** pocket lining (right side up) and completed pocket section (right side down). Sew 1/4" seam across top edge.



Turn pocket lining to back, press. Repeat to construct second pocket.

Constructing front and back panels:

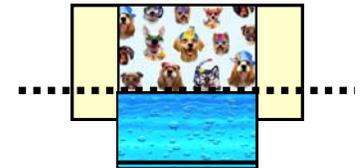


Panels are constructed using a "quilt as you go" technique. Layer 15-1/2" x 15" **1327 Blue (overall dog selfies)** front panel with 20-1/2" x 15" foam interfacing, centering fabric with 2-1/2" foam interfacing uncovered on each side of fabric. Quilt loosely as desired. Repeat to form second (back) panel.

Completing front and back panels:



Front panel: Using a chalk or water erasable marker, draw a line 4-1/4" from the bottom edge of the front panel. Place pocket section lining side up, aligning raw edge along drawn line. Sew through all layers 1/4" from drawn line. Flip pocket up and baste 1/8" from side edges of pocket. Sew through all layers at center of pocket section to form 2 pockets (or omit for one large pocket).



Add 1" x 15" **6105 Blue (Water)** strips to each side of pocket section. Press. Add 2-1/2" x 15" **1328 Blue (overall cat selfies)** to each side of panel to cover foam interfacing. Stitch a line 2" from bottom edge of panel (so that bag will stand up nicely).



Back panel: Repeat above steps to complete back panel.

Completing outer bag:



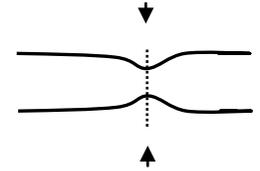
Align front and back panels, right sides together. Sew 1/4" seam along sides and bottom, leaving top edge open. Measure 1-3/4" square at each bottom corner and cut away. Trim side and bottom seams to 1/8" to reduce bulk. Pull edges apart and match side seam to bottom seam. Sew 1/4" seam across to box corners. Trim to 1/8". Repeat for second corner. Turn bag right side out. Set aside.

Lining:

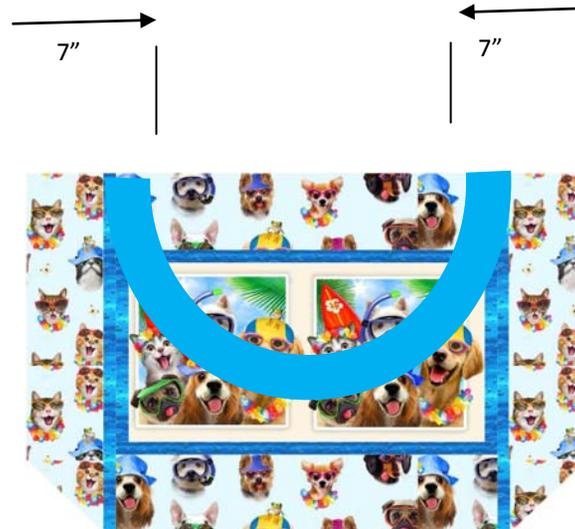
If you wish to add a pocket to the lining, do so now using remnants of selfie blocks or allover print. Layer 14-1/2" x 20" **1328 Blue (overall cat selfies)** lining pieces right sides together and sew 1/4" seam, along sides and bottom. Trim seams to 1/8". Repeat steps above to remove 1-3/4" squares and make boxed corners at bottom. Slip lining inside bag (wrong sides together).

Handles:

Fold 21" edges to meet in center, press. Fold in half, press. Handle should measure 2" x 21". Top stitch 1/8" from edge of long sides. Mark center of handle. Fold both edges to center and stitch across center to narrow handles in center for ease of carrying.



Pin handle in place, wrong (folded) side to **lining** right side, 7" from side edges. Use 2-1/2" **6105 Blue (water)** strips to bind top edge of bag. Using free arm of sewing machine may be helpful, if you have one.



Handles should be placed 7" from each side seam, pinned to LINING side, not outside of bag, before binding top edge.