

The required supplies for my coiled bag class are:

At least 40 WOF strips of fabric cut at 2 1/2" width. This can be a pre-purchased roll or strips from your stash (number of strips, and amount of clothesline rope determines how big your bag can be)

At least one pkg of clothesline rope, which can be purchased at quilt shops or in the laundry section of grocery stores

Spool of thread to match or contrast with basic color scheme, or (I prefer this) a spool of variegated thread that goes with colors in strips. Same thread for bobbin and top.

4 buttons, at least 1" diameter, to go on straps. Again, contrast or go with colors.

Heavy thread to attach straps and strong hand-sewing needle for straps

Machine with zig-zag capability, and a couple of extra needles, for breakage.

To prep:

Sew 2 1/2" strips end to end. If you want diagonal lines in the bag (my preference), sew at right angles and trim to 1/4" seam, press open. If you want straight lines, join straight end to end, press open.

Press each side 1/2" in to center, enclosing wrong side of fabric, leaving a strip about 1 1/2" wide with folded edges. This doesn't have to be exact, but try not to make it much narrower.

Having these steps done prior to class should give you enough time to finish bag in a one-day class.

Next step, IF YOU WANT TO DO IT IN ADVANCE, is to have end of pressed strip face up, lay clothesline rope on top then fold each side in, like a wrap, with one side slightly over the other, totally enclosing the rope, and zig-zag, folding as you go, the whole length of the strips. This step will prepare you for the coiling part. But this step can be done in class, because the coiling goes fairly fast.

I hope this helps!!

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