Quilting Mat Bag

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Fabric:
1¼ yds of Home Dec Fabric for Main Bag Body
1¼ yds of Home Dec Fabric for Bag Lining
¼ yd of Home Dec Fabric for Straps
(2)¼ yd pieces of Home Dec Fabric for Quilt Block Pocket
12½”X 12½” Scrap for pocket lining
1 yd Pellon 987F
¾ yd Deco Bond Interfacing

Cutting:
Main Fabric-Cut 2 pieces 21½”X26½”
Lining Fabric-Cut 2 pieces 21½”X26½”
Straps-Cut 2 pieces 3½”XWOF

Quilt Block:
Outer Fabric-Cut a 7¾” strip, from this cut a 7¾” square. Draw two lines diagonally from corner to corner on wrong side. Cut this block into 4 triangles. Label these “B”. Recut the remaining fabric from the strip to 3¾”. From this cut 2-3 ⅞” squares. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side. Cut these into 4 triangles. Label these “C”. Recut the strip again to measure 3½”. From this strip cut 2-3 ⅞” squares. Label these “A”.

Inner Fabric:
Cut a 4¾” strip. From this cut a 4¾” square. Label “D”. Recut the remaining fabric from the strip to 3¾”. Cut 4-3¼” squares. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the back side. Cut them into triangles. Label “E”. Pellon 987F-Cut 2-3¼” strips. Cut 2-21½”X26½” pieces. Deco Bond-Cut 2-21½” X 26½” pieces.

Construction:
Create the Pocket/Quilt block. Use the D blocks and 4 C triangles to create the center. Create 4 Flying Geese from B blocks and triangles E. Make three rows. Sew a n A block to a Flying Geese unit and another A Block, Make 2 of these, for row 1 and 3. Row 2 is a Flying Geese unit, the middle square in a square block and another Flying Geese unit. Sew row 1 to 2 and add row 3.

Take the 12½”X 12½” scrap and place it right sides together with the quilt block. Using ¼” seam sew two opposite sides, turn right sides out, press and topstitch on the seamed sides.

Create the straps by ironing the Pellon onto the back of the strap pieces. Stitch a ¼” seam along the long side of these pieces, turn and press the seam. Having the seam run down the middle of the back of the strap. Stitch down the middle of this strap.

Add the pocket to the Main Fabric piece for the outside of the bag. Measure up 4” from the bottom of the bag and align a finished side of the quilt block along this line, pin. Place the straps from the bottom edge, running up the bag and covering the raw edge of the quilt block. Placing the last pin 4” from the top of the bag. Creating a strap and running back down the opposite side of the quilt block and ending at the bottom. Top stitch along both sides of the strap starting at the bottom edge running up one side of the strap and across the 4” mark at the top and back down the opposite side. Repeat for the opposite side of the pocket and for the back of the bag. The back of the bag will not have a pocket so place the strap spaced and aligned the same as the front.

Place the front and back of the bag right sides together and stitch around 3 sides, using a ¼” seam and leave the top open. Repeat for the lining, leave a 4” opening in the bottom of the bag for turning.
Create a 1” box pleat in the bottom corners of the bag and lining by lining up the side seams of the bag and the bottom seam of the bag pin and draw a line 1” from the point and stitch across this line. Repeat for the other side and the lining.

With the lining inside out, place the outside of the bag inside of the lining, they will be right sides together. Make sure to tuck the straps inside. Stitch around the top of the bag. Turn the bag right side out by pulling it through the lining bottom, where you didn’t stitch. Tuck the lining inside the bag and pin the top seam, topstitch this seam. Pin the opening in the lining and stitch this closed.