

## DIY PROJECT OF THE MONTH: Alpaca Lunch Bag

## Materials



- 0.8m cotton fabric
- 0.8m medium weight fusible interfacing
- 0.2m baby lamb fleece
- 0.2m Heat n Bond Ultra
- Scrap pink fabric or felt (alpaca ears)
- Scrap felt (alpaca mouth)
- Black embroidery thread & needle
- 0.2m pompom trim
- Elastic (enough to loop over button)
- Button
- Sewing machine, thread, scissors, dressmaker's pencil and iron
- Alpaca pattern (attached)
- \*optional Insul-Shine for insulation\*

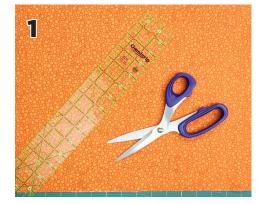
Sewing Info

• Seam allowances are 1/2" unless otherwise indicated.

Glossary

• **Top Stitch:** The process of stitching on the exterior side of a project to finish seams or folds to keep them in place. Usually paired with a longer stitch length which looks more professional and can make it easier to go in a straight line.





Cut two rectangles from your fabric measuring 15"x30". One will be for the lining.



Cut one rectangle from your interfacing 15"x30" and iron onto wrong side of fabric. This will be your outer fabric.



Cut out alpaca from baby lamb fleece and extra pieces from scrap.



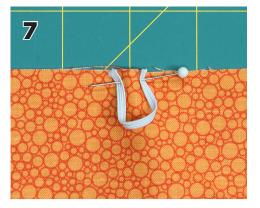
Embroider the eyes and mouth using a satin stitch and backstitch. Glue on pompom trim around the neck.



Adhere ear and mouth pieces to the alpaca using Heat n Bond Ultra or a hot glue gun.



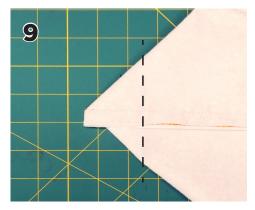
Following the instructions of the Heat n Bond Ultra, adhere the alpaca 3" down from the top edge of the right side of the fabric (with the interfacing).



Fold the outer bag in half lengthwise to mark the centre. Pin the elastic in a loop on the top above the alpaca on the right side and baste. The elastic needs to be long enough to wrap around your button.



Fold the piece up with right sides together and stitch up the side seams.



With the right sides still together pull the bag apart at the corners until the bottom of the bag looks like a diamond. Mark a line 2" up from each point and sew across perpendicular. Stitch across this line and trim.



Repeat steps 8 & 9 with the lining piece. Place the bag and lining right sides together and stitch around the top, leaving a small opening to turn inside out. Make sure you stitch down the elastic at this point.



Turn right side out, press and top stitch edge, closing the small opening.



Press in the sides and the bottom of the bag.



Sew the button on 4" down from the top edge.



