

## **Compass Bag- A message from Harriet**

We will be making the Compass Bag, designed by Anna Graham, aka noodlehead. A photograph of my sample will be available later.

This is a casual cross-body bag for over the shoulder. I will provide all the instructions needed to complete this bag. BUT you will need to PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME. Paper patterns pieces (see below) need to be printed and sellotaped together. You will need to use these to cut out and prepare your fabric IN ADVANCE of the workshop. This will give us maximum time to sew and make the bag during the workshop. Depending on your speed you may have to finish the bag at home. However, by the end of the workshop you will have all the skills needed to do so. If need be, I will be available, e.g. online, to help anyone who wants more advice and/or help to complete it. I WILL ADVISE EVERYONE WHO SIGNS UP FOR THIS ABOUT THE NECESSARY PREPARATION AT LEAST A MONTH BEFORE THE WORKSHOP.

The bag comes in two size with two different flap styles – you choose: · Large = 11 ½ W x 13 H x 5 D (inches) · Small = 9 ½ W x 11 H x 4 D (inches) You can make it all in one exterior fabric or have contrasting fabrics on the outside pockets. You can make your own strap or buy one ready-made.

**PATTERN** You will have to buy your own copy of the pattern from her website: <https://noodle-head.com/collections/pdf-sewing-patterns/products/compass-bag-pdf-pattern> This is a digital download and costs \$12 – but you pay in £. You will then need to print out the pattern pieces and Sellotape them together. If you prefer to buy a paper copy then look here: [www.thefoldline.com](http://www.thefoldline.com), a UK based sewing pattern shop. They are selling this for £12. There may be other UK-based shops too. BUT printed pattern pieces are for the non-rectangular pieces only, i.e., you will still have to cut out those pieces which are rectangular (e.g., with a rotary cutting); full details of sizes of rectangles are given in the pattern. **FABRIC** Suggested fabrics Exterior: cotton canvas, cotton/linen canvas, upholstery; Lining: quilting cotton Accent/contrast fabric: quilting cotton **Yardage** Choose which size of bag (see above) and whether you are making your own strap and/or adding the exterior pockets in contrasting fabric Exterior Large = ¾ yd (0.7m) of 44” (112 cm) wide Small = ½ yd (0.5m) of 44” (112 cm) wide Exterior accent/contrast for exterior pockets and straps Large = ½ yd (0.5m) of 44” (112 cm) wide Small = ½ yd (0.5m) of 44” (112 cm) wide \* If you choose to not to have a contrasting pockets then add this amount to the main exterior above. Also you won't need as much if you buy a ready-made strap (but I still have to work this out).

Lining (includes interior pockets and pocket linings) Large = 1 ¼ yd (1.2m) of 44" (112 cm) wide Small = 1 yd (0.9m) of 44" (112 cm) wide Fusible woven interfacing 2 ½ yd for large or 2 yd for small if 20" wide Fusible fleece (to provide structure) ¾ yd for large or ½ yd for small You can replace fusible fleece with a stiff canvas cotton. Hardware · 1 x 18mm magnetic snap · 2 x 1" wide D rings · 1 x 1" wide trap slider (but you can omit this if you make a strap of a fixed length) · 2 x 1" wide swivel clasps · 1 x 8" long zip (large bag) or 6" (small bag) Suggested suppliers for hardware: [www.sewhot.co.uk](http://www.sewhot.co.uk) [www.bobbingirl.co.uk](http://www.bobbingirl.co.uk) [www.countrycowdesigns.com](http://www.countrycowdesigns.com) [www.bagbits.co.uk](http://www.bagbits.co.uk) [www.purple-stitches.com](http://www.purple-stitches.com) SEWING MACHINE You do not need a fancy machine, but a walking foot is helpful. STANDARD SEWING KIT Scissors, pins (clips also useful), marking pen/pencil, ruler, tape measure, unpicker (!), thread to match fabric, cutting mat, rotary cutter, sewing machine needles (ideally for denim or Microtex 14 or 16), fabric glue or ¼" wide fusible (double sided) tape. I will bring a selection of rivets and a rivet press for adding decoration if you want to use them.