

Discovery Day March 3, 2018

Seaside Traveler Tote (by Penny Sturges)

Teacher: Gail Reinke

Pattern cost: \$5.75

Bosal Fusible Foam: \$9.25

Class Date: March 3, 2018, 11 am – 3:45 pm at Bernhard Museum
291 Auburn Folsom Road, Auburn, CA

Seaside Traveler by Penny Sturges is a wonderful tote approximately 21" wide x 8" deep x 15" tall. It is so much more than a tote bag since it can be used for many things. There are pockets lining the entire inside of the bag. I've used it as my carry-on bag on a recent trip, putting my kindle, magazines, as well as my purse in it.

You will need to do some work prior to class in order to allow yourself adequate time during class to finish the bag.

Here are the needed supplies based on the pattern: Please note, you can buy the pattern for \$5.75 and 20" of the Bosal 495S for \$9.25 from Melody. Total cost for both is \$15.00. Make your check out to Gail Reinke.

Pattern ps040, Seaside Traveler by Quilts Illustrated ([see above, available when you register for \\$5.75](#))

If you are using the Turn Lock Flap, you will need to purchase the turn key locking mechanism, also available from Quilts Illustrated.

$\frac{3}{4}$ yd. of Fabric #1, usually a larger scale print, for the top section, handles, and ties.

1 yd. of Fabric #2, a contrasting medium scale print, for the lower section of bag and to cover the inside bottom and inner pockets.

$\frac{2}{3}$ yd. of Fabric #3, a smaller print, plaid, stripe, or check, for all linings and small trim on the front

1 yard of (Bosal 326/426lf) Single Sided Light Fusible Batting, for lining, handles, and scraps for inner pockets. Note: This is not available locally, you can buy it from Quilts Illustrated. I've used Pellon 987F Fusible Batting and it works just fine. The Pellon is currently available at Whistle Stop or Joann's.

¾ yd. of Bosal 495S, Single Sided Fusible Foam. This is currently available at Whistle Stop or from Quilt Illustrated. Save the scraps, they are great for other projects. (see above, 20" is available when you register for \$9.25)

¼ yd. of Bosal Crafter-Tex 337 or Pellon's Pel-Tex, available from Joann's, you can use 2 pieces to cover your bottom. (I will bring plastic pieces to firm up your bottoms. I will also bring by scraps of Pel-Tex for your use).

If you want to make a bag with 4 fabrics similar to the sample, here are the fabric requirements:

5/8 yd. of the larger scale print

5/8 yd. small scale print for the inside pockets, contrasting trim and tie

5/8 yd. medium print for the lining

5/8 yd. for the bottom portion for the front and back, plus the handles.

Fabric Cutting:

Top portion for front and back (large print)	(2) 10 ½" tall x 21" wide
Bottom portion for front and back	(2) 10 ½" tall x 21" wide
Bag Lining	(2) 20" wide x 19 ½" tall
Contrasting Trim Piece	(2) 2" x 21"
Tie Closure (optional, depending on your closure)	(2) 4" x 16" or
If applying the turn key locking mechanism	(1) 3 ½" x 12"
Inside Pockets	(2) 20" wide x 15" tall
Handles	(2) 4" x 31"

Front and back are bigger, they will be trimmed later, after quilting

Fusible Cutting:

Bosal 326/426 or Pellon 987F	
Lining	(2) 20" x 19 ½"
Lining Pockets	(2) 7" x 20"
Handles	(2) 4" x 30"
Foam	
Outer Bag	(2) 21" x 21"

You need to do Step #1 of the pattern before class in order to finish the bag during class.

Piecing and fusing the outer front and back: Take the two skinny 2" x 21" trim pieces and fold lengthwise wrong sides together, press. Sew this, matching raw edges to the bottom edge of the upper bag piece, using a less than ¼" seam. With right sides together, sew the lower piece to the top piece using a ¼" seam. Do this for the front and the back of the bag. Press seam open. Fuse the two 21" x 21" pieces of foam to the back of bag front and back pieces.

Now quilt the front and back. I used a 1 ½" diagonal stitch line. But you can do as much or as little as you want.

That is all you need to do before class.

Call me or email me if you have questions, 530-888-0158 or gail_reinke@hotmail.com