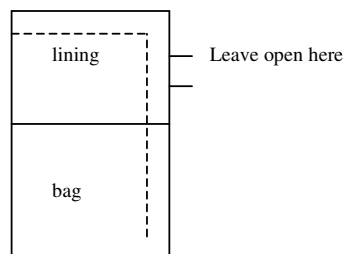


Friends Bag
Approx size – 19" x 17"

- Tea or coffee dye Stitchery if desired, fuse pellon and stitch over all lines, press well and trim back to:
 - Main pic: 5 ½" x 8 ½"
 - Quote: 3" x 7"
 - Floral borders: 3 ½" x 12"
- Pocket
 - Main Stitchery border
 - Cut 4 strips pink 8 ½" x 2"
 - cut two strips floral 3" x 12"
 - one large piece floral 19 ½" x 12 ½"
 - cut one piece fusible pellon 12" x 19 ½"
- bag front
 - cut two strips small floral 7" x 2"
 - cut two pieces small floral 6 ½" x 6"
 - cut one large piece (unseen) 12" x 19 ½"
- bag back
 - cut strips various fabrics various widths (2" – 4") join to make one large piece 17 ½" x 19 ½".
- Handles
 - Cut various fabric pieces 5" wide, join to make two strips 5" x 26 ½".
 - Cut two strips fusible pellon 2" x 26 ½"
- Lining
 - Cut one piece 17 ½" x 38"
 - Cut one piece pellon or batting 17 ½" x 38 ½"
 - Cut one strip floral 38" x 1 ½"

Construction – all seams are ¼"

- Join pink strips to sides of main stitchery, then top and bottom
- Join floral strips to both sides then floral stitchery strips.
- Join large floral piece to the top of your pocket for lining.
- Fuse pellon to back of pocket with bottom raw edges even. Fold down lining to the wrong side until bottom raw edges are even. The lining will show for ½" along the top edge. Stitch in the ditch along the top casing through both layers. Put aside
- Join small floral strips to top and bottom of quote stitchery. Attach remaining small floral pieces to both sides.
- Join the large piece (unseen) to the bottom edge of this panel.
- Lay the pocket piece right side up on top of the bag front with bottom raw edges even. Baste down side seams. Stitch in ditch between floral and pink strips to form pockets, backtacking at the top binding edge to secure.
- Join the bag front to the bag back at one short edge.
- Attach the long floral strip along the top edge.
- Now attach the lining piece to the other side of the floral strip.
- Lay out flat and fuse pellon or batting to the outer bag piece not the lining with bottom raw edges even.
- Fold the bag in half right sides together and stitch along bottom edge, side edge and top edge leaving a 3" opening half way down the lining piece.



- Trim corners and turn bag through opening. Press and slip stitch opening closed.
- Push lining into bag smoothly, the floral strip should form a 1/2" bind along the top edge.
- Stitch in the ditch of the binding to secure the lining inside.
- Fuse pellon to wrong side of handles with one long raw edge even. Fold wrong sides together and stitch around open outside edges leaving a 3" opening on the side. Trim corners, turn through opening, press and slip stitch opening closed.
- Make button holes in both ends of handles to fit your buttons. Position evenly and attach buttons to top of bag and place handles onto buttons.

