



BOOK BAG MAKE

YOU WILL NEED:



1. Fabric in navy (50cm), blue (50cm), light blue (50cm), beige (20cm), white black and grey (10/15cm - or large scraps)
2. Thread in the same colours
3. Webbing/ straps/ cotton tape in navy: 2x 45cm
4. Sewing machine
5. Tailor's chalk
6. Point turner (or a blunt tool such as pen)
7. Optional: wadding to stuff arms/legs/tail/ears.
8. Optional: zipper (30cm, closed end)



Fabric recommendation: cotton canvas, cotton twill, poly/cotton mix, linen, denim.

All seam allowances are 1cm, sewn using a regular straight stitch.

Topstitching is best done using a "patchwork stitch" throughout the project (a nice zigzag stitch or a straight stitch work too but might be more visible).





STEP 1:

Cut all pieces in corresponding colours to Bluey's (front and back body, body patches, snout, nose, eyes, arms, hands, legs, feet, tail, straps, 5x25cm wide strips for the opening facing).

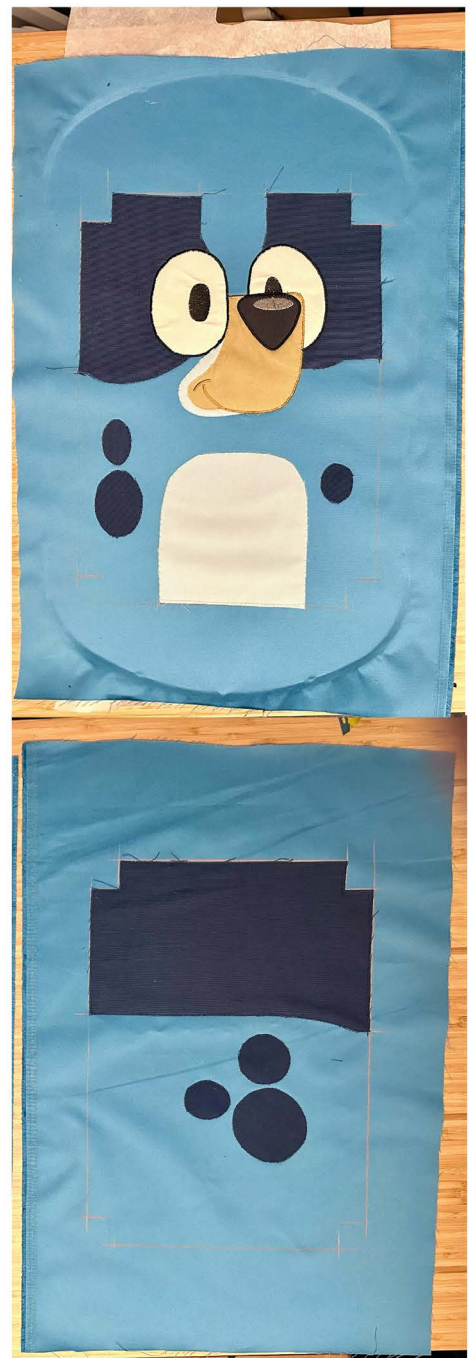
STEP 2 (THE BODY):

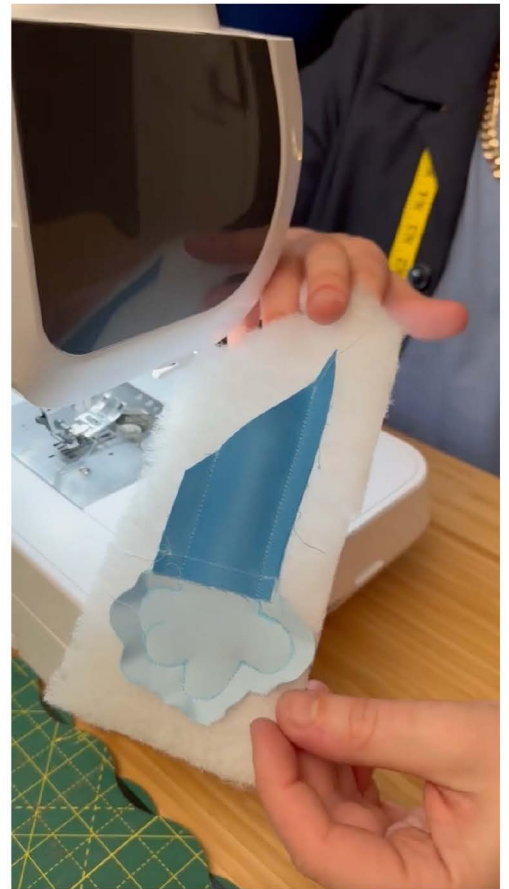
Topstitch each element ideally select a patchwork stitch in the following order:

- 1) Body: Navy body patches on blue body (front and back)
- 2) Snout and nose: Light blue on front body, beige on light blue, black nose on beige snout, and grey on black nose
- 3) Eyes: White eyes either side of nose, and black on top

Create the smile by sewing a very dense 3mm wide zigzag stitch in warm beige thread, from the top of the nose towards the end of the mouth.

Finish the front panel by stitching a very dense 3mm wide zigzag stitch all around each eye (making sure to cover the raw edge of the eyes) and around the nose.





STEP 3 (ARMS, LEGS & TAIL):

Each limb is made of a front and a back in 2 colours (so 4 pieces of fabric per limb).

- 1) Assemble each hand to its arm, each foot to its leg, and the navy end of the tail to the blue part of the tail
- 2) Then stitch each mirrored pairs (the pieces must be "right facing" i.e.. the right side of the fabric together)
- * Optional wadding: the layer of wadding can be stitched at the same time as previous step: place it underneath the 2 pattern pieces and stitch together
- 3) Trim excess wadding, clip the seam allowance and turn inside out. A blunt pen or a point turner will help poking each finger, foot and tail fully out.
- 4) Press/iron flat

STEP 4 (EARS):

If using wadding start by stitching each front ear to a piece of wadding (wadding on the wrong side of the fabric).

- 1) Topstitch in place each beige triangle to the ears (catching the wadding beneath)
- 2) Then topstitch each eyebrow over each ear
- 3) Stitch the back of the ears to the fronts (working inside out: place it upside down on each ear and stitch following the seam allowance)
- 4) Trim and clip each curve - turn inside out and press flat



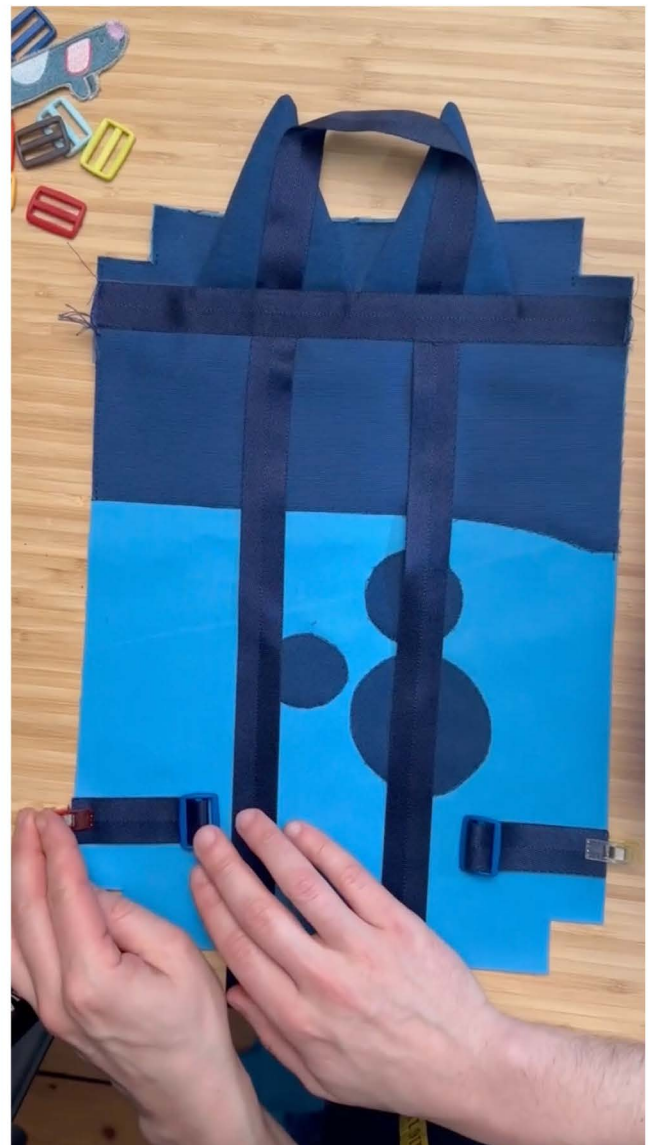
STEP 5 (BAG ASSEMBLY):

Pin or clip in place ears, arms, legs and tail to the front body, (each limb and ears should be facing inward the body/laying on the front panel, not extruding, with all raw edges aligned).

Clip or pin also the straps in place (same as limbs, each strap is laying on each panel, not outward).

Assemble front and back panels (bluey's back and front) at the side seam (catching the arms in at same time) and bottom seam (catching legs and tail in at the same time) to stitch the bottom corners: still working inside out, open the corner and pinch the side seam and bottom seam together.

This aligns the raw edges in a straight line - stitch together following the raw edge using a 1cm Seam allowance.





STEP 6 (FINISH THE OPENING)

If using a zipper: mount it with the 2 pattern pieces called "facing" along 2 of the long edges.

If not using a zipper, stitch a 5mm wide and long zigzag stitch along one of the long side of each piece to keep the raw edge secure

- 1) Connect the 2 facing pattern pieces together along both short edges
- 2) Turn the bag outside in (so Bluey is now facing out)
- 3) Wrap the facing along the top edge, raw edges aligned (the right side of each piece facing the right side of the back ie. right side facing)
- 4) Stitch along the top edge, catching ears and straps in
- 5) Fold the facing inside the bag and iron flat
- 6) Sew another row of straight stitches 5mm along the top edge to secure in place

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