

### 142 Overnight Bag

Size 53 x 33 cm (21 x 13 ins)

#### Materials

Plaid cotton flannel,  
width: 150 cm (59 in)  
length: 2.00 m (2 1/4 yds).

Interfacing, about 31 cm (12 ins) wide and 0.60 m (3/4 yd) long.

1 zip, 80 cm (32 ins) long.

Twill tape, 3.5 cm (1 1/2 ins) wide and 3.85 m (4 1/4 yds) long.

Striped trim, 1.5 cm (5/8 in) wide and 3.90 m (4 1/4 yds).

Piping: 3.50 m (3 7/8 yds) long.

2 hammer-on snap fasteners

1 D-ring, 2 cm (3/4 in) wide.

Tags: A small piece of beige loden cloth, a small piece of suede leather, a piece of petersham ribbon, 1 cm (3/8 in) wide.

Plastic film (clear report sleeves).

1 snap-hook, 1 key-ring, Ø 2.5 cm (1 in), 1 metal ring (split ring), Ø 7 mm (1/4 in), 1 rivet, 2 large light-coloured buttons and 2 smaller dark-coloured buttons for the eyes.

Medium-weight yarn for the tassel, pinking shears and glue.

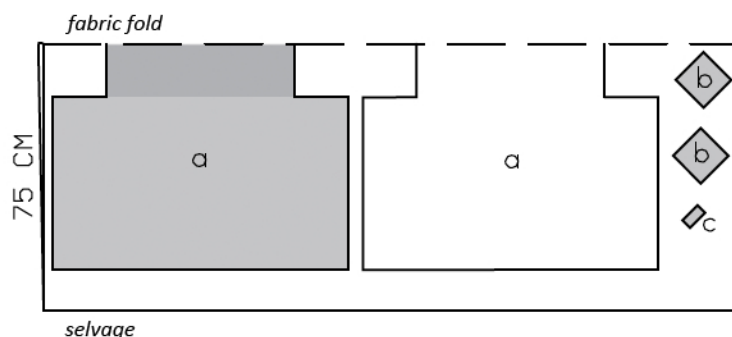
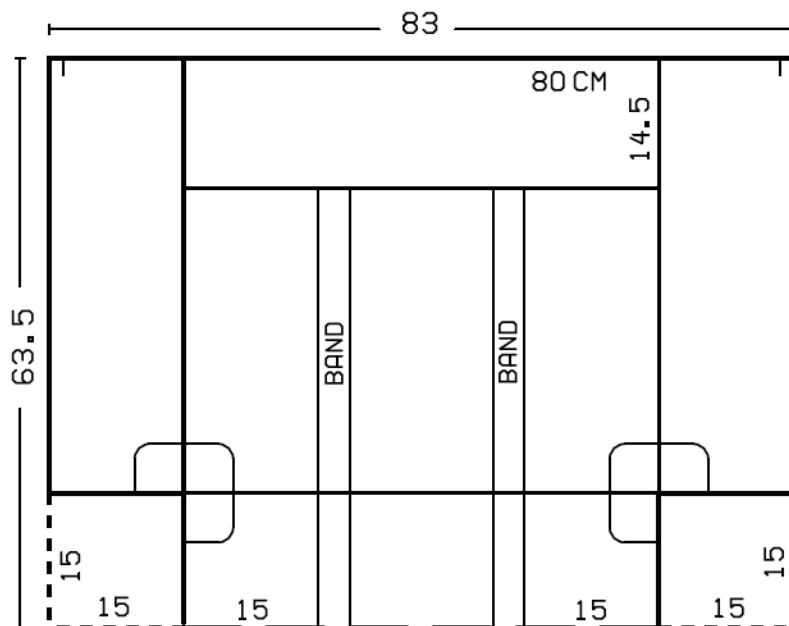
#### Preparations

Follow the diagram to make a full-sized pattern piece (a) for the bag.

Add seam and hem allowances:  
Seams and edges 1 cm (3/8 in).



Bag Diagram, measurements in cm



Cut from a double layer of fabric, right side facing in.

## Cutting Out

- a) bag piece, on a fold 1x  
and as lining, on a fold 1x

Also draft the following pieces:

- b) 4 bands for corners of bag, cut on bias, 11 x 11 cm (4 3/8 x 4 3/8 ins),  
c) 2 tabs, cut on bias, 3 cm (1 1/4 ins) long, 6 cm (2 1/2 ins) wide, finished width 3 cm (1 1/4 ins).

## Sewing

Cut 5 cm (2 ins) of striped trim and set aside, for the loop. Lay remainder of striped trim along centre of twill tape and edgestitch edges in place. Fold twill tape to half the length and mark the centre. Stitch ends of twill tape together. Spread seam allowances open. Lay twill tape on bag piece, 30 cm (12 ins) from side edges. The seam and the marked centre of twill tape each lie at centre of bag bottom. Edgestitch twill tape in place, between fold lines, then stitch across tape at level of fold line. Leave band extending above fold line, for the strap.

Turn in ends of small piece of striped trim (loop), 7 mm (1/4 in) wide. Fold trim over D-ring and pin ends together. Pin loop to twill tape at one horizontal stitching line. Stitch close to edge of tape and 7 mm (1/4 in) from edge.

Slightly round off corners of bands for corners of bag (see diagram). Press allowances on all edges to inside. Lay bands on bottom corners of bag piece and cut out corners to match bag piece. Baste piping under outer edges of bands. Pin bands to bag piece, with wrong side facing right side, and edgestitch in place.

Fold bag piece in half, right side facing in. Stitch side edges together. Press seam allowances open. Lay side seams right sides together with centre of bag bottom and stitch crosswise seams for bottom corners of bag.

Cut two pieces of piping, each 83 cm (32 3/4 ins) long. Pin piping to upper edges of bag, from seam to seam, so that piping cord lies on bag piece and woven tape lies on seam allowance. Ends of piping meet at side seams and therefore

need no seam allowance – they will be caught in the tabs, later. Stitch along upper edge of bag. Lay piping up and press seam allowance down.

Press upper edges of bag lining to inside, 5 mm (3/16 in) wider than marked (1.5 cm / 5/8 in wide). Pin upper edges of lining to wrong side of zip, about 8 mm (a good 1/4 in) from teeth of zip (between markings) – edges of bag extend evenly at ends of zip. Edgestitch lining in place. Stitch seams of bag lining. Lay lining inside bag, with wrong sides facing. Baste upper edges of bag and bag lining together so that teeth of zip extend past piping. Open zip. Topstitch upper edges of bag close to piping. Close zip again.

Press allowances on 3 cm (1 1/4 in) long edges of tabs to wrong side. Fold tabs to 3 cm (1 1/4 ins) long, right side facing in. Stitch edges together. Turn tabs right side out. Fold upper corners of bag to points, so that side seams lie under zip. Slip corners of bag into open edges of tabs and stitch edges of tabs together. Attach one top half of a snap to each tab. Fold top corners of bag down on fold lines and mark positions of bottom halves of snaps at side seams. Attach bottom halves of snaps, as marked.

**Owl tag:** The full-sized owl pattern is printed in grey on next page. Trace owl body, belly and beak onto tissue paper. Cut body and beak twice each from loden cloth and cut belly once from leather, without seam allowance. Lay a 10 cm (4 in) long piece of petersham ribbon in a loop, 5 cm (2 ins) long. Lay body pieces wrong sides together, catching loop at upper edge. Stitch pieces together with zigzag stitching. Lay belly on front and zigzag stitch in place. Lay beak pieces on owl and stitch upper edges in place together. Place one dark-coloured button on each light-coloured button. Sew buttons in place, for eyes.

**Address tag:** Use pinking shears to cut 2 rectangles of leather, each 8 x 11 cm (3 1/4 x 4 3/8 ins). Cut a window, 5 x 8 cm (2 x 3 1/4 ins), in rectangle for front of tag. Glue clear plastic film to wrong side of this rectangle. Cut a slit, 5 cm (2 ins) long, in second rectangle (back of tag), about 3 cm (1 1/4 ins) from one 8 cm (3 1/4 in) long edge, to insert address. Lay pieces together. Glue edges together, about 1 cm (3/8 in) wide. From leather, cut a loop piece, 12 cm (4 3/4 ins) long and 1.5 cm (5/8 in) wide, and round off ends. Fold loop in half, to 6 cm (2 3/8 ins) long. Glue ends of loop to centre of upper edge of tag, on both front and back. Also secure ends of loop with a rivet.

**Tassel:** Cut a piece of cardboard, about 20 cm (8 ins) long and 10 cm (4 ins) wide. Tightly wrap cardboard piece lengthwise with yarn. Slip three pieces of yarn, each about 50 cm (20 ins) long, between wrapped yarn and cardboard at one end. Tie these yarn pieces together tightly, leaving ends extending evenly for the plait. Cut yarn loops open at opposite end of cardboard and remove cardboard. Wrap upper end tightly. Plait pairs of the upper tying yarns together to a length of about 15 cm (6 ins). Make a small loop at end of plait and knot.

Attach tassel, owl and address tag to keyring. Attach key-ring to snap hook with the split ring. Hang from loop on bag.

