

Bailey Island Hobo Bag Supplies

Comfortable and easy just like an island vacation. Got lots of leftover batting? How about 2½" fabric strips? Here's a couple of practical and sweet hobo style bags to use them up!

Notes about Materials needed to create a bag:

Fabrics

- Hoffman CA Fabrics' Bali Pops™ are wonderful for this project.
- Jellyrolls of coordinating fabrics
- Any combination of 2½" strips (for scrappy look)

Batting

- Use light to medium weight batting. If using leftover batting, select pieces similar in weight.
- Try Bosal's rolls of Katahdin batting pre-cut 2½" x 25 yards (enough for 20 strips of fabric).

For the LARGE Bailey Island Hobo Bag

- 38 strips of fabric 2½" x 42/44" (for body of bag, binding, handles, and pockets)
- 42 strips of batting 2½" x 45" (approximately 3 yards of 45" wide batting)

For the SMALL Bailey Island Hobo Bag

- 12 strips of fabric 2½" x 42/44" (for body of bag, binding, handles, and pockets)
- 14 strips of batting 2½" x 45" (approximately 1 yard of 45" wide batting)

Buttons—needed for either bag

- 2 Large (outside front/back)
- 2 Medium (outside sides)
- 4 Small (inside)

Magnetic Snap—needed for either bag

- pronged snaps or sew-in magnetic buttons

Dream Seam Tape (or any batting seam tape or simply zigzag)

Matching Cotton Thread (this project uses a lot of thread)

- Use a 50 weight 2 ply thread
- 2 pre-filled bobbins (at least)
- Heavy cotton thread to gather the top of the bag (perl cotton or upholstery thread)

Other Tools:

- Sewing Machine with a good zigzag stitch with machine needles (Microtex 90/14, Jeans 110/18)
- Plexi-glass extension table
- Hand-sewing needles (try Milliner's needles size 5 and 9)
- Scissors (both large and small)
- rotary mat, acrylic rulers, 60mm rotary cutter, chalk
- small foam core board or design wall

Video showing how to make batting filled tubes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GciXLGosaBY&feature=youtu.be>

Video on how to zig zag fabric tubes together:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGyK8gbqrB0&feature=youtu.be>

Video on sewing the handles for your bag: (Note: Nancy has an easier method)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRiA69eCnAY&feature=youtu.be>