

Project: Reversible Purse

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Sew a reversible handbag using bright, graphic fabrics. These fabrics are from Little Menagerie collection by Melanie Hurlston of Melly & Me for Windham Fabrics ([windhamfabrics.com](http://windhamfabrics.com)).

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### Materials

- ½ yard blue button print (bag)
- ½ yard red-and-blue stripe (bag lining)

**Finished purse:** approximately 16" wide

**Quantities** are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

**Measurements** include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

### Cut Fabrics

**From each fabric (blue button print and red-and-blue stripe), cut:**

- 1—16×42" rectangle

### Make Bag Body and Lining

The Bag Body Pattern is on pages 5–7. To make a Bag Body Pattern template, print and cut out the three full-size pattern pieces. Match pattern pieces at large dots and tape them together.

1. Fold blue button print 16×42" rectangle in half twice to make an 8×21" rectangle (**Diagram 1**).
2. Place Bag Body Pattern on folded rectangle and draw curved line of pattern (**Diagram 2**). Cut along marked line and unfold to make bag body.
3. Using red-and-blue stripe 16×42" rectangle, repeat steps 1 and 2 to make bag lining.

### Assemble Bag

1. With right sides together, layer blue button print bag body atop red-and-blue stripe bag lining. Sew together along curved edges. If desired, clip ⅛" into seam allowance along curved edges so the finished handle will lie flat (**Diagram 3**).
2. Turn bag and lining right side out; press.
3. Referring to **Diagram 4**, match right sides of bag body, then match right sides of bag lining. Sew pairs of side edges together, stitching ¼" from edges and leaving a 4" opening for turning along one seam. Press seams open or to one side.
4. Rotate bag body and lining to align the seams you just sewed (**Diagram 5**). Join top and bottom edges, sewing ¼" from edges. Lightly press sides near bottom and top edges to create creases on bag body and bag lining.
5. To shape a flat bottom for bag body, at one corner match bottom seam and side crease, creating a flattened triangle (**Diagram 6**). Measure and mark on side crease line 1½" from point of triangle. Draw a 3"-long line across triangle and sew on drawn line. Trim excess fabric, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Repeat at opposite corner of bag body.
6. Repeat Step 5 to shape corners on bag lining.
7. Turn bag body and lining right side out through opening. Slip-stitch opening closed. Push lining into bag body to complete reversible purse.

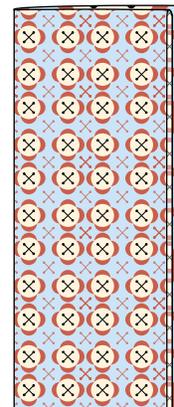


DIAGRAM 1

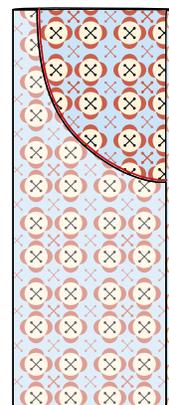


DIAGRAM 2

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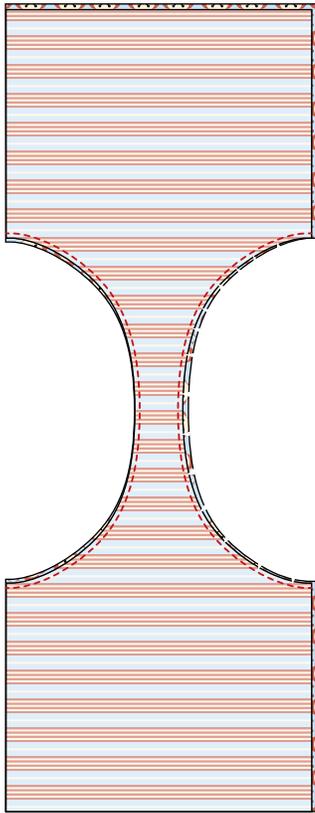


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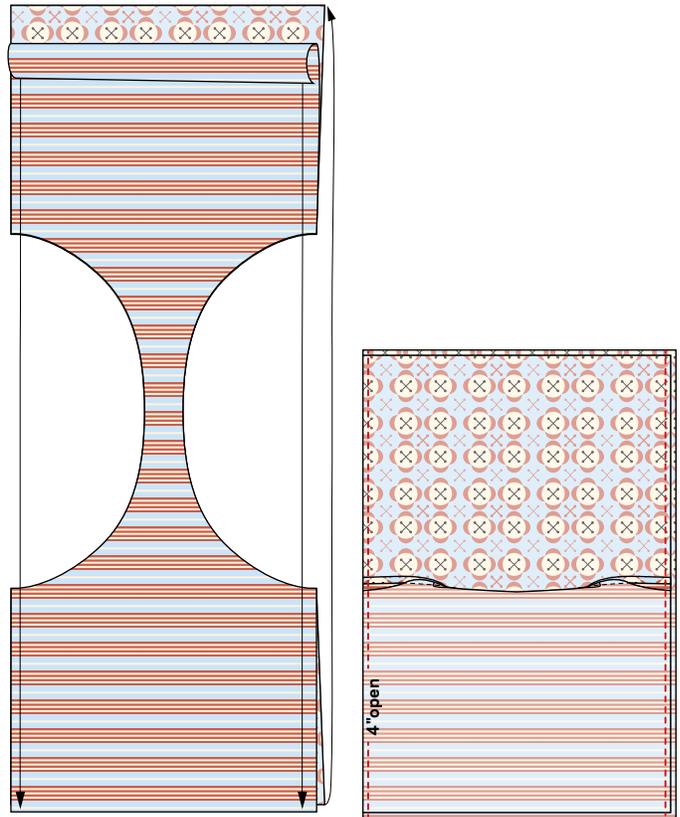


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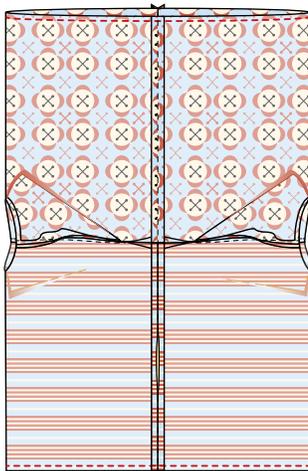


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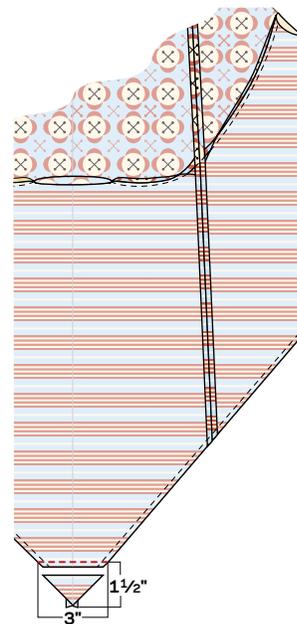
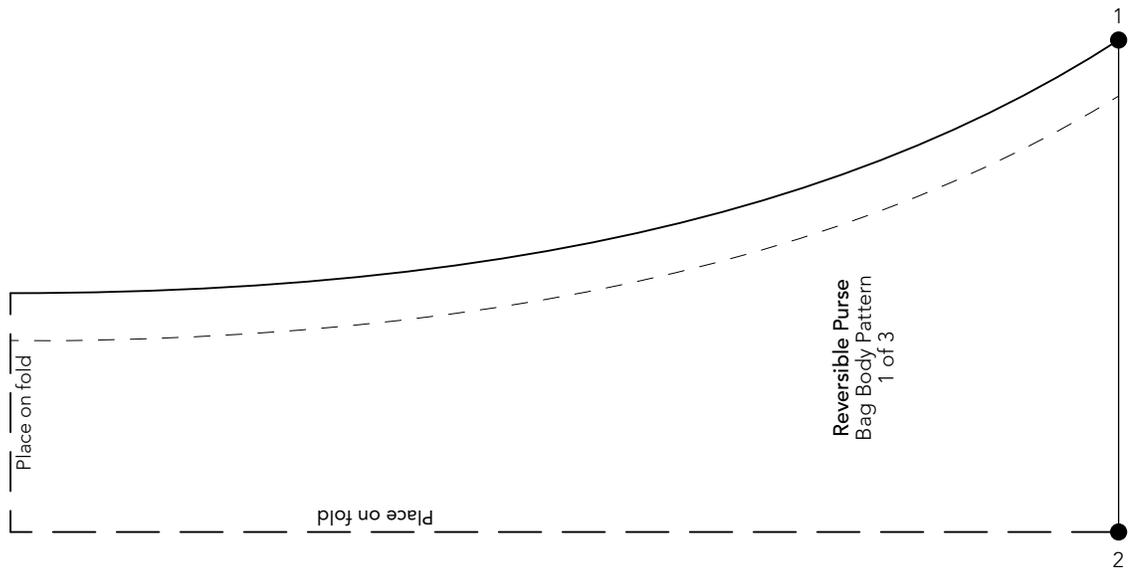


DIAGRAM 6

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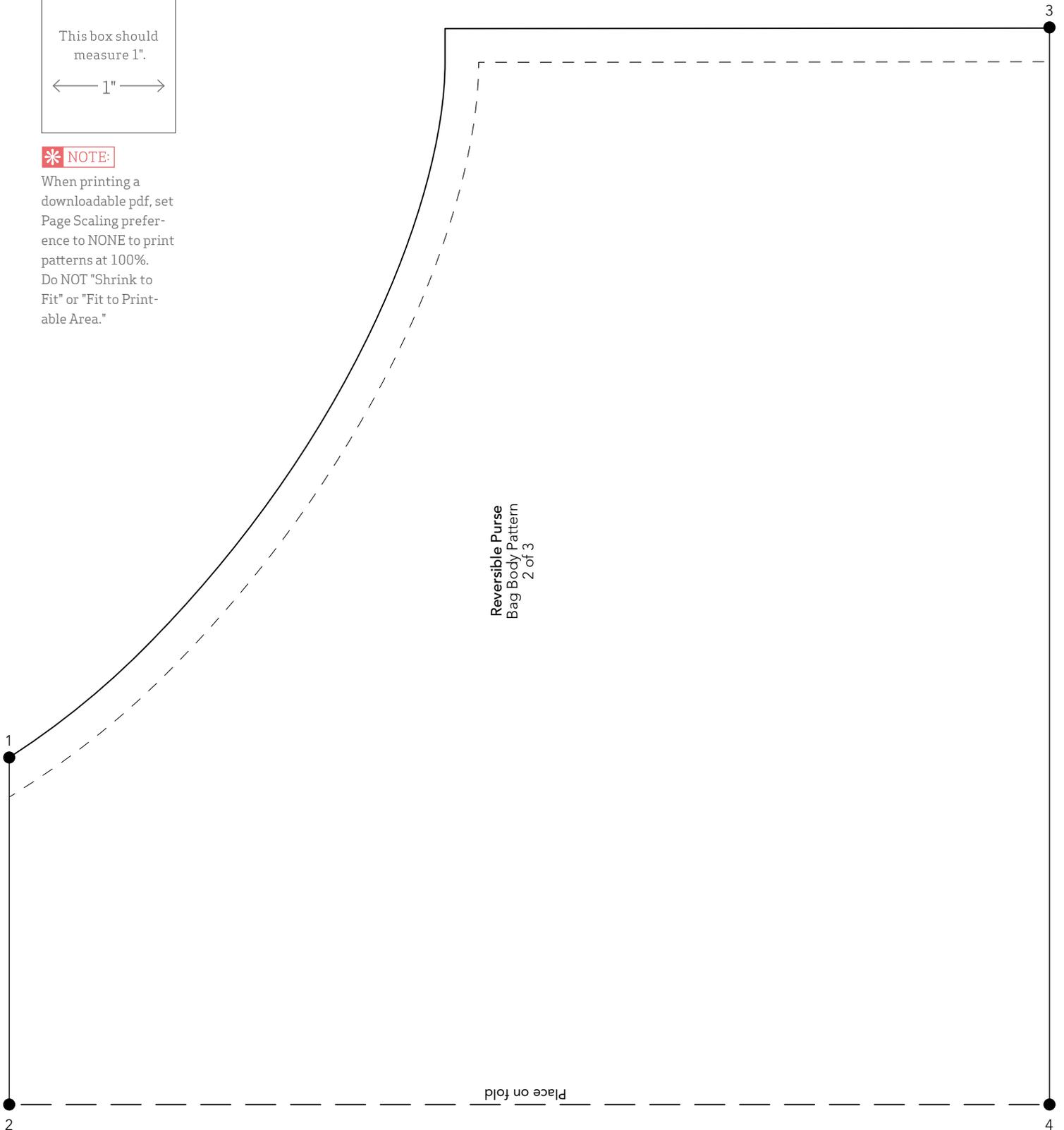
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Bag Body Pattern  
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