



Hanukkah Drawstring Bag

Technique:	Sewing, Paper Piecing
Designed By:	Linda Turner Griepentrog
Skill Level:	Experienced Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	6" x 9" (15.24cm x 22.86cm)

Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP® Thread

Whether you use this lined bag to keep a family heirloom dreidel, or you fill it with coins for Hanukkah, it's sure to get oohs and aahs from everyone around. Add a dreidel appliqué or machine embroider the motif yourself.

Supplies

- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) blue/gold print
- Scraps for paper piecing: beige, light yellow, dark yellow, medium blue
- 1½ yds (1.22m) blue/gold ribbon, ¾" (.96cm) wide
- Dreidel appliqué, 2½" (6.35cm) (optional)
- Small safety pin or bodkin
- Tiny scrap of paper-back fusible web

Cutting

From blue/gold print, cut:

(1) 6½" x width-of-fabric (16.51cm x WOF) strip.

Sub-cut (1) 1½" x 6½" (3.81cm x 16.51cm) strip, (1) 2½" x 6½" (6.35cm x 16.51cm) strip, (1) 6½" x 9½" (16.51cm x 24.13cm) rectangle and (1) 6½" x 18½" (16.51cm x 46.99cm) strip.

From the scraps:

Using the paper piecing pattern, cut pieces at least 1" bigger than their respective areas marked on the pattern.

Notes: Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

Assembling the Bag Front

1. Paper piece the front motif following the numerical order and colors listed on the pattern (page 3). Press and remove the paper.

Click here for a Paper Piecing tutorial

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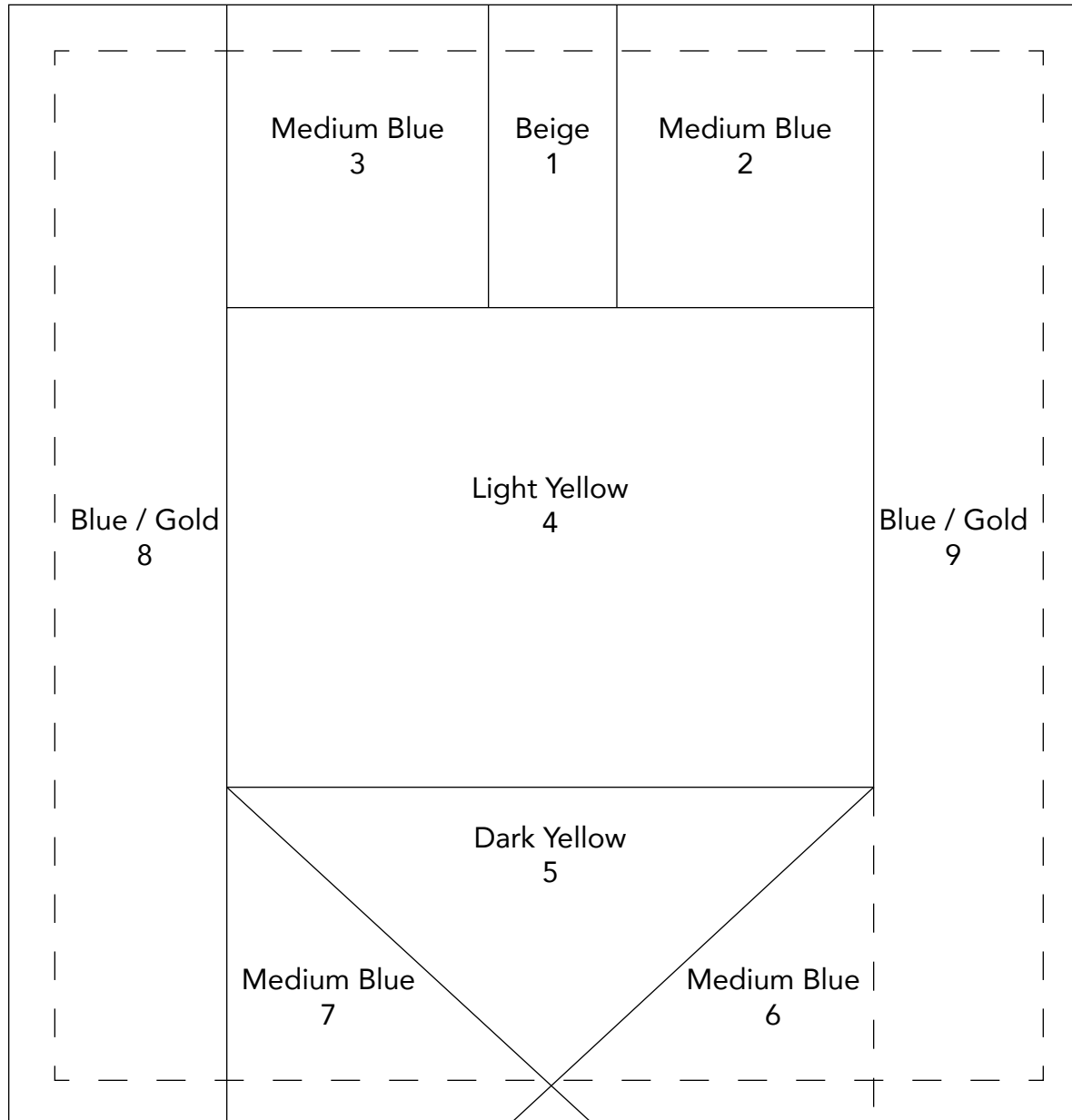
2. Sew the 1½" x 6½" (3.81cm x 16.51cm) blue/gold strip to the pieced section lower edge. Press the seam toward the strip.
3. Sew the 2½" x 6½" (6.35cm x 16.51cm) blue/gold strip to the pieced section upper edge. Press the seam toward the strip.
4. Sew one short edge of the 6½" x 18½" (16.51cm x 46.99cm) lining strip to the top and the other short edge to the bottom of the pieced bag front.
5. Hand or machine stitch the dreidel appliqué in place on the bag front. Or, if you prefer, embroider your own motif.

Assembling the Bag

1. With right sides together, fold the bag loop so that the upper bag seams match; pin in place on both sides.
2. Sew each side seam of the bag/lining. On one side of the lining, leave a 2" (5.08cm) opening for turning. On each bag top side seam, leave a ½" (1.27cm) opening ¾" (1.91cm) below the upper edge seam—this allows for the ribbon casing.
3. Use the fusible web to anchor the seam allowances on the bag front and back in the area of the ribbon casing openings. This will prevent the raw seam edges from poking out when the ribbon is inserted.
4. Turn the bag right side out through the lining opening and close the lining opening by hand or machine.
5. Push the lining into the bag and press the upper edge.
6. Using the free-arm of the sewing machine for access, sew a line of stitching ¾" (1.91cm) from the upper edge and ½" (1.27cm) below the first stitching line. These stitching lines should border the side opening holes and be parallel to the upper bag edges.

Finishing

1. Cut the ribbon length in half.
2. Using a small safety pin or bodkin, thread the ribbon through one side of the casing opening and all the way around the channel to emerge at the same side. Tie the ends together in a knot and trim the ribbon ends at an angle.
3. Repeat step 2 starting on the opposite casing opening.



This square should measure 1" x 1" (2.54cm x 2.54cm) when printed.

*** Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 100%***