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# On The Go Bags - 15 Handmade Purses, Totes & Organizers: Unique Projects To Sew From Today's Modern Designers



## Synopsis

Sew that just-right bag for the job! Top sewing designers and bloggers share 15 unique organizers for everyday life. From a laptop folio or a gym bag to an airport sling or a trunk organizer, every tote has distinctive features to keep your essentials within easy reach. Practical, stylish, and versatile by design, each multiuse project is organized by skill level, from confident beginner to more advanced. Includes an overview of bag-making basics.

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## Customer Reviews

Just finished perusing this book and am very happy to see the array of diverse projects! Directions look fairly comprehensive, especially for anyone with sewing experience. While one author lives in the US and the other lives in Canada, a variety of designers contributed these designs. Although one (negative) review claimed that hardware had to be ordered from the Canadian author, that is absolutely not true. I've seen most of the required hardware in my local big box stores and even some local quilt shops. I'm looking forward to making several of these projects and will update my rating and review after I've had the time to sew something!

I love this book! I have been waiting for months for it to come out! I have other patterns from almost all of the designers in the book, and am looking forward to making almost everything in this book! I love that it has different bags, totes and even things to make for men, which is not easy to find! This is a great resource for making many different kinds of bags, and each and every one can be adapted in one way or another, which is always so fun to do!

While I may be somewhat biased in my opinion of this book (I am friends with the authors and have a project included in the book), I honestly love the variety of bag, purse, and organizer projects it includes. I've personally sewn up 4 of the projects already and found the instructions and diagrams to be detailed and thorough on each one, and I can't wait to try out several others. This book is definitely a great value for the number of patterns you receive. Plus, since several bloggers and designers contributed to the content, perhaps you'll discover a new blog or bag designer to follow.

The patterns and options in this book are amazing, directions are easy to follow, and additional online help from both authors was amazing! I have never made bags before, and I have never used bag hardware; however, I recently made the Airport Sling, and the instructions were easy to follow and the steps were simple to complete!

The book is well written with lots of clear diagrams. Although the book is broken up by experience; easy, intermediate, and advanced, the projects are easy enough for all skill levels. I appreciate the intro includes various tips and that each project materials list is detailed and specific to include the types of interfacing and hardware that can sometimes be tricky to find. For example, listing an "all purpose" vs heavy duty vs #5 zipper. I am excited to get started. The airport sling will be my first project! My MIL wants to borrow the book to make the gym tote. I may have to get her a book of her own, her birthday is next week.

Lindsay and Janelle have put together a wonderful book of sewing projects with a variety of useful bags and organizers. To be transparent, I am a contributing designer to this book. Last year, when I submitted my pattern, I had no other information about the other designs and projects. I didn't know what to expect and I could only hope that the finished book would be something I could recommend to my friends. The finished book is beautiful and so much more than I expected! I'm happy to recommend it to anyone that enjoys sewing bags, gift items, and home decor items. These projects are practical and stylish. I think modern moms will love making such useable projects. Each of the designers contributed bags and organizer patterns that have a specific purpose. Do you need to be more organized at the store? There a shopping cart organizer for that. Traveling? There's a hands-free sling bag with pocket that makes your passport and ID easily accessible. You get a variety of sewing patterns, with a range of difficulty. Many of the projects make fun gifts too! The instructions are clearly illustrated and all of the patterns have been successfully tested before

publication. There are also lots of extra tips to help with new or tricky techniques. Patterns from most of these designers are around \$10. So for the cost of 2 patterns, you are getting 15! Not every project will appeal to every buyer, but if you see 3 or 4 things you'd like to make then the book is easily worth the price.

This book contains several different pattern designers that are some of the best in the bag pattern writing industry. I have purchased a lot of their patterns separately, so it's awesome to have this collaboration with a great collection of projects. My favorite thing about the book is that the pattern pieces included are not overlapped on the page. (Most pattern books have a lot of overlapping pieces.) The book is organized by beginner, intermediate, and advanced patterns, so by the time a beginner makes it to the end of the book, they should be able to make all of the projects. There are a lot of helpful construction tips at the beginning of the book that are applicable to all patterns. Definitely happy with my purchase!

This is a great book with a huge variety of bags by Lindsay Conner of Lindsey Sews and Janelle MacKay of Emmaline Bags. There's a gym bag, stroller caddy, art tote, you get the idea. All are written with detailed instructions and easy to understand illustrations. My favorite project from the book is the Mom's Minivan Organizer by Sara of Radiant Home Studio. I see a lot of ladies using a large tote such as this to take their sewing materials to class when I teach a workshop! I think this is genius! Really handy, very sturdy, and a great size for fitting into the back of your car! Get this book!!!

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