

## Weekender Travel Bag Updates

These are new instructions for replacing Timtex™ with Peltex® #70 by Pellon® and Shape Flex® which is a fusible woven interfacing.

Please note that Timtex™ is now available again through C&T Publishing. You can use either Peltex® or Timtex™ to make your project.

Before getting started, please mark these changes on your instructions pages for each of the steps below. The information that has changed is highlighted in yellow.

~On the back cover and on page 1 side 1 of the instructions page, change the Materials List to:

### **Materials list**

**Allow extra yardage to match or center a design on your fabric**

- 1 5/8 yards of 54" wide heavier Home Dec fabric for the Exterior
- 2 1/2 yards of 54" wide heavier Home Dec fabric for the Lining, Handles and cording
- 3 3/4 yards of 20" wide fusible woven interfacing (we use Shape Flex® SF-101 by Pellon®)
- 2 1/4 yards of 20" wide Peltex® #70 by Pellon® or a similar extra-heavy stabilizer
- 1 sheet of 12" x 18" extra heavy Template plastic from Prym-Dritz™ (found with the quilting supplies)
- 5 yards of 6/32" cotton cording (found in the home decorating departments of most sewing stores)
- 30" coordinating plastic or metal teeth heavyweight zipper (non separating)
- 1 spool of coordinating all-purpose thread (we use Coats Dual Duty XP®)

On the instructions pages please make the following changes for the steps listed below.

**NOTE:** *This project involves sewing multiple layers of material together. We suggest you use a heavyweight machine needle for the entire project. Extra care is also needed when you attach the cording to the Bag panels. Be sure to stitch your seams as close to the cording as possible. Use a zipper foot and move the needle to the far left position if necessary. The combination of the cording and Peltex makes this project a little more challenging, but if you follow the instructions closely in Step 2i you'll cut away excess Peltex which reduces bulk in your seams and makes sewing your bag much easier and more enjoyable!*

~In Step 2 just before "From the interfacing" please add Step F and then change the rest of the step as follows:

F. Use the Exterior fabric panels as full-size pattern pieces to cut the interfacing and Peltex pieces.

From the fusible Interfacing

- Cut 2 Main Panels
- Cut 6 Top Panels
- Cut 2 End Pocket Panels
- Cut 2 Large Pocket Panels
- Cut 1 Bottom Panel - 8 1/2" wide x 20" long

From the Peltex

G. Measure and mark these dimensions directly on the Peltex.

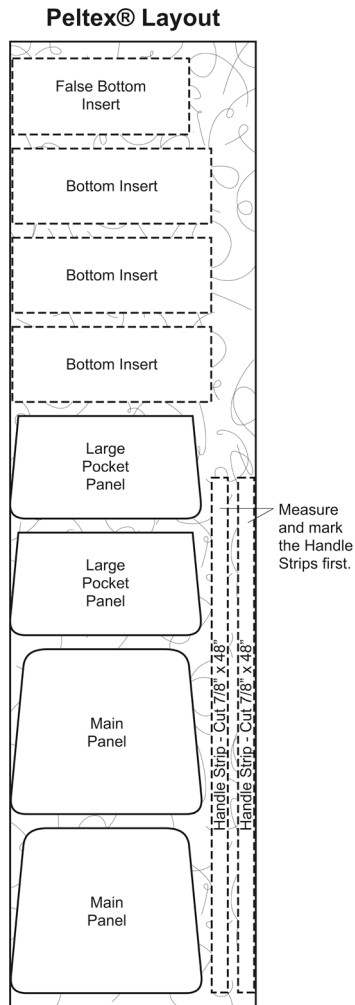
- Cut 2 Handle Strips - 7/8" wide x 48" long
  - Cut 3 Bottom Inserts - 7 1/2" wide x 18 1/2" long
  - Cut 1 False Bottom Insert - 7" wide x 16 1/2" long
- (slightly round off the corners of the Peltex to make it easier to insert into the False Bottom Panel.)

[An updated Peltex Layout follows below]

H. Use the Exterior fabric panels as full-size pattern pieces.

-Cut 2 Main Panels

-Cut 2 Large Pocket Panels



~Also in Step 2, please ADD :

I. Using your ruler and fabric marker, measure and mark 1/2" in from all the cut edges every 1" completely around each Peltex Main Panel and Large Pocket Panel. Draw a line connecting the marks. Cut along the marked line to cut away the excess Peltex from the seam allowances. This will reduce bulk in the seam allowances.

~Delete the Timtex Layout paragraph.

~Please change Step 4 to the instructions below:

A. Center one of the Peltex panels on the **WRONG** side of the first Exterior Large Pocket Panel. Then using a pressing cloth, place the fusible side of the woven interfacing on top of the Peltex. Fuse the interfacing in place following the manufacturer's instructions. Repeat this step to attach the other Peltex and woven interfacing panels to the second Exterior Large Pocket Panel.

B. Then on the **RIGHT** side of the Large Pocket Panel, place the prepared cording across the top of the panel aligning the raw edge of the cording with the top edge of the Pocket and pin it in place. Use your zipper foot and baste to the left of the stitching line that was made when you covered your cord.

C. Attach the Pocket Lining - With **RIGHT** sides together, place the Pocket Lining onto the Large Pocket Panel matching the top edges and pin them in place. Using your zipper foot on your machine, stitch across the top edge crowding the stitching line closer to the cording than the previous basting stitch. **Backstitch at each end.** Flip the Lining over the Pocket Panel lining up the side and bottom raw edges. Press the panels flat. The finished edge of the cording should be on the outside top edge of the Pocket.

~Please delete Step 4D on the instruction page. Then change the Step letters on E, F and G to D, E and F respectively.

**D.** Topstitch\* a 1/8" seam across the top of the Pocket close to the cording. Backstitch at each end.

**E.** Then machine baste a 1/4" seam down the side and across the bottom raw edges.

**F.** Repeat Steps 4A through **4E** to make the other Large Pocket.

Please set the Large Pockets aside for now.

~In Step 6, replace 6A with the revised instructions below:

A. Center the Peltex onto the **WRONG** side of the first Main Panel. Then place the fusible side of the woven interfacing on top of the Peltex and fuse it in place, sealing the edges and enclosing the Peltex.

B. **ADD to the end of Step 6B.** "Repeat to mark the Handle placement on the other side of the Main Panel."

~Delete Step 8A and replace it with Step 8A below:

A. Place the fusible side of the woven interfacing onto the **WRONG** side of the first Top Panel. Fuse it in place. Repeat to attach 2 more pieces of woven interfacing onto this Top Panel in the same manner, and attach the other 3 woven interfacing pieces to the second Top Panel.

~In Step 9, ADD this paragraph to the beginning of Step 9A on the instructions page:

Place the fusible side of the woven interfacing onto the **WRONG** side of the first Exterior End Panel and fuse it in place. Repeat to attach the other woven interfacing to the second Exterior End Panel.

~Please delete the last sentence in Step 9E as highlighted below:

E. Attach the End Pocket to the Top Panel – With the **RIGHT** side of the first End Pocket facing up, place it onto the **RIGHT** side at one short end of the Top Panel. Match the side and bottom raw edges and pin them in place. Then machine baste a 1/4” seam down the side and bottom raw edges to hold the Pocket in place. Repeat this step to attach the other End Pocket onto the other short end of the Top Panel.

~ADD Step 9F:

F. Repeat Steps 9B through 9E to attach the second End Pocket Panel onto the opposite short end of the Top Panel.

Please set the Top Panel with the End Pockets attached aside for now.

~In Step 10A, please make the changes below:

A. Place the **three Peltex** Bottom **Inserts** together and pin them in place. Stitch a 1/2” seam completely around the cut edges, backstitching at each end.

~Then replace the word “Timtex” with “**Peltex**” in Steps 10B, in the “Note” following 11A and 11B, also Steps 11E, 13A and 13E. The instruction remains the same.

~Replace “Timtex with “**Peltex**” in illustrations 11A and 13E.

~On the pattern page please change the current information on the pattern pieces to the highlighted text below:

***MAIN PANEL***

(use the entire pattern piece)  
Cut 2 from the Exterior on the fold  
Cut 2 from the Lining on the fold

Open up the Exterior Main Panel and use it as a full-size pattern piece  
Cut 2 from the fusible woven interfacing  
Cut 2 from the Peltex®

***LARGE POCKET PANEL***

(fold the pattern piece back at the dashed line)  
Cut 2 from the Exterior fabric on the fold  
Cut 2 from the Lining fabric on the fold

Open up the Exterior Large Pocket and use it as a full-size pattern piece  
Cut 2 from the fusible woven Interfacing  
Cut 2 from the Peltex®

***TOP PANEL***

Cut 2 from the Exterior on the fold  
Cut 2 from the Lining on the fold

Open up the Exterior Top Panel and use it as a full-size pattern piece  
Cut 6 from the fusible woven interfacing

***END POCKET PANEL***

Cut 2 from the Exterior on the fold  
Cut 2 from the Lining on the fold

Open up the Exterior End Pocket Panel and use it as a full-size pattern piece  
Cut 2 from the fusible woven interfacing