

# Quilt for All Deurstikwerk vir Almal

## CUTTING MAT CARRY BAG

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This challenge is an individual project, and all participants will be required to do one section of the bag per month, using the patchwork/quilting technique specified in the monthly challenge.

The final challenge will require that you assemble the Cutting Mat Carry Bag and finish it off with binding.

The quilting may be done on your domestic machine or using a quilt frame.

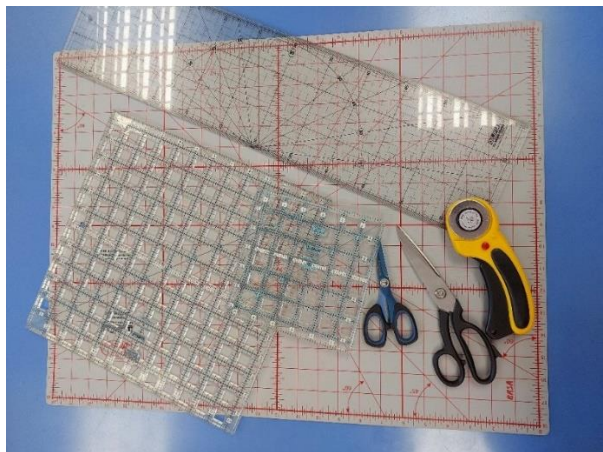


Participants must post a photograph of the monthly patchwork row, and a short description on how they implemented the patchwork technique, on the [Quilt for All / Deurstikwerk vir Almal](#) Facebook page.

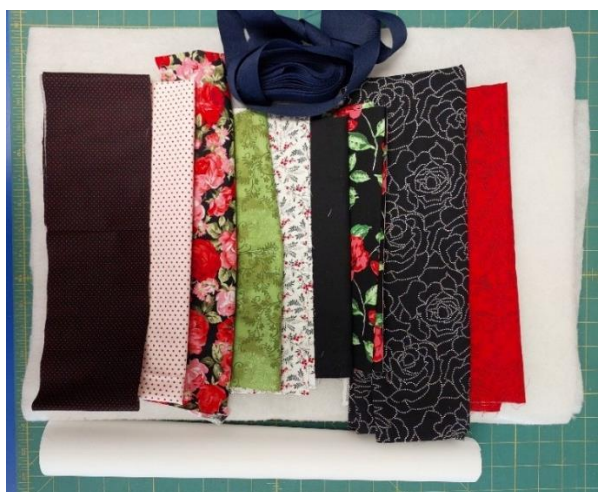
If you are not a Facebook user, you can email the pictures and a short description of your monthly progress to [lorette@berninasa.com](mailto:lorette@berninasa.com) and she will post it to Facebook on your behalf.

The Cutting Mat Carry Bag has been designed for a 24" x 18' cutting mat, which is the medium size mat and the most popular size to take to patchwork and quilting classes.

The bag also has various pockets, using different patchwork techniques, to hold your cutter, scissors, rulers, etc. so that you have all utilities in one bag to take to classes.



### Fabric requirements



We all have some cut off fabrics from previous quilt projects and this is the ideal opportunity to use those scraps.

- You will need a good selection of scrap fabrics or 25cm of 4 to 6 different fabrics.
- For the bag and the backing, you will need 20" x 50" in basic fabric and 24" x 54" backing fabric.
- Batting for the bag and pockets.
- Appliqué paper.
- As an optional extra, you can use webbing for the handles of the bag, or you can make your own strap for the handles.

We will make use of a selection of presser feet:

- Patchwork; walking foot; free motion quilting foot, ruler foot, etc.
- Coordinating threads in the colour of your choice.

**Challenge #6: Final challenge to construct the cutting mat bag and add the 4 pockets that you have made.**



**Construction of the cutting mat bag.**

- Trim the sides, top and bottom of the bag.

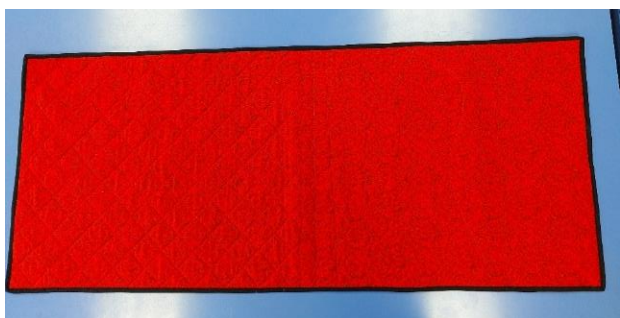




## Binding

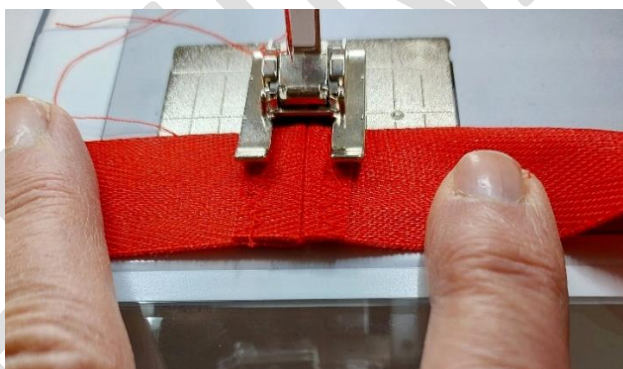
**There are two options that you can do:**

- You can bind the complete bag first, or you can add the straps, pockets and then fold the bag double and close the side seams by adding the binding.
- We have chosen to bind the bag first.



## Straps

- You can make your own bands for the straps, or you can use webbing.
- We have decided to go for webbing.
- Cut 140" (355cm) webbing and join the cut edges together to form one circle.



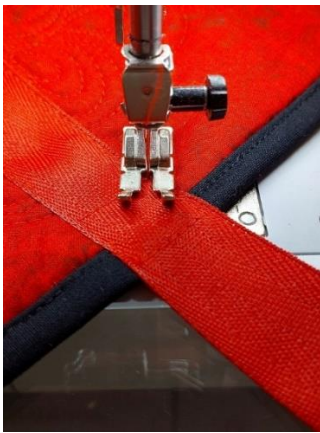
- Pin the strap to the bag.



- Sew along the edges of the strapping with a straight stitch.



- Add some reinforcement at the top of the bag at the strap, by sewing a small X in a square.



- Lay out the pockets on the front and back of the bag. Your choice on where you want to place the 4 pockets.
- We had to bind all sides of our pockets, due to our layout on the bag.



- Sew them in position with a straight stitch on the stitching line of the binding. You may use another stitch if you wish.
- We used a straight stitch and the ¼ inch presser foot, but you can also use the walking foot.



- Sew a small bartack at the top edge of each pocket to reinforce the edges.



- Fold the bag in half and pin.
- Sew the sides together, using a straight stitch, following the stitching line of the binding.



- Add the small bartack at the top edges of the seams.



### Cutting mat pocket



### Long ruler pocket



### Small Square ruler pocket



### Extra sewing aids pocket



### Big square ruler pocket



Well done, you have completed your cutting mat bag and you are ready to add your goodies in the pockets.

We trust you will do many quilt classes with your bag under your arm.