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new book from Lisa Lam is even more exceptional than the first! The new bags are such eye candy and my little sewing heart CANNOT WAIT to start making all the new goodies! It makes me want to quit my job and stay home all day to sew. For those of you who said it was just a rehash of the first book, you need to specify that you are referring specifically to the techniques. Of course they are the same, because Lisa was so thorough in her first book, she didn't leave any awesome techniques out, so it would make sense that she would put them in her new book too. But anybody flipping through "A Bag For All Reasons" can clearly see that each bag is a brand spanking new awesome design that just cries out to be created. This book is a true gem and is definitely one any bag-making addict needs! Thank you, Lisa for continuing to show us how to create yummy looking and very functional bags! 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. technique goldmine By Darcy Childress I love Lisa Lam's books as much for all the awesome techniques she includes as the actual projects - which are great. Inserting zippers and other closures as well as loads of basic and advanced bag making techniques make this book a resource you'll come back to and use for many bag patterns in addition to the ones included. My copy has pages 47-48 between 64 and 65 - whoops. Printing error I guess, hopefully someone will catch and correct it.

From the author of the bestselling *The Bag Making Bible* comes an outstanding collection of 12 inspiring bags for you to make at home. Lisa Lam of U-Handbag.com brings you a stunning collection of sewing patterns to make your own bags. The book features 12 brand new bag designs with full photographic instructions for how to make a bag with truly professional results. The book features full-size patterns on three separate pull-out sheets so that you can get started right away no photocopying or enlarging required. The book opens with Lisa's in-depth advice on all the aspects needed to get started, from the tools and equipment you need, to understanding and interpreting patterns, to choosing, preparing and cutting fabrics. A comprehensive Techniques section explains some core bag-making techniques such as how to insert a zip pocket, how to use magnetic snap closures, how to sew bag straps and handles including adjustable straps, and how to bind edges and use piping for a truly professional finish. There is also guidance on how to insert a lining to your bag. All the techniques are fully explained with easy to follow photographs, so you'll be creating professional, practical and great-looking bags before you know it! The 12 projects that follow range in complexity. If you're new to sewing and bag making there are beginner bag projects such as the Compact Groceries Tote, All-Sorted Laundry Bag and Access-All-Areas Pouch to get you started before progressing to the more fully featured bags such as the Too-Cool-for-School Satchel and the 3-in-1 Convertible Backpack. You can make your own iPad case, sew a child's backpack, create a pretty purse using a metal purse frame, make your own tri-fold wallet, make a baby changing bag with matching changing mat, sew your own bicycle panniers, and sew a vanity case for your beauty essentials. The bags all have style and substance and are designed with real-life practical uses in mind. Within each project Lisa gives her hints and tips for success, along with advice on how you can customize the patterns to create your own version of the design. The book is presented in a spiral bound format, making it lay flat so you can follow the instructions with ease while sewing. "This information-rich book will elevate your sewing know-how with versatile techniques and inspiring suggestions for making these bags your own." --Amy Butler

"Without Lisa Lam, I would never have learned to install a flush zip pocket. She not only knows bag construction inside and out, she has a gift of being able to explain complex sewing processes in simple, friendly language." - Diane Gilleland, CraftyPod.com "Lisa's website u-handbag.com is the ultimate knowledge base for making well designed bags, her instructions are thorough and clear. *A Bag For All Reasons* is a useful extension of her website - it is as an excellent resource for all your purse making needs." - Kathreen Ricketson: whipup.net founder author of *Little Bits Quilting Bee* "Lisa has created another, spirited collection of gorgeous bags that are fashionable with an added higher purpose of being incredibly useful! This information rich book will elevate your sewing know how with versatile techniques and inspiring suggestions for making these bags your own." -Amy Butler, author of *"Style Stitches"* About the Author Lisa Lam is has a very successful website, uhandbag.com, which has successfully sold handbag findings and kits since 2005. This unique site, through which Lisa showcases her passion and speciality to the world, has become a valuable source for advice. The author, who lives in the UK, also has a popular blog and has developed an engaged social media community across several platforms. Find her under 'U-Handbag' on Twitter and Facebook.