

Leader of the Pack Slow Along 2026 - General Info

This is long, but pretty please read all 4 pages!

Thank you for your interest in the Slow Along! I will do my best to give you all the details on this event, and to answer all the questions I have already received. Please read this carefully and then let me know if I missed anything.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not an official ByAnnie event, but I did get permission from Annie Unrein. **ByAnnie.com and Patterns By Annie does not run this event.**

Starting on February 13, 2026, we will be working on **Leader of the Pack**.

Over the course of **9 weeks**, I will provide video tutorials for each step of making this ByAnnie backpack. We will do our Slow Along in a private Facebook group that is only for participants in this event. I will be available to answer all of your questions throughout the course of the project. I will provide all the tips and tricks I know, to help you along the way as much as I can, and make this a relaxed and enjoyable experience.

I have created a slow-paced schedule that will allow you to work on this project while still carrying on with life (and other projects), and without stressing to keep up. Our weekly check-ins will keep you on track and make sure you wind up with an awesome bag instead of a(nother) “UFO” (unfinished object)! For additional motivation, we will have periodic prize drawings throughout the event. Each week when you check in by showing a photo of your progress, you will earn an entry in a prize drawing. *One entry per week- I will explain this more in the group.*

***** PLEASE NOTE: You must acquire your own pattern for this sew-along. Pattern will not be provided, and pattern sharing is absolutely not allowed.**

Now, to answer some questions you probably have!

1) What is a Slow Along?

A Slow Along is a sew-along that moves at a slower pace. It's great for beginners, makers who only get sewing time in the evenings or on weekends,

and those who just prefer a more relaxed pace. It's a sew-along without the stress! The focus is on enjoying the process and giving yourself a chance to learn the techniques so you can also enjoy your future projects more.

2) How much is this sew-along, and why isn't it free? Other sew-alongs are free. The fee for this event is **\$12 USD**. It isn't free because I will be providing you with a lot of valuable information and instruction. This Slow Along is actually more like a class, than a typical sew-along. Other sew-alongs might be free to register, but most of the time, the host is trying to sell you their product and/or pattern. I am not trying to sell you anything, other than my experience and assistance.

3) How can I register?

Registration has 3 steps:

I. Pay the registration fee via PayPal. There is a direct link at www.RandisRoost.com/slow-alongs. Please make note of your transaction number.

II. Fill out the registration form. The link to the form is also at www.RandisRoost.com/slow-alongs. You will need your PayPal transaction number.

III. Join the Slow-Along group on Facebook. This is NOT the ByAnnie Bag Makers Group. It is a separate, private group. The link to the Facebook group, as well as all other class materials, will be sent to the email address you provide during registration. **This email is sent automatically once you submit your registration form, so please be sure to look for it (check your spam folder, too).** Please type your email address carefully so you can be sure to get this very important email! Please do not put any additional info in the email box on the form.

4) How does this event work?

After you complete the Registration Form, you will receive a link to the event's Facebook Group. You will need to follow that link and send a request to join. After I verify your information, you will be able to access the Facebook group for the event. The more accurately and completely you fill out the form, the more quickly I can get you into the group. Please note that **approval might take up to 24 hours**, since I verify payment for each request. Patience is appreciated. ***PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ANSWER THE MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS AND AGREE**

TO THE GROUP RULES. Requests will be automatically declined if these things are not done. Please- it only takes a second.*

In the Facebook group, the following will be provided:

- Schedule for the Slow Along, detailing which parts of the project should be completed during which week, and when prize drawings will take place.
- Schematics for the project. These are labeled photos of every part of the bag, and show “what goes where”. These will simplify the project and assist you with fabric selection and placement. They also help you visualize how the parts of the bag go together.
- Weekly tutorial videos. I record these videos ahead of time, and set them to post to the Facebook group each Saturday (except for the first post, because this Slow Along starts on a Friday) morning at 12:01am US Eastern Time. You DO NOT need to be online when the video posts- this is not a live event. Once the new video posts, the new week of the Slow Along starts. Everyone “checks in” by commenting on that Facebook post with a photo of their progress. We also post questions and comments in this weekly thread, and of course, we cheer each other on!
- Ongoing support. You can ask questions at any time. The group will include a wide variety of makers, from beginner to expert. We will all be there to support each other. I am almost always available to answer questions very quickly, and will provide additional videos as necessary/upon request.

EVERYTHING HAPPENS IN THE FACEBOOK GROUP, SO DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW THE LINK I SEND YOU AND SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST TO JOIN.

5) Will the videos be available to watch later?

Yes. **The videos are not live**, and you will be able to watch them at your convenience. You do not need to be online when the videos post. The videos for this Slow Along will be available throughout the event, and until May 1, 2026, which is two weeks after this event ends. You will be able to watch them any time, as many times as you like- during this Slow Along. All I ask is that you please not share the videos (or any other class materials). You have paid for them, and I have put a lot of time and effort into making them.

*****PLEASE NOTE: Registering for this event does NOT grant permanent access to the tutorial videos or the event's Facebook group. The Facebook group will be**

archived on May 1, 2026. This means the group will change to read-only at that time. The videos will be removed on May 1, 2026, and your access to them ends on that day. ***

6) Is this project suitable for beginners?

Doing the free ByAnnie Basics Course first is recommended. It is also a good idea to watch the Add-on Videos that are included with your pattern purchase.

7) Will you be covering modifications to the bag?

No, I will cover the instructions as they are written. I will not go over any hacks, modifications, or changes to the pattern. I will also not be covering any of the expansion packs.

8) I live outside the USA. Can I participate?

Yes! But please note that all dates and times are US Eastern, and all currency is US Dollars.

9) When does registration start? When does it end?

Registration is open now, and ends on February 12, 2026. The Facebook group for the Slow Along opens now. The link will be sent to you automatically once you submit your registration form.

10) I have more questions. How can I reach Randi?

- Send me a message through Facebook.
- Email me at RandisRoost@gmail.com

*** PLEASE NOTE: While I almost always respond very quickly, please remember that I am a mom with small children, and they come first. I also have a job. If I don't answer right away, those things are usually why. I run these Slow Alongs in my spare time. Thanks for understanding! ***

Thank you, and I can't wait to make this project with you!