

Fabric Bag

Supplies

Fabric for Exterior of Bag: 36 – 5" x 5" squares (Confirm squares in baggy are all 5" x 5")

Fabric for Interior of Bag: 20" x 45" approximately

Batting (if used): 20" x 45" approximately

Handle: 4" x 32" fabric or use web strapping

Body of the Bag

1. Sew the 5" x 5" squares together four across and nine down – this is the exterior of bag.
 - a. If using batting: Lay exterior piece on batting and lightly quilt
2. Lay exterior piece on top of interior fabric and cut interior fabric to match exterior piece
3. Fold exterior piece in half, right sides together, and sew down each side starting from the top
4. Fold the interior piece in half right sides together and sew down each side starting at the top

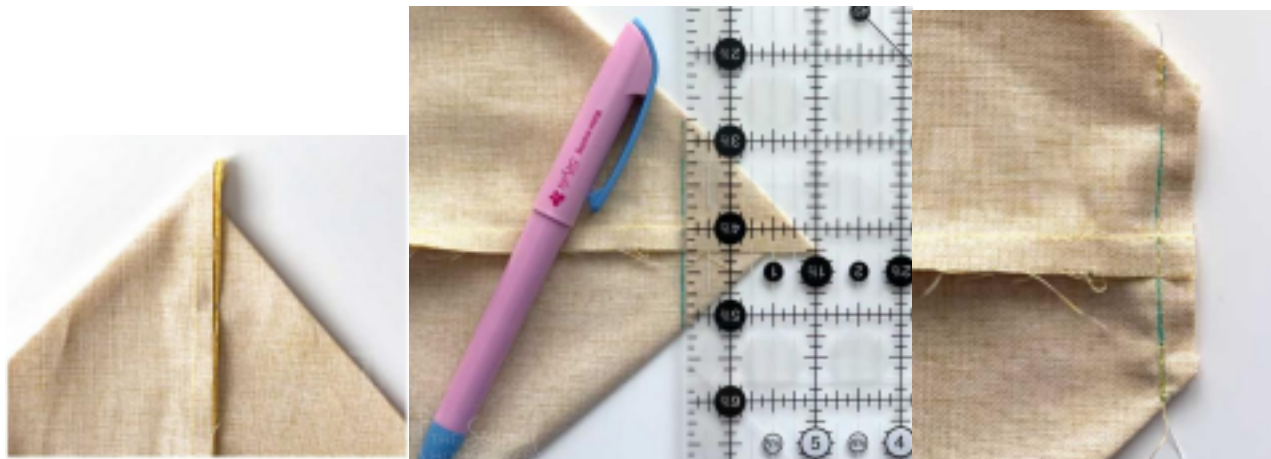
Making the Pleat in the Bag

In order for the bag to have a flat bottom you will need to create a pleat. To do this, 1. Fold the bottom corner of your bag so it creates a triangle in the corner. Matching up the side seam and bottom seam will make this line up perfectly

2. Pin the corner. With a pencil or erasable pen mark 1.5" away from corner
3. Draw a stitching line and then stitch across to create a pleat. Clip away the triangle leaving a ¼" seam allowance.

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Complete the above steps to both corners on exterior and interior pieces

Putting it all Together with Web Strapping *If using fabric handles stop here and see directions below*

1. Insert the interior piece inside the exterior piece with right sides together. Line up side seams.
2. Pin & then stitch around the top leaving a 3" opening to turn the bag
3. Turn your bag right side out by pulling through the 3" opening and press the top seam
4. Push the lining fabric into the bag and press the top edge

5. Top stitch around the top edge.

Web Strap Handles

1. Lay the bag out flat and lay one end of the webbing strap about 3" from the side seam and 2 "down the outside of bag and pin in place. Without twisting the strap, bring the other end to 3" of the other side seam; with 2" down the outside of bag and pin.
2. Being careful to not sew through the opposite side of bag, secure the handle by stitching across the bottom of strap, up the side, across the top and back down. For extra strength sew an **X** at the bottom of the strap. Complete for other side of the strap.
3. Complete the same steps to attach the handle on the opposite side of the bag

Bag is complete

Fabric Strap Handles

1. Fold the 4" x 32" fabric in half lengthwise wrong side together and press
2. Open the strip and fold each side to almost the center of the strip and press
3. Fold the strip back in half, raw edges are hidden inside the strip
4. Top stitch down both sides of bag handle

To Attach Fabric Handles

1. Insert the interior piece inside the exterior piece with right sides together. Line up side seams 2. Fabric handles should be inserted between exterior fabric and interior fabric about 3" for the side seams (like a sandwich). Be sure your handles are straight and do not twist.
3. Pin & then stitch around the top leaving a 3" opening to turn the bag



4. Turn your bag right side out and press the top seam
5. Push the lining fabric into the bag and press the top edge
6. Top stitch around the top edge.

Bag is complete