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DRAWSTRING BAG TUTORIAL

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Fun Drawstring Backpack

Supplies

Assortment of prints and solids for outside of bag

½ yard of lining

16 x 15 coordinating piece for inner pocket

2.5 strip for casing

3 yards of cording

8 x 15 piece of interfacing



Cut 3.5 inch squares of a variety of prints and solids



Arrange 5 x 6 blocks and sew together, repeat for other side.



15.5 x 18.5 size of finished unit



With right sides together, sew across the bottom to make one long unit.

Cut two pieces of twill tape to fold into loops for the outside of the bag. Place a loop towards the bottom on each side of the outside unit. Sew each side; reinforce the seam where the loops are.



I used the solid pink for the lining, the robots for the inner pocket and the light blue chevron for the casing.

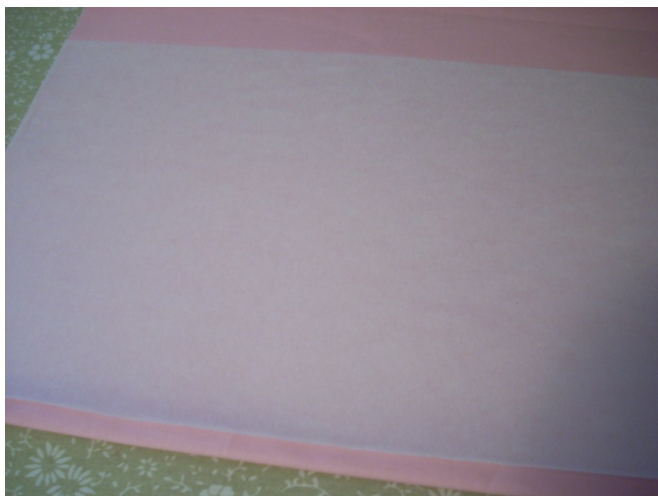
Cut for lining a piece 15.5 inches by width of fabric then make the length 18.5 inches – cut up from the fold, not the other way!



Fold into an 8 x 15 rectangle. Sew open 8 inch side to make a tube with sides open



Baste to each side about 1 inch up from the fold or bottom of lining.



To reinforce the lining fuse a piece of interfacing to the wrong side of lining just a bit larger than the pocket tube.

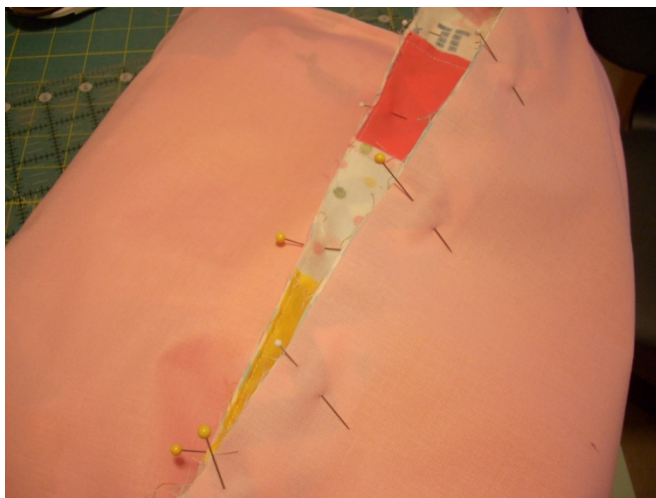
Stitch pocket tube to right side of lining around the outer edges and bottom.

For pockets, sew 4.5 inches from one side, top to bottom and 4 inches from the other side, top to bottom.

Sew up the sides of the lining. On one side, leave an opening for turning.



Cut one 2.5 inch strip for casing full width of fabric. Cut two 2.5 x 15 pieces. Finish the ends by folding in $\frac{1}{4}$ inch twice and topstitch. With wrong sides together, press in half lengthwise, pin to the right side of the outside of the backpack. Baste around the top edge.



With right sides together, place the outside bag inside the lining and pin, sew along the entire top edge.



Turn right side out by pulling unit through the lining opening. Sew the lining closed with a narrow seam.

Cut two pieces – 1.5 yards each. Thread cording through casing and tie on sides.



All ready to go!

Please feel free to email me with any questions – brooke@silbymamaquilts.com

Variation – use strips going horizontally on the outside

Cut prints strips 3.5 inches

Cut solids strips 1.25 inches