

The Quick and Easy Bag

Materials

2 fat quarters that look well together
A 1" width metal tape measure
Matching thread
Walking foot (helpful)

Prepare the Materials

Cut the fat quarter that you want on the outside: 18" x 18"

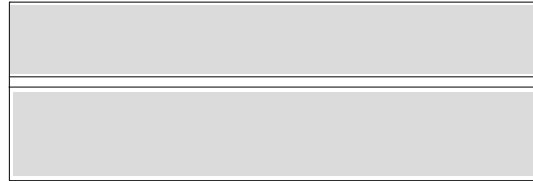
From the remaining fabric cut out two 3" squares for what are called "prairie points"

Cut the other fat quarter (lining fabric) is 18" x 21"

Cut 2 eight-inch pieces from the metal tape*, and trim the ends to a curved space

Create the Bag

1. Lay the 18x21 lining fabric right side down and fold the two long sides (21" side) to meet at the center then press.



Note: this side is considered the "raw edges" side in step 3

2. Do the same thing with the lining fabric.

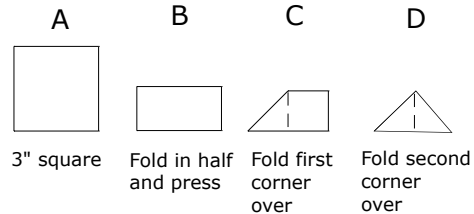
3. Put the outside piece (18" x 18") on top of the lining, with raw edges lined up so that finished sides are both on the outside. You should have 1-1/2" of the lining piece at each edge. Fold them over and press



4. Fold in each of the ends again, 1-1/2" forming the band. Press

5. Make the prairie points out of the 3" x 3" pieces.

6. Slip the prairie points under the band and pin to hold.

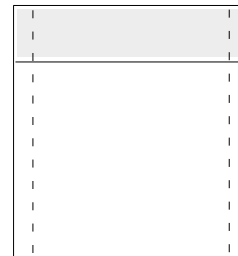


7. Stitch a scant 1/4" seam along each of the top and bottom edges along the ends (be sure you caught the prairie points in the seam).

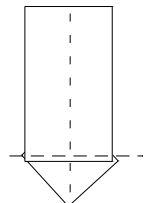


8. Be sure you've trimmed the ruler pieces, then slip them into the bands, facing the curved part of the metal toward the outside of the bag.

9. Fold the bag outside together and stitch down the sides



10. Create fancy corners by pulling out the bottom corner to form a triangle with the seam running up the center. Sew across this corner 1" from the point. Repeat for other side.



11. Turn inside out. Done!

*** Pull the entire tape out and cut it close to the holder. Now you have lots of metal tape for future bags, and it won't "disappear" into the housing if you cut 8 inches from the beginning.**