



Bag Making Basics *with Kristin Link*

Drawstring Bag & Bucket Bag

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Drawstring Bag - Supplies & Cutting Instructions

Supplies

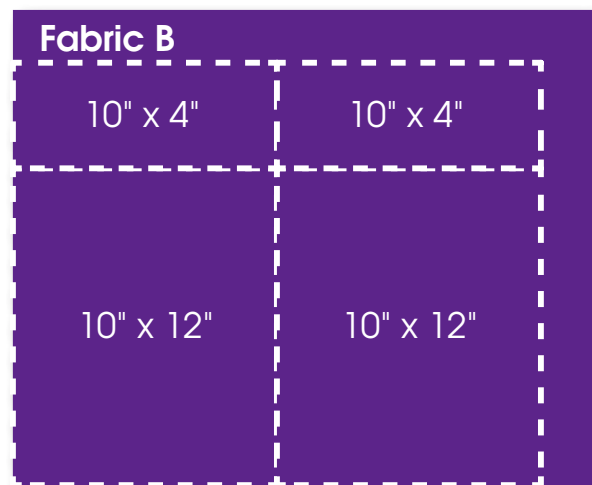
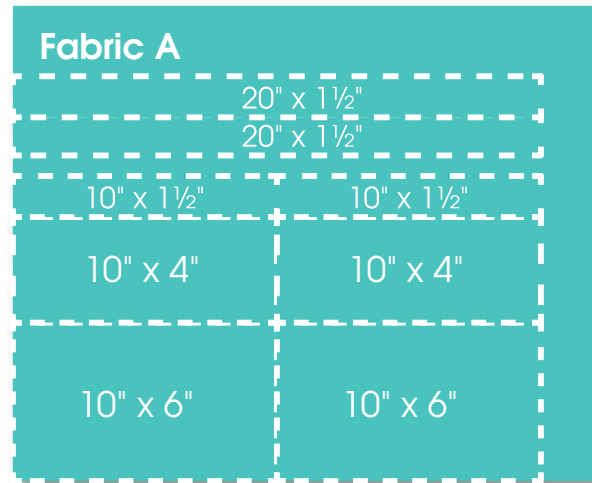
- 1 fat quarter exterior fabric (Fabric A)
- 1 fat quarter lining fabric (Fabric B)

Fabric A (22" x 18")

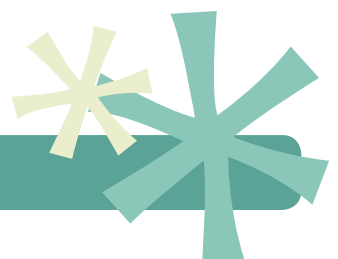
- Long drawstrings (Two @ 20" x 1.5")
- Short drawstrings (Two @ 10" x 1.5")
- Exterior Top (Two @ 10" x 4")
- Exterior Bottom (Two @ 10" x 6")

Fabric B (22" x 18")

- Exterior middle (Two @ 10" x 4")
- Linings (Two @ 10" x 12")



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Drawstring Bag – Sewing Instructions

Cut Pieces

Refer to Cutting Instructions page for dimensions.

Sew Exterior Front and Back

1. With right sides together, using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, sew one exterior top section to one exterior middle section.
2. With right sides together, sew the other edge of the exterior middle section to the top of one exterior bottom section to form front.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 with remaining pieces to form back.
4. Press seams open.
5. (Optional) Embroider exterior middle section. Refer to the Embroidery Instructions page for help.
6. Pin exterior back to exterior front. Measure from top down at each side seam and make a mark at $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and another at $2\frac{1}{4}$ ". This will be the opening for the drawstrings.
7. Sew the first $1\frac{1}{2}$ " of one side using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Backstitch well.

8. Start sewing the same side again at the $2\frac{1}{4}$ " mark, making sure to backstitch well at the beginning. Sew all along one side, around the bottom and up the other side to the $2\frac{1}{4}$ " mark. Stop and backstitch. Begin sewing again at the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " mark up to the top.

9. Press seams open.

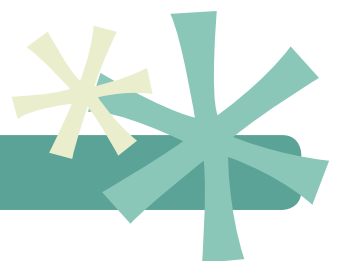
Sew Lining

With right sides together, sew sides and bottom of lining using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.

Sew Exterior to Lining

1. Make sure exterior is inside out.
2. Turn lining right side out and place inside exterior so right sides are together. Match seams and pin together around top.
3. Sew around top using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, leaving a 3" opening for turning bag right side out.
4. Turn bag right side out. Press top edge, tucking in seam allowance at gap, and edgestitch.

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Make Channels

1. Using washable ink or chalk, draw a line across the bag, 1" down from the top edge on both the front and the back.
2. Draw another line 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " down from the top. (These lines should correspond to the openings in your side seams.)
3. Sew along the lines, all the way around the bag.

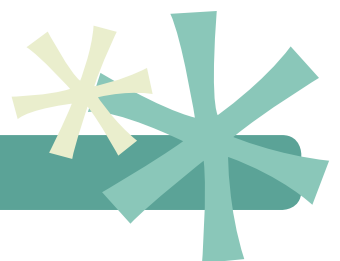
Make Drawstrings

1. Sew one short drawstring to one long drawstring to make one continuous piece. Trim seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Repeat to sew remaining drawstring together.
2. Fold one drawstring in half lengthwise with right sides together and press.
3. Place a thin, sturdy cord or ribbon along the inside fold of the drawstring fabric and sew across one short end to secure it. Then sew along the long edge of the drawstring using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, taking care not to sew into the cord.

4. Turn tube right side out. Remove the cord.
5. Tuck open end in and topstitch closed. Repeat process with other drawstring.
6. Using a safety pin, thread one completed drawstring into one of the side openings. Go all the way around the bag and come out the SAME SIDE.
7. Repeat on the other side with the other drawstring.
8. Knot the ends of the drawstrings together.



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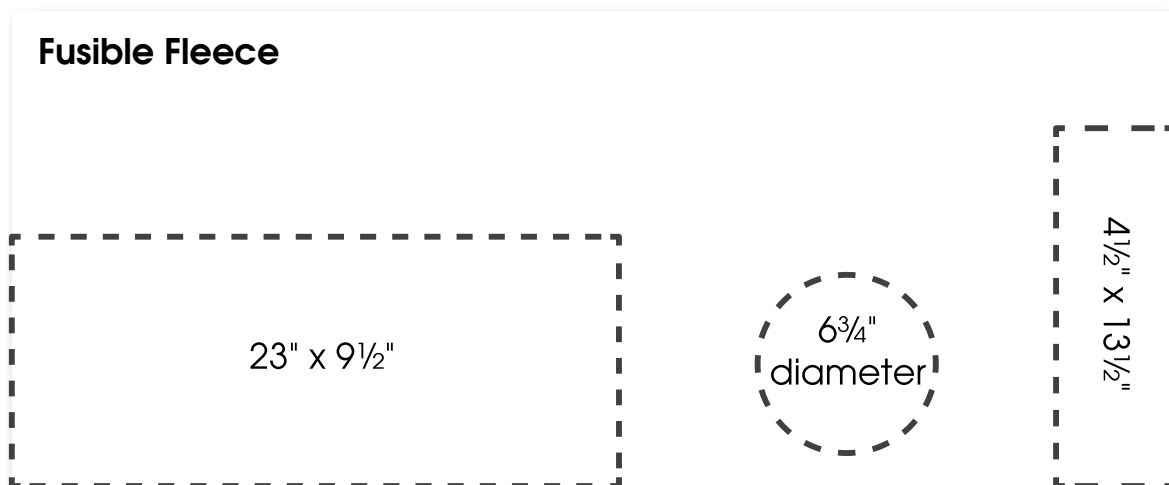
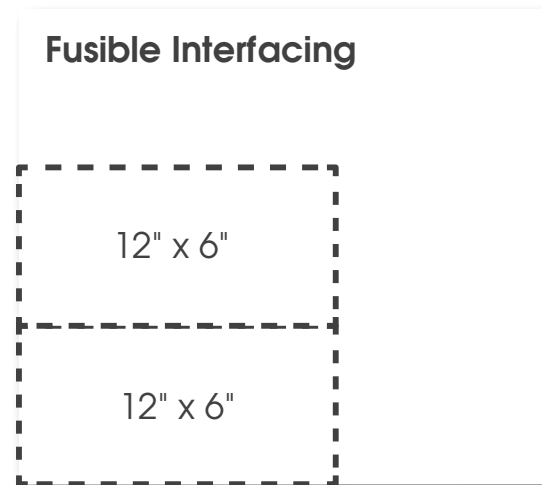
- ½ yard exterior body fabric (Fabric A)
- ½ yard exterior pocket fabric (Fabric B)
- ½ yard lining fabric (Fabric C)
- ½ yard fusible fleece
- ½ yard medium weight fusible interfacing

Fusible Interfacing (20" x 18")

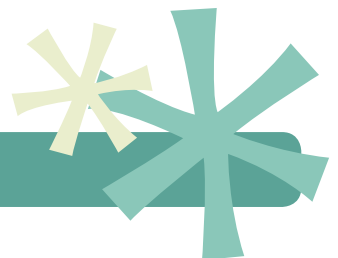
- Pocket interfacing (Two @ 12" x 6") or (One @ 24" x 6")

Fusible Fleece (44" x 18")

- Body interlining (23" x 9½")
- Bottom interlining (6¾" diameter)
- Handle interlining (4½" x 13½")



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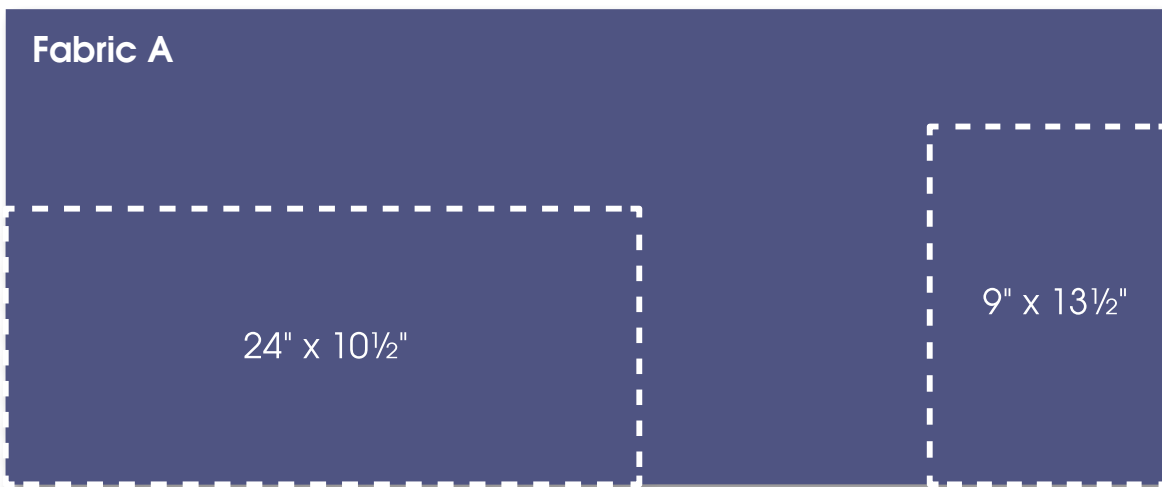
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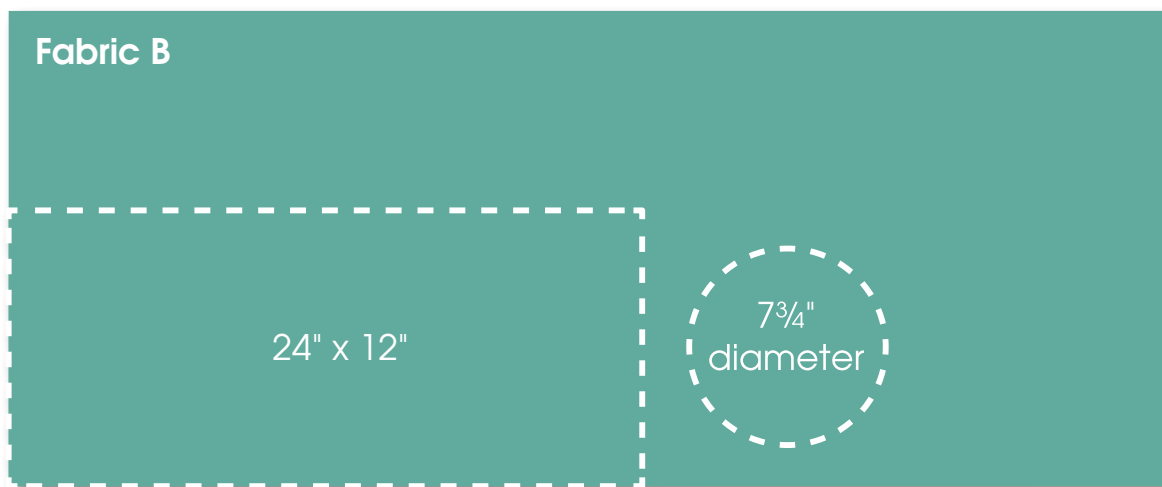
Fabric A (44" x 18")

- Exterior body (24" x 10½")
- Handle (9" x 13½")

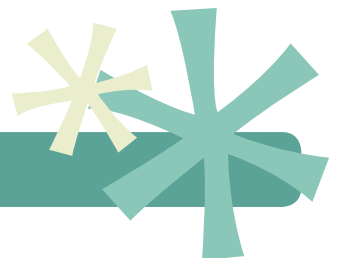


Fabric B (44" x 18")

- Exterior pocket (24" x 12")
- Exterior bottom (7¾" diameter)



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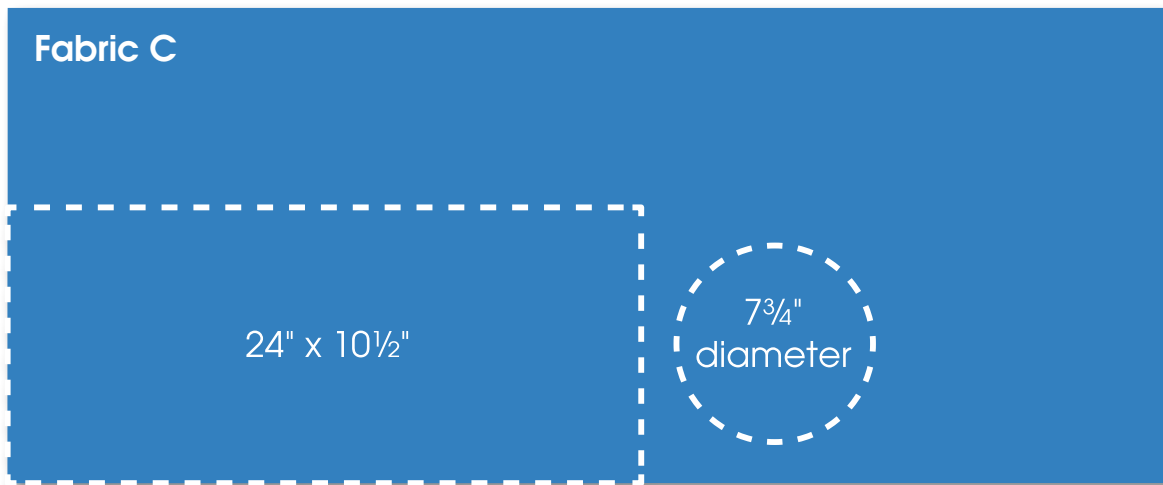
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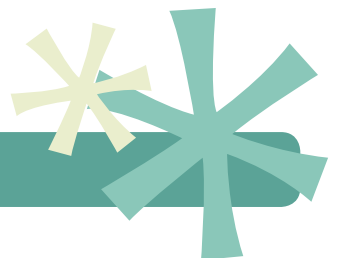
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Fabric C (44" x 18")

- Lining body (24" x 10½")
- Lining bottom (7¾" diameter)



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Bucket Bag – Sewing Instructions

Cut Pieces

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Fuse Fleece

Fuse the fleece interlining body to the wrong side of the exterior body so there is an even $\frac{1}{2}$ " margin of fabric around each side of the fleece. Repeat with the exterior bottom and the round interlining bottom piece of fleece.

Quilt Body (optional)

Quilt the body of the bag.

Construct Pocket

1. Press pocket piece in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Open, then fuse the two pieces of pocket interfacing end to end on the wrong side of one half of the pocket.
2. Refold the pocket and pin to the lower half of the body with raw edges aligned. Baste bottom edge. Mark placements for pocket divisions with chalk or washable ink then topstitch along the lines, securing the pocket to the body.

Sew Exterior

1. With right sides together, sew the side seam of the body using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.
2. With right sides together, pin the exterior body to the exterior bottom, easing in fullness. Sew using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Press seam allowance toward center.

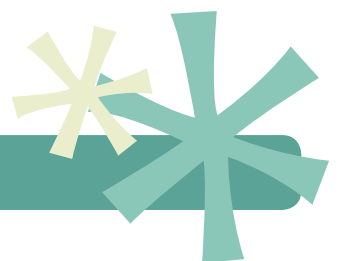
Sew Lining

Sew the side seam of the lining body, then pin and sew the lining bottom to the lining body just as you did the exterior.

Construct Handle

1. Press handle piece in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Open, then fold both long edges toward the center crease and press.
2. Open the handle. Center the fleece interlining handle over the center crease and fuse. Fold the sides of the handle in, then fold in half and press well.
3. Edge stitch the open side of the handle to close, then sew lines of stitches parallel to the long edges approx. $\frac{3}{8}$ " apart.

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Sew Exterior, Handle and Lining Together

1. With the exterior body inside out, drape the handle inside and pin the short ends to opposite sides of the body. Sew in place using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
2. Insert the lining into the exterior, right sides together and pin. (The lining won't go all the way to the bottom because the handle is in the way, but that's ok.) Sew around the top edge using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, leaving a 4" opening between handle edges for turning.
3. Turn the bag right side out through the opening.
4. Press along the top edge, tucking in the unsewn opening.

5. Edge stitch around the top.



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