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Tutorial: Lunch Bag



Thank you for encouraging me to write up a tute on this lunch (bento box) bag! I really like this bag pattern because this bag, measuring approximately 9"(width) x 7 1/2"(hight w/o handles) x 5 1/2" (depth), can be used not only for bento boxes of any kind but also for carrying little crafty projects like yarn + needles. It has a cover inside that can give nice privacy for whatever in there and the cover can also prevent it from getting dusty in a windy day. It is much sturdier and larger than [the fabric basket](#), so if you found that your fabric basket was too small or too floppy as a gift bag, this might be a good alternative..?!

As usual, I have tons of images to share each step with you, so bare with me! There you go!!



We'll need these pieces of fabric,



I think the best type of fabric to be used for the outer bag, rim and outer handles are duck fabric, but if you'd rather use pretty quilting-weight cotton fabric like I do, remember to also get 1/2 yard of sturdy fusible interfacing like [Pellon 809 Decor Bond](#). I used vinyl-coated fabric for the lining

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My name is Ayumi. I love sharing my crafty journal and other little anecdotes in my life here. I live in suburb of Tokyo with my hubby Joe. I hope you enjoy being here :) Welcome!

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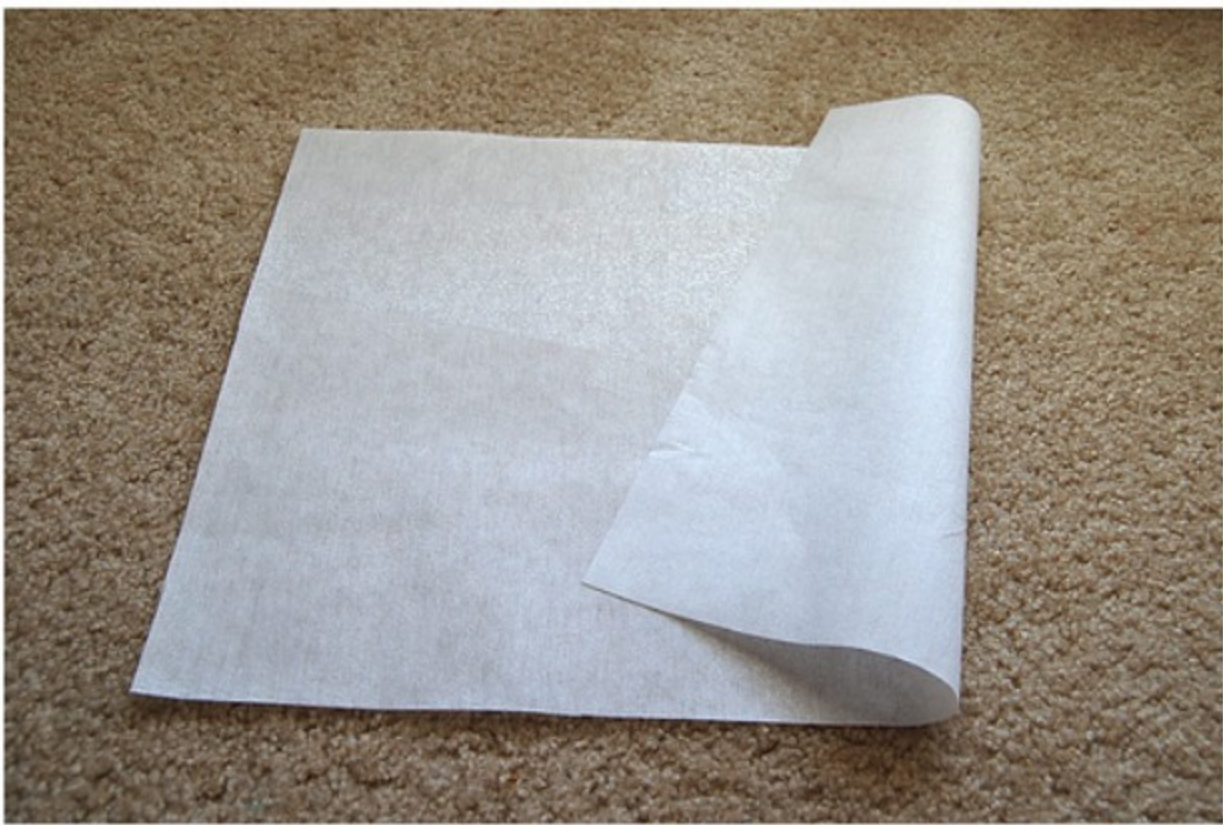
just so that when some food spills in the bag from the bento box, I can still smile ;) (Hart's Fabrics has lots of cute vinyl-coated fabrics FYI ;)) Oh and you'll need 1 1/2 yard of craft cord too.



As usual, all the measurement includes 1/4" seam allowances unless otherwise noted. First, let's sew the two pieces for the outer bags together by sewing the bottom edges. I used two different fabrics for the outer bag just to make it interesting. Well, in other words, I simply didn't have enough of the Anna Griffin kitchen fabric left over to get two pieces. Improvising works!



Then press seam open.



Since I am using cotton fabric for the outer bag, I need to make it sturdier, so I am using this interfacing measuring 17 1/2" x 12 1/2" here.



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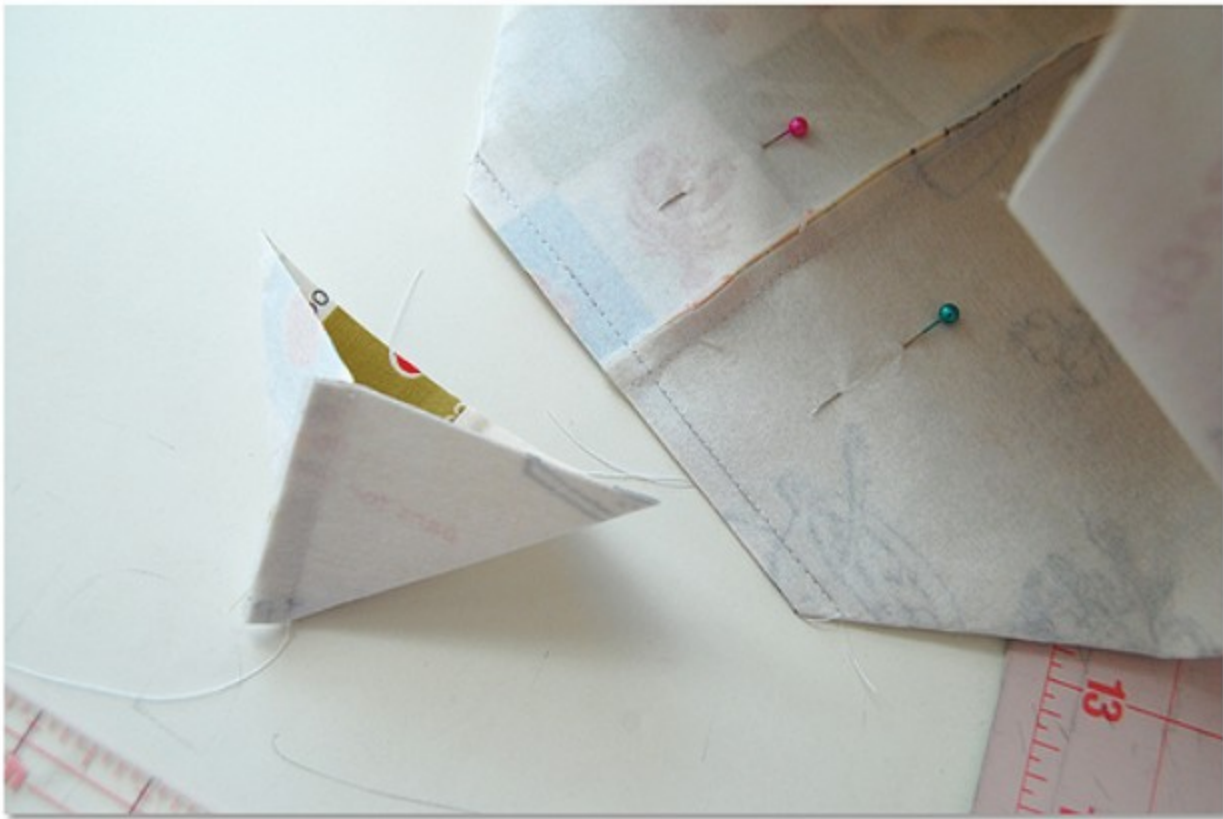
I am fusing it onto the wrong side of the outer bag piece.



Then I fold it in half with right sides together and sew these two short edges.



Boxing corners. We want to draw a line where it's 5" from one side to the other.



Then cut off the corner. Just like you did for the fabric basket, do this for the other corner too.



And repeat the same process for the lining. For the lining we don't need interfacing though.



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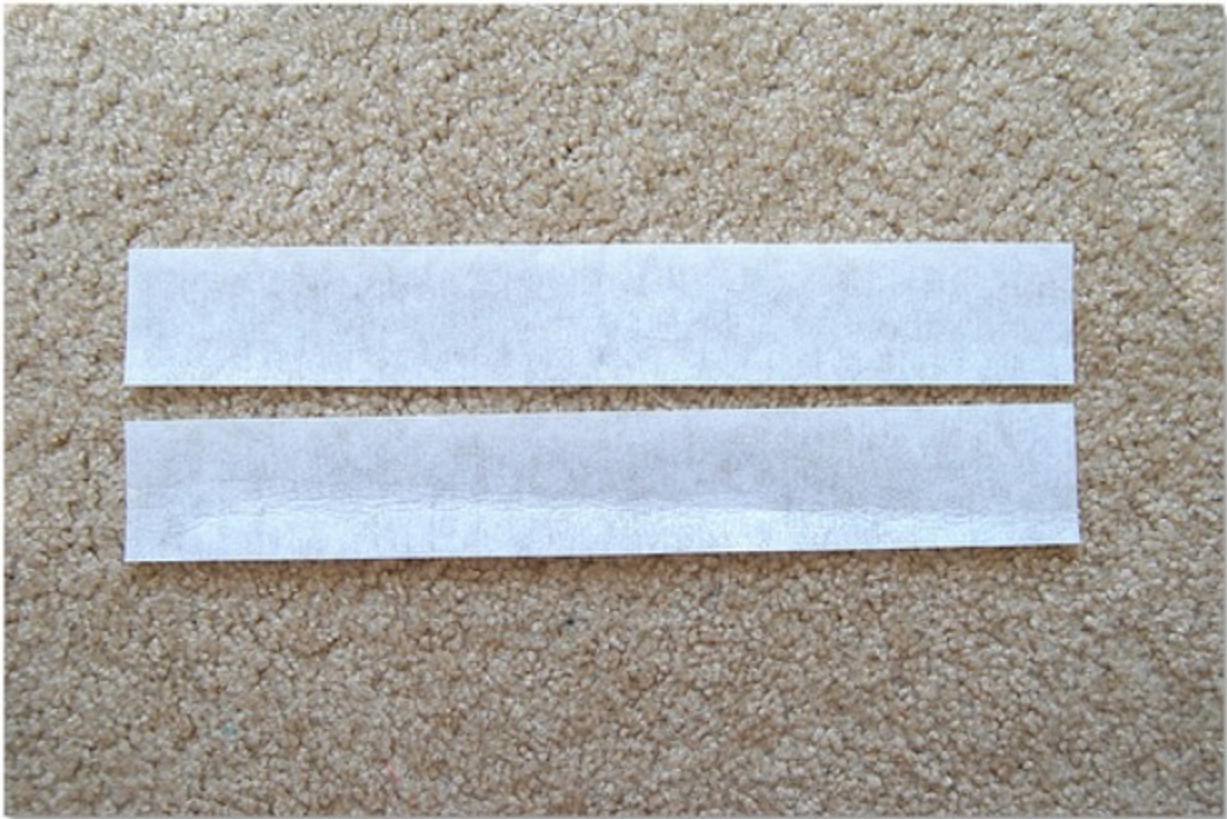
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Remember how you had to leave an opening
when you sewed the lining for the fabric
basket? This time we can omit the step!
Isn't that nice?

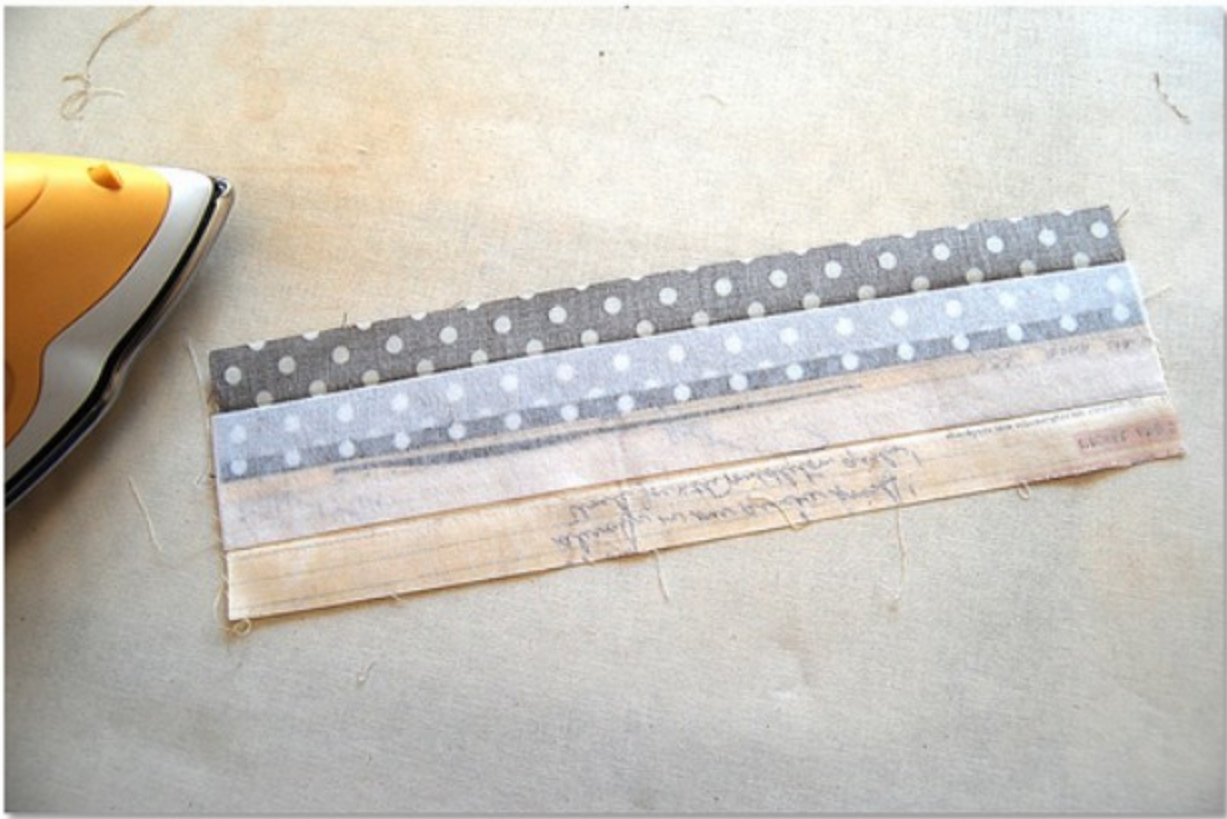


Now let's move onto the handles.

This is again just like the handles you
made for your fabric basket, except..



the fact you need interfacing here,
if you are using cotton fabric for the
outer handles. Each piece of interfacing
measures 12" x 1 3/4".



Now we need to fuse each interfacing
onto the middle of the wrong side of the
handle.



Fold and press the long edges toward the middle,
fold in half, and top-stitch the long edges.
Repeat this for the other handle too,

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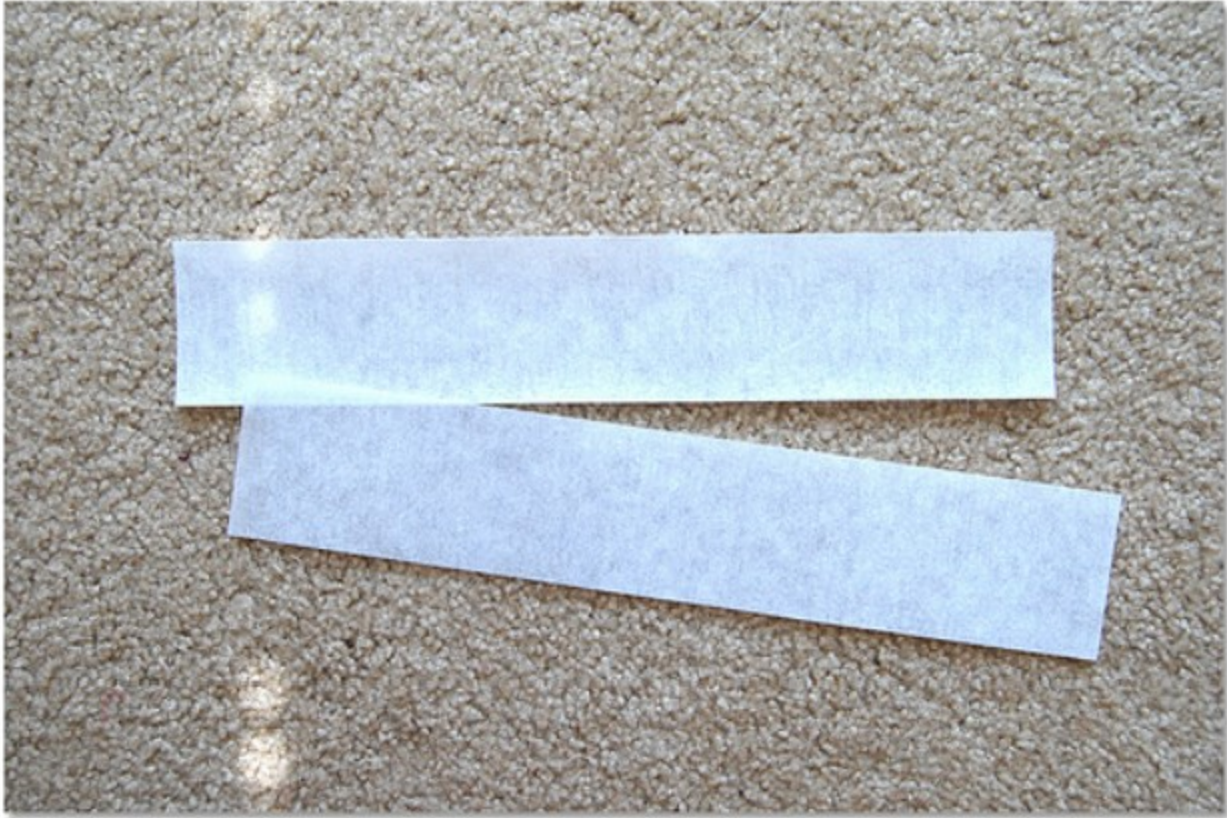
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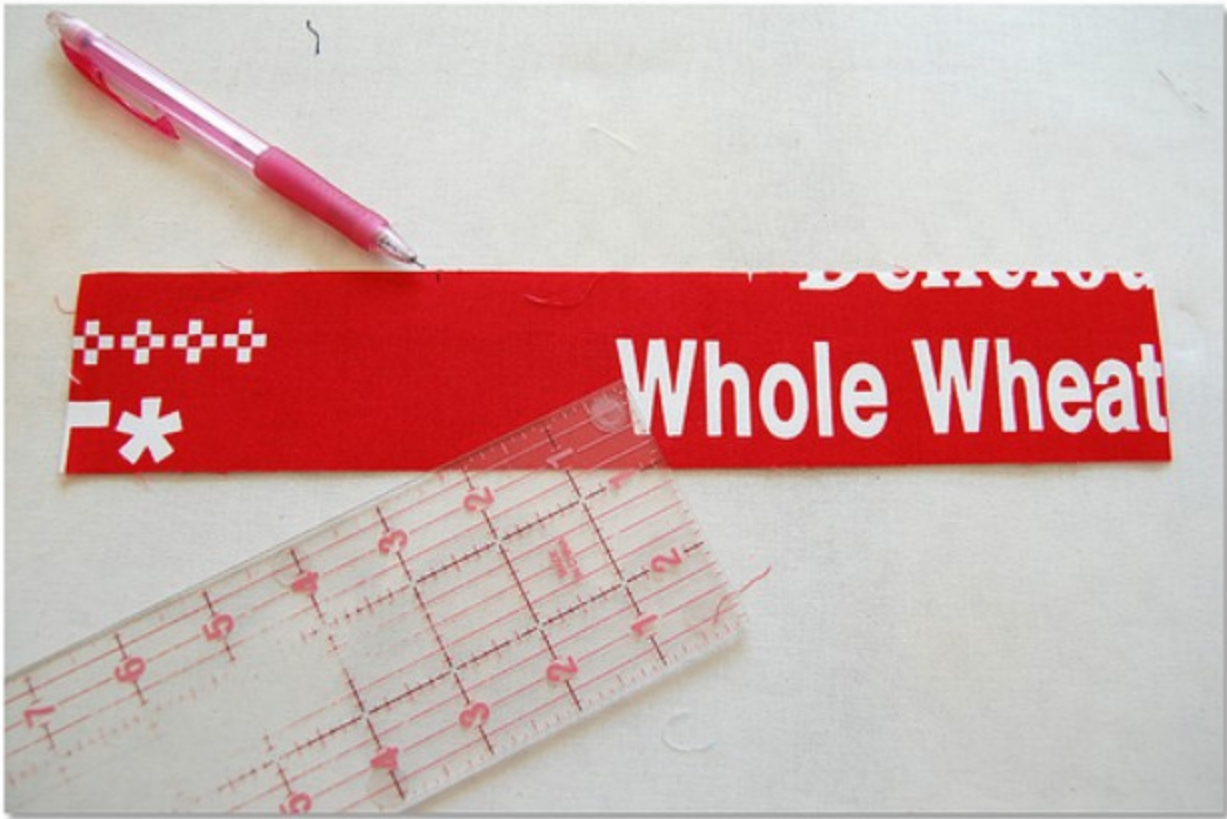
so you'll have two handles.



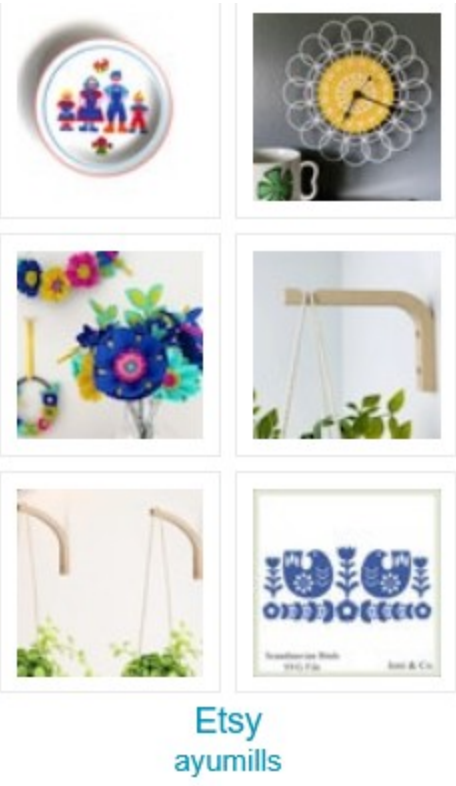
Let's now make the rim that you'll attach the handles onto. Since I am using cotton fabric, once again I need interfacing - this time each piece measures 12" x 2 1/4".



We'll fuse the interfacing onto two pieces of the rim like this.



Take one of them and mark at where it's 4" from one side on the top edge. Do this from the other side too.



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Making sure that you place one side of a handle at the mark (the mark will be in the middle underneath the handle), sew very close to the edge. Repeat the same process for the other side of handle.



Then we'll sew the top edges of these pieces together with right sides together.



Repeating the same process for the rest of the rim pieces will



create the other side of the rim!



Press seam open.



And now we'll sew these two together like that.



And then sew the other short edges together to create this loopy thing.



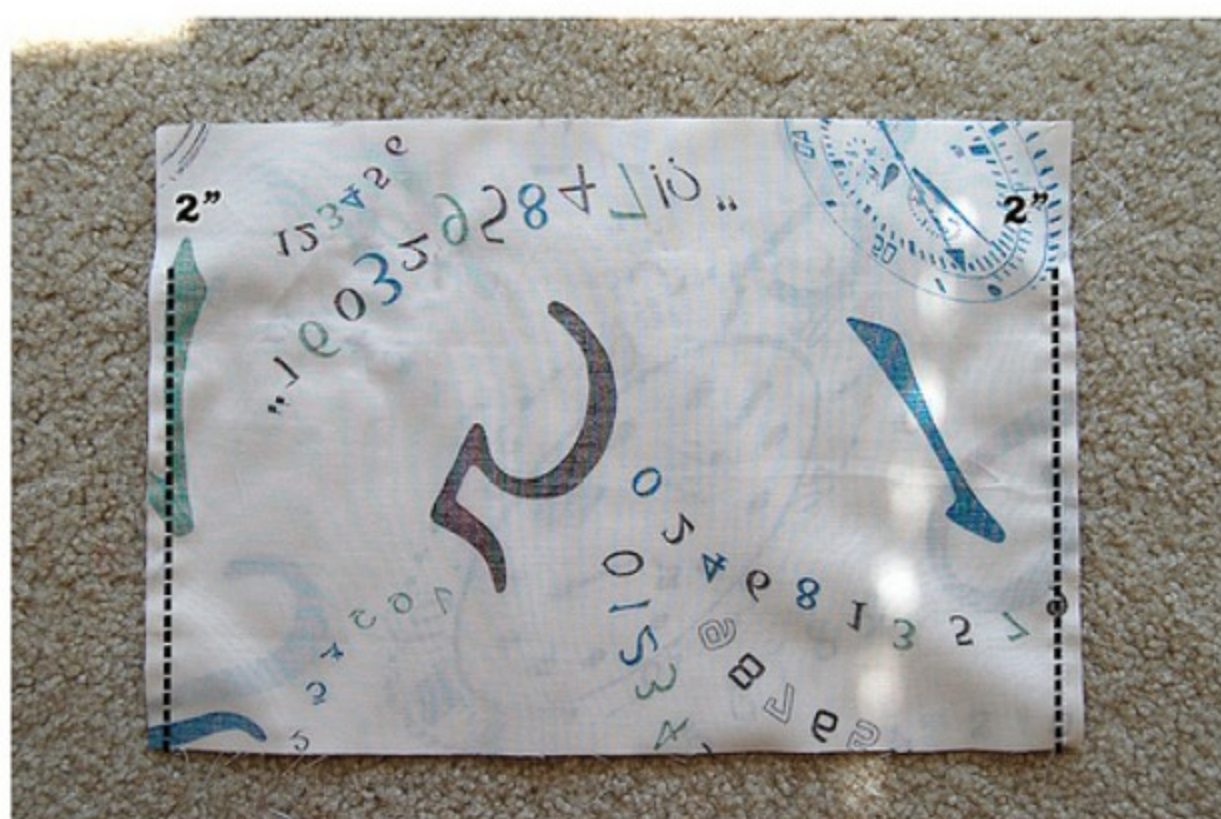
Top stitch the top edge.



And sewing very close to the bottom edge will save you some time later on.



Aha! Now we have the rim + handles complete!



Lastly, let's make the cover.
Sew the short edges of the two pieces with right sides together. Remember to leave 2" unsewn at the top like this.

Added Note: This raw edges at the side edges of this cover piece will be left unfinished in the lunch bag.
If you'd like no exposed raw edges at all, you could make each cover piece 0.5" wider so that you'll be able to double-fold the seams. (In this case, your seam allowance will be 1/2" wide, and you'll press the iron to create a double fold at each side edge seam.)



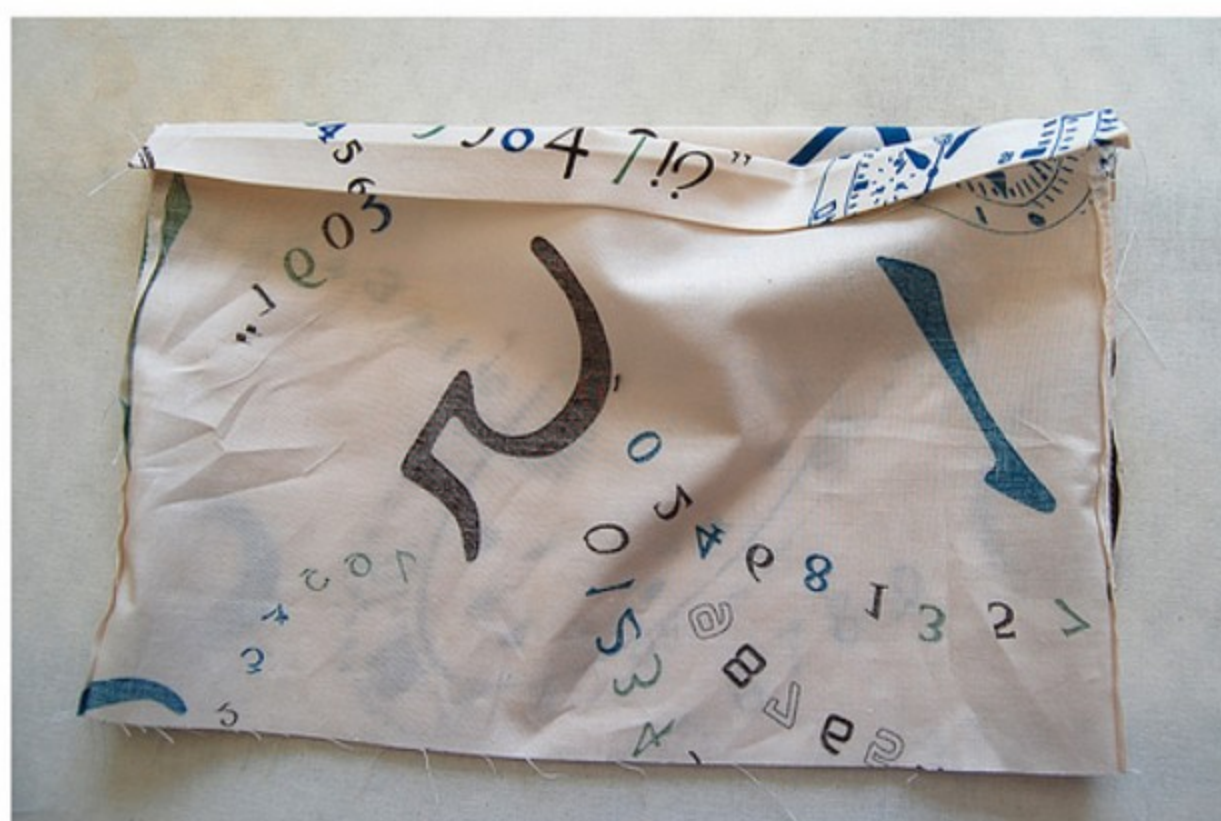
Press seams open as if the top part were also sewn.



Now we'll sew onto the seams all the way from the top to the bottom.



Then we will fold and press where it's 1/4" from the top edge.



Fold and press it again - this time it's 3/4" from the top edge.



Now sew very close to the folded line so that you have a casing for the cord.



Coming back to the main bag, let's place the lining inside the outer bag with wrong sides together.



Sew very close to the top edge. It looks pretty nice; in fact, we could just turn it into a big fabric basket by sewing a binding tape at the top edge, huh?



But let me continue with the lunch bag because that's what I started off with. Now sew the rim to the main bag like this, sewing very close to the edge again.



Now we'll sew the cover onto the main bag.
You can't see this in this image, but there is a bag inside the cover. We are sewing the top edges of the cover and the bag together. This time though, we sew where it's 1/4" from the edge.



Everything is connected at the top edge now.



It will look like this if you bring the cover inside the bag. Fun!



Top-stitch here between the rim and the bag.

Added Note: If you do your top stitching more than 1/4" below the seam, the raw edges will be completely encased under this top stitching. Therefore, you'll have no exposed raw edges below the cover inside.



We're almost there; we just need to Thread one cord through casing and knot ends together. Thread second cord from a different casing opening and do the same, just like you did for [the patchwork drawstring bag!](#)



Yay, that's it!



Your lunch bag is complete!!

I can't wait to see your lunch bag that you make from this tutorial, so please post your completed lunch bag picture in [this flickr pool](#) :D

As usual, feel free to use this image of finished lunch bag in your blog and link to my blog (thanks!) but please do not make sales off of any projects made based on any of my tutorials.. thank you ;)

Edited to Add:

- I have had many people asking me to sell a license to sell their lunch bags made from this tutorial. If you'd like to sell these as a part of your small business (up to 20 bags/month), you can purchase the license [here](#).

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167 COMMENTS:



Kerry August 10, 2010 1:05 PM

Ayumi, this is a great tutorial- you know I am going to have to make it- I can think of a lot of uses for it as well as lunch! Fabrics look fantastic

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Anna August 10, 2010 1:06 PM

oh ayumi that is so precious! I can't wait to make one! What a great bag for lunches as well as just about anything else!

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Ellen August 10, 2010 1:28 PM

Thank you for another great tutorial! I love this bag and really like the idea of using it for knitting tote. I hope I have some time to make one soon! Right now I'm sewing a skirt, but maybe once I clean up after that project I can start on a bag! :)

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Jinny Newlin August 10, 2010 1:31 PM

What a fantastic tutorial! I'm thinking Christmas gifts! THANKS!

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Craftiness NOW August 10, 2010 1:41 PM

wow, you have such amazing tutorials, they are SO helpful to a beginning sewer such as myself, thank you!! this is adorable :-)

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andrea creates August 10, 2010 1:57 PM

Oh so cute!!Thanks for sharing :)
I have some of the "calories" fabric so I may have to try it with that one too :)

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Irina August 10, 2010 2:01 PM

just brilliant! thank you!!!

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Princess of Everything (and then some) August 10, 2010 2:24 PM

YES YES YES! You have made me a happy happy girl! I think your tutorials rock...they are so very easy to follow. Thank you so much for doing this!

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Paloma August 10, 2010 2:25 PM

great tut!! I love it and I will for sure make one of this. Thanks for sharing!!

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Emily August 10, 2010 2:33 PM

Lovely! Thanks for creating this tutorial!

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Misty August 10, 2010 2:37 PM

I love that! I really like the drawstring to to tuck away the contents of the bag. Thank you so much for sharing this awesome tutorial!

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Skooks August 10, 2010 3:02 PM

Thank you so much for taking the time to write this up. I'm adding it to my list of projects! :)

On another note: how do you like that Oliso iron?! I have been on a quest lately for a great iron and checked into the one you have a bit but can't seem to decide whether it's worth the extra money. Do you love it? Please email me if you wouldn't mind! I would love to hear your feedback on it. Pretty please!!

skooksplayground[at]gmail[dot]com

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Kallie August 10, 2010 3:03 PM

Thanks for this tutorial! Love it! Your blog is amazing!

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pratima August 10, 2010 3:09 PM

Thank you so much for the wonderful tutorial! It is so tempting to jump right-in and make one :)

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Speckled Hen August 10, 2010 3:19 PM

Hi Ayumi, I love your lunch bag - it looks so wonderful!! And I have just bought it from your Etsy shop. Thank you so much for creating such beautiful work!!!

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Jennifer August 10, 2010 3:19 PM

Loving it! I wonder if I can knock three out before school starts in 9 days...

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Liliana August 10, 2010 3:39 PM

Thank you!!!!!! It 's a great tutorial
Hugs from Málaga (Spain)
Liliana

[Reply](#)



casserole August 10, 2010 4:12 PM

Thank you!! This is exactly what I need to make for my daughter's lunches this year!

I linked to your tutorial over at Craft Gossip Sewing:

<http://sewing.craftgossip.com/tutorial-drawstring-lunch-tote-perfect-for-bento-box/2010/08/10/>

--Anne

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henny August 10, 2010 4:14 PM

Ayumi,
big thanks for the tutorial! Awesome :)

[Reply](#)



Alison August 10, 2010 4:46 PM

Wow. You are a rock star. Just brilliant tutorial. THANKYOU THANKYOU.

[Reply](#)



The domestic Groove August 10, 2010 4:48 PM

This is simply amazing. I am a teacher and I will be carrying one of these on the first day of school!
thedomesticgroove.blogspot.com

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amy August 10, 2010 5:35 PM

As usual, your tutes are simply awesome!! Thank you so much!! あゆみさんのレシピは本当にわかりやすくて素晴らしい～。今回のお弁当バッグの布合わせもあゆみさんらしさが出ていて最高です～～。お疲れ様でした!!

[Reply](#)



Alina August 10, 2010 5:45 PM

Great tutorial!! Thank you!

[Reply](#)



jeneaeavan August 10, 2010 6:36 PM

Thank you so much for another beautifully illustrated tutorial. This is exactly the type of lunch bag I have been looking for!!

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Yireh Creaciones August 10, 2010 7:18 PM

oh my! i just loev your tutorials!!!! and your creations..... you make everything so... PERFECT!.... IM YOUR FAN!!!! thanks for sharing your things...

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Carrie Me! August 10, 2010 7:41 PM

This is such a great lunch bag!!! Thanks so much for sharing your tutorial.

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ayumills August 10, 2010 10:52 PM

Oh thank you so much for your nice comments everyone! The best part of making a tutorial for me is to discover someone actually enjoys making something using my tutorials! I really hope to see your lunch bags in [this flickr group](#)!

Jennifer-
I am very slow at sewing in general, but it takes me less than an hour to sew up one lunch bag. I hope you get to make three before school starts ;)

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Marion August 10, 2010 11:14 PM

Wow, what a great tut, thx a lot for this one.
hugs from germany
Marion

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Ahuefa August 11, 2010 12:11 AM

just GREAT! can't wait to find the time to pull my machine and start sewing!
Thank you very very much!

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gnaquilts August 11, 2010 12:44 AM

this is the most adorable lunch tote! thanks for putting up the tutorial~~

[Reply](#)



Ady August 11, 2010 1:28 AM

Oh wow, Ayumi! Thanks for this great tutorial. I have just the fabric I want to use for my 'lunch bag' which will probably end up being my crochet bag (crochet wool and work currently housed in a plastic bag!).

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Amanda Pedro August 11, 2010 1:54 AM

arrg! I just caved and bought a lunch bag last week something like this. I think I'll still make one though.
Awesome tutorial. so easy to follow.
thanks for sharing

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chillingsmilingeating August 11, 2010 3:18 AM

Lovely as always! Thank you for taking the time to make this tutorial ! :)

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Anne at Film and Thread August 11, 2010 5:37 AM

That is one fantastic bag! Thank you so much!

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Amber H. August 11, 2010 6:02 AM

I'm gonna have to make one of these for my knitting!! Thanks for sharing the tutorial!

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Aki August 11, 2010 6:35 AM

Hi, Ayumi. Thank you for writing a turtorial. I will make one for my husband and I may make one for me because it looks nice for carrying some crafty goods as you said. Good job!!

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Danae August 11, 2010 10:23 AM

Can't wait to make one! Thanks for the tutorial!

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Mary August 11, 2010 11:26 AM

This is sooo cute Ayumi! Thanks so much for sharing!!!

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sandra August 11, 2010 11:59 AM

Thanks for another great tutorial!

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Penny August 11, 2010 4:35 PM

Ok..I've bookmarked this tutorial :)
Thanks for your kind comments on my blog. Your tutorial on the fabric basket made it happen.

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Rachel@oneprettything.com August 11, 2010 9:35 PM

Ooh that's so pretty! Thanks so much for the how-to, I'll be linking.

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Princess of Everything (and then some) August 12, 2010 4:43 PM

YEAH!!! You made it to One Pretty Thing! You are such a rock star with a bento!

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Sasya August 12, 2010 7:50 PM

あゆみさん、それはすばらしいです!!! 素敵チュートリアルほんんんとにありがとうございます!!役に立ちます♥ 今日か明日、布を買いに行きたいと思いますけど、ぜひそのカワイイ弁当箱を作ってみたいです!! ^_^ あゆみさんのブログが大好きです♥ 本当にありがとうございます~♪

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Sasya August 12, 2010 9:58 PM

あ、すみません、弁当箱じゃなくて弁当バッグですねー 日本語くそ下手で申し訳ありません www

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erica August 12, 2010 10:00 PM

I can't wait to try this....Thanks!

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Erin August 13, 2010 5:02 AM

I love this! Thank you!

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The Ninja Knitter August 13, 2010 8:11 AM

Wonderful tutorial - it's the perfect size for a knitting bag. And I think that I forsee myself making some of these for teacher gifts this year. I made one for a swap, using my swapee's favourite colour (green) and her favourite fairy tale themed fabric (Cinderella). Thank you!

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PY August 13, 2010 9:20 AM

Great tutorial ! Thanks for sharing !

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Anonymous August 13, 2010 9:24 AM

Fabulous Tutorial! As always your fabric choices are so wonderful...Perfect for the project. Thanks for your generous sharing.

Susan

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Jenn Mc August 13, 2010 11:58 AM

I love your tutorials! They are so detailed for those of us who don't have all the skills, but like to try our hands at sewing. I wondered if you ever used insulbrite? I have used it for potholders and also water bottle holders. This would work well to keep things cold. Something to ponder... Can't wait to find time to try this project!

[Reply](#)



hanne August 13, 2010 12:12 PM

Thank you so much, Ayumi! I have now made my first lunch bag for my daughter - we couldn't resist the temptation either of us.. The tutorial was easy to understand - and so detailed! You really ought to teach sewing classes :) Hugs from Norway.

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Anonymous August 13, 2010 2:15 PM

Hello from germany :o)
I LOVE your tutorials and please you to make one for the zipper pouch. Thanks a lot!!!
Best wishes, Betti

[Reply](#)



ayumills August 13, 2010 7:53 PM

Thank you everyone! I can't wait to see your lunch bags popping up in [the flickr group](#)! There are already a few of them from you guys! I'm so happy to see them :D

Jenn Mc-

I think using insulbright for this project is a great idea! I didn't use one just because the oil cloth had flannel attached on the back side. I thought it may have some insulation effect. If you are using quilting weight cotton or oil cloth for the lining without any backing, I would recommend using insulbright :D

Thanks again, everyone!

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Yvonne August 14, 2010 3:45 PM

Thanks for the tutorial. I got mine made. I posted it on my blog with a link back to you. I will post it on the Flickr photo stream also.

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SmileJimin August 14, 2010 6:38 PM

Thanks for the tutorial!!! I've been looking for lunch bag tutorial for a while, and found this one!! :) Thanks for sharing this!

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Suze August 15, 2010 1:02 AM

Thank you for the great tutorial! I think I would like to make it with insulbrite...when I have time. I love your tutorials! They are so easy to understand. Thanks for sharing!

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pong rac15563 August 15, 2010 6:49 PM

Thanks for the great tutorial...this is exactly what I have been looking for. One quick question though...when boxing the corners...do you sew on the line that you draw and then cut off the excess? Or is the line to be lined up with the presser foot? Sorry if this sounds dumb!

Angel

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ayumills August 15, 2010 7:18 PM

Thank you everyone!

Angel-

No you don't sound dumb at all! I should have been a bit clearer! I do sew on the line I draw so that the depth of the bag is about 5" ;)

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Beatrice August 15, 2010 11:20 PM

Hello,
the 'rim and handles' bit is brilliant ! Thank you for the tutorial. Beatrice.

[Reply](#)



Sew Spoiled August 16, 2010 4:16 AM

Thank you for the tutorial. I am linking your tutorial on my blog today to send more visitors your way!

Thanks,
Leah

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Country Mouse August 16, 2010 7:24 AM

What a super cute project!! Thanks for the detailed tutorial...just found your blog, and I love it! I'm a new follower!!!

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JennyGoLightly August 17, 2010 5:45 AM

Hi,

This lunch bag is adorable and I hope to make a bunch as Christmas gifts. One question though...have you ever tried using PUL inside the bag instead of a laminated vinyl? Do you think PUL would work, maybe if I add interfacing to the back to make it sturdier? I have a bunch of it from making cloth diapers and am trying to bust my stash for Christmas gifts! Any help is appreciated! Thanks!

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pongrac15563 August 17, 2010 9:25 AM

I just finished my lunch bag!!! I love it! And...it was the very first photo that I have ever uploaded to flickr!

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ayumills August 17, 2010 10:53 AM

Thank you so much everyone!

JennyGoLightly-

I think PUL would be just great for the lining without interfacing to it as long as your outer bags are sturdy enough. The oil cloth I used for the lining was pretty thin too but it worked perfectly. I wish I had a baby to make diapers for too :D

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lilfish August 17, 2010 12:08 PM

What a lovely bag! I think I'm going to make one for Hubby's birthday that's in his favorite fabrics. Thank you for sharing :))

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Sheila August 18, 2010 8:26 AM

Thanks for this tutorial - it's a lovely little bag, and I have just made one - I used cotton batting in place of the interfacing, and quilted it. I also had to find out what a bento box is as here in Scotland we use sandwich boxes and refer to them as "piece boxes"!Thanks again.

[Reply](#)



Stephanie August 18, 2010 7:42 PM

This is such a fun bag! I love your tutorials. Just made the drawstring bag and my kids love putting their trinkets in them. :)

I can't wait to try this one! I finally found a way to enjoy sewing. BTW, where do you get your fabric with the wording on it? I love the look of it!

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ayumills August 18, 2010 8:04 PM

Thank you everyone! I have been having so much fun hearing from you guys that you sewed up a lunch bag or two! That makes my day :D

Stephanie,

Thank you! There are a lot of fabrics with writings on them in the American market. If you search 'word fabric' in etsy.com, you'll find lots of them ;) I usually get mine from a Japanese online shop like the shops listed in the right side but a lot of Japanese fabrics with writing can be seen in Etsy now ;) Hope this helps!

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sunny August 19, 2010 3:30 AM

Hi Ayumi. I'm Sunny, from Italy.
Great work and outstanding creativity!
Baciottol

[Reply](#)



Mary Grace McNamara August 20, 2010 11:04 AM

Thanks for another great tutorial! This is a great bag! I love how the cover has a drawstring instead of a zipper like the tote bag I make with the zippered extension. Makes it much easier to make, but still easy to use. I'm going to use your tutorial to make my bag for the Halloween Tote Bag Swap that I joined. Already picked out my fabrics! Thanks so much!

MGM

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Keti August 22, 2010 11:25 AM

Thanx from Bulgaria too for the wonderful tutorial!

[Reply](#)



Khris August 27, 2010 11:08 PM

Great tutorial...I have linked to you on my freebies blog...can you tell me where you got that fantastic fabric from with calories etc on it...hugs Khris

[Reply](#)



Pan August 28, 2010 11:09 AM

How cute is that! I love that the bag has an inner bag you can closed. I will be having a go at making one of these bags. Thank you.

<http://smallstuffsewingroom.blogspot.com/>

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Kate August 29, 2010 4:23 AM

I cant believe how easy you made this.
Thankyou so much!
I think my father in law will be very happy with his new bento bag xx
Keep the tutorials coming x

<http://miya-miya-kl.blogspot.com/>

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MiksMom03 September 6, 2010 10:42 AM

Very nice! I love all the details. That makes making it soo much easier. :)

[Reply](#)



IsaE September 11, 2010 2:22 PM

Hi thank you so much for this tutorial, easy to follow and understand (even for a French blonde like me ! lol) you can see pictures on my blog : <http://isaehome.wordpress.com/2010/09/11/lunchbento-bag-premier/>
thanks for everything you are the best for tutorials !
take care
Isa in the center of France having loads of fun making bags ;)

[Reply](#)



Sofia September 15, 2010 9:32 AM

Thanks for this wonderful tutorial. I started making my own already.
When it is ready, i will post a photo and let you know. :)
Sofia,x

www.sofiasworld.com

[Reply](#)



Sofia September 16, 2010 8:34 PM

Okay, i am back with a bag!! :)) here is the link:
<http://www.sofiasworld.org/2010/09/on-being-org-plus-new-diaper-dag.html>

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Anonymous October 1, 2010 12:44 PM

I am so sad that I am so behind in discovering this lovely place!
I'm so excited to make the lunch bag, for ME!
Also pumped to look through your archives!

[Reply](#)



Anonymous October 2, 2010 3:26 PM

I just discovered this awesome post today and have already made 2 lunch bags for Christmas gifts. Thank you so much for this amazing tutorial :)
nannergirl@hotmail.com

[Reply](#)



Trix October 2, 2010 6:43 PM

Many thanks for posting this wonderful tutorial! I totally love the result and your instructions were very clear. Once again, thanks for sharing, I love your blog.. I have posted photos of my lovely little creation on my blog! <http://withallgoodintentions.blogspot.com/2010/10/fabric-bento-carry-bag.html>

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sewtakeahike October 3, 2010 11:09 AM

I really must make one of these Ayumi! I saw one on Anna's blog and fell in love. Thank-you for the great tutorial!

[Reply](#)



-r. October 7, 2010 7:07 AM

I saw this on Anna's blog and had to make one too! this was SUCH a wonderfully written tutorial. My bag went together quickly and with no issues! thanks so so much, i love it. :)

*I used one of those wipe-clean vinyl tablecloths i picked up at for only 5 bucks at walmart for my lining. it worked perfectly!

[rayyeloves\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:rayyeloves[at]gmail[dot]com)

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Marize Trigueiro October 9, 2010 7:45 PM

Maravilhoso esse tutorial! Deus lhe dê em dobro!!! Felicidades e muito sucesso sempre!!!!
Faço artes com tecido e feltro, patchwork básico, pinto e bordo. Amei o seu blog! Nota 10!!!
Abraços com muito carinho e beijos no seu coração. Marize/Maceió-AL/BRASIL
<http://marizeartedipano.blogspot.com>
marizearthoby@hotmail.com
www.flickr.com/photos/marize_artes_dipano
www.facebook.com/marize.artesdipano
Deus lhe abençoe, proteja e ilumine sua vida e sua arte em todos os momentos de sua vida!!!!!!!
Você merece!!!!!!

[Reply](#)



MARIZE ARTES DIPANO October 9, 2010 7:47 PM

Amei essa bolsinha.

[Reply](#)



Lavinia October 11, 2010 7:26 PM

It's super cute! I must make one soon! Thank you soooo much for the tutorial!

[Reply](#)



S.I.T. November 3, 2010 7:20 AM

hello ayumi,
i have been so excited to try this lunch bag. so i made one based exactly on your tutorial. and i should thank you for willing to share this tutorial. i'm happy with the result.

thank u so so much!!!!!!

[Reply](#)



Berry November 17, 2010 9:09 PM

thanks, grt tutorial.

[Reply](#)



Awaiting Eden November 20, 2010 9:04 PM

Just finished one and I love it! Thanks so much for this tutorial :)

[Reply](#)



Karen November 27, 2010 7:38 AM

Great project and tutorial! I am definitely going to make one of these for my oldest daughter who has been taking her lunch to work in one of my cloth shopping bags. She will love this!

kgouvin @ hotmail.com

[Reply](#)



Karen December 9, 2010 8:25 PM

I made this today and I am so happy with it! My almost 18 year old will be getting it for Christmas. Thanks for the tutorial!! I posted a couple of pictures in the flickr group.(It's cuter in real life.)

kgouvin @ hotmail.com

[Reply](#)



Louise December 27, 2010 12:06 AM

I want to say: Thank you so much for this wonderful tutorial. I made a lunchbag for my husband- you can see it on my blog. It was a great christmas present for him. <http://gewaendertruhe-louise.blogspot.com/2010/12/pausenbrottasche-oder-auch-lunchbag.html>

Louise

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Amanda January 14, 2011 10:40 AM

I featured this over at Today's Top 20!!

Amanda
www.todaystoptwenty.blogspot.com

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Beth- the mama bee January 15, 2011 9:49 PM

Currently, I have hanging over my sewing area a vintage handkerchief from my great grandma that is the EXACT fabric you used for the outside that is the food with calories on it. I have it hanging, hoping for inspiration. I want to do something cool with it. Is yours vintage or did you find it new? Can't believe it!

Bmoore_mamabee(at)hotmail(dot)com

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Maria Alice January 16, 2011 9:37 AM

Hi there!

I just made a lunch bag using your tutorial and it looks so great! Thank you so much! My daughter loves it. She started school now and needed a lunch bag to carry her little bento box!

Alice

[Reply](#)



Anonymous January 28, 2011 8:55 AM

how do i make this larger for a purse or small tote. love the lunch bag!!!

[Reply](#)



ayumills February 1, 2011 6:16 AM

Anonymous-

I would make the main bag in the side I want and calculate measurements of other parts proportionally :)

[Reply](#)



creadientje February 10, 2011 10:51 AM

And I made your lovely lunchbag as well! I have to make another one, and than 2 little girls will have new school bags :-)

<http://creadientje.wordpress.com/2011/02/08/lunchbag/>

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creadientje March 8, 2011 4:31 AM

I made another one, and their mom told me: two little girls are very happy :-)

<http://creadientje.wordpress.com/2011/03/04/nog-een-lunchtas/>

[Reply](#)



Kim & Ângela April 28, 2011 4:21 AM

Fantástica sua descrição da construção dessa bolsa, muito obrigada por ajudar para uma net colaborativa e participativa, cada dia encontro mais motivos para acreditar que o nosso mundo pode ser melhor, só depende de cada um de nós.

Super abraço.
Ângela Lima

[Reply](#)



JoJo May 4, 2011 8:47 PM

I made one bag and really loved it. Thanks so much for writing and sharing this tutorial :)

[Reply](#)



Anonymous May 25, 2011 4:19 PM

Im a newbie learnign how to prepare Bento lunches, justo ordered a bento box but couldnt find a lunch bag pretty enough with the right size, thank you so much for your help, I cant wait to choose pretty fabrics and make it by myself! Warm greetings from Mexico :)

@brunhi_g

[Reply](#)



Jocelyn May 29, 2011 10:22 PM

Loved this tutorial! Thanks for sharing it. Here's the one I made: <http://sparetimecontinuum.blogspot.com/2011/05/lunch-bag.html>

[Reply](#)



RossysPatchwork June 1, 2011 9:44 AM

Hola
Este tutorial es fantastico, me encanta.
Desde Berlin
Rossy

[Reply](#)



Jake June 22, 2011 8:21 PM

ja21ke@yahoo.com
I love this bag. This is the first thing I have ever sewn besides quilting. It's a great little gift tote for holidays and special occasions. Your tutorial was AMAZINGLY clear and concise. Thank you so much.

[Reply](#)



luvi4uall July 7, 2011 6:36 AM

I agree with your point, please share with us more good articles.[2006 Mitsubishi Raider AC Compressor](#)

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Zaira July 15, 2011 5:40 PM

Arigatao Ayumi, your tutorial is so clear I can imagine myself sewing this adorable lunch bag already. thank you again. terima kasih.

[Reply](#)



Marleen August 2, 2011 8:29 AM

Absolutely love it! Thank you so much for sharing your ideas and creations. And for making the so easy to follow tutorials!! Thank you :)
My bag is here... [Http://frommommyscraftroom.blogspot.com](http://frommommyscraftroom.blogspot.com)

[Reply](#)



Sophie August 28, 2011 12:43 AM

Hello!
(excuse my english, i am french...)

Thank you for this Tutorial!
I have just finished my bag, I can go at work monday morning with my beautiful bag :-D
There are my first step in sewing, and i am proud!

[Reply](#)



Anonymous October 24, 2011 11:53 AM

HELLO I JUST STARTED SEWING AND WOULD LIKE TO ATTEMPT THIS BAG FOR A FRIEND. THE INTERFACING THAT YOU ARE USING FOR THE HANDLES IS IT THE SAME FOR THE BODY THE DECOR PELLON? OR IS IT 2 DIFFERENT INTERFACINGS? THANKS

[Reply](#)



ayumills October 24, 2011 5:34 PM

Thank you so much everyone!!

Anonymous-
Yes, I used only one type of interfacing this project, so those two are the same ;) Good luck on whipping up a lunch bag for your friend!

[Reply](#)



Ana - Barcelona (España) October 31, 2011 10:48 AM

This is simply beautiful. Thank you very much for sharing.

I hope you don't mind that I linked you in my blog.
<http://licenciaparakoser.blogspot.com>

Ana

[Reply](#)



Sheri November 6, 2011 8:40 PM

I love this! I can't wait to make one or two or more. These would be great gifts for co-workers that bring their lunches to work.

Thanks so much!
Sheri

[Reply](#)



Anonymous November 13, 2011 3:38 PM

Thank you so much for this tutorial!
Your instructions and photos leave nothing to chance. I can't wait to get started. Thank you again for taking the time to share this with us.

Kay
Sudbury, Ontario
Canada

[Reply](#)



Diana November 22, 2011 7:15 AM

Thank you. A very good workshop. In my bag.
<http://dianalaegas.blogspot.com/>

Diana

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Anonymous November 24, 2011 9:57 PM

haa this tutorial is fantastic, I'll send you the photo of my bag.
THank you very much

[Reply](#)



Erin @ Why Not Sew? Quilts December 11, 2011 3:11 PM

I'm finally making one of these tonight, Ayumil! It's been on my "gotta make" list for so long. Thanks for the tutorial!

[Reply](#)



Carmo December 12, 2011 1:35 PM

I made a bag from this tutorial, I really liked and want to see the result here <http://docinhoalgodao.blogspot.com/2011/12/bolsa.html>. I am Portuguese know this country?

Thank you for sharing your ideas!

Carmo

[Reply](#)



Deanna [December 13, 2011 3:52 AM](#)

Beautiful bag! On my list for gifts next year!

[Reply](#)



wilma [December 18, 2011 7:49 AM](#)

Excelente la enseñanza para realizar este Bolso. Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año 2012. Con Gran Cariño desde Venezuela.
wilperez38@gmail.com

[Reply](#)



Gabriela [January 22, 2012 6:08 AM](#)

Thank you Ayumi for sharing your ideas as well for the perfectly clear instructions. Sharing is one of the many reasons we came to this world. kiss

[Reply](#)



Anonymous [January 22, 2012 6:14 AM](#)

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Little-Things-BY-ME/178806008868123?v=info>

That's where you can find me :))

Gabriela

[Reply](#)



Nur Syaza [January 22, 2012 6:46 AM](#)

Just done the lunchbag for my younger sister! Have a look at it :)

<http://sewsauce.blogspot.com/2012/01/lunch-bag.html>

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Anonymous [January 29, 2012 3:58 AM](#)

Would like to tell everyone that you don't need to be a sewing genius to make this! It was so easy and fun to make! Thank you Ayumills!

[Reply](#)



Kylie [February 10, 2012 5:43 AM](#)

Hi Ayumi!

I just made up one of your lunch bags for my daughter to carry her ballet shoes in. Such a great tutorial! It's so clear and easy to follow and makes the cutest bag. I had a lot of fun sewing this one. Thank you so much! :)

[Reply](#)



christine [February 12, 2012 1:37 PM](#)

what a lovely bag, and such clear instructions - well done:)

[Reply](#)



Sharon [February 17, 2012 1:35 PM](#)

Just saw this bag on Happy Zombie & came immediately to you. I love it & can't wait to sew one. Thank you so much. You really have the best & clearest tutorials.

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maggie [February 17, 2012 4:20 PM](#)

I just love this bag and after seeing it at Happy Zombie, I had to find you.
Great project.

cheers

maggie

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Anonymous [February 19, 2012 12:26 AM](#)

Wow! I definitely want to make this lunch bag for my kids....Thanks!

[Reply](#)



Brigitte [February 19, 2012 6:05 AM](#)

thank you so much for this wonderful tutorial! Have to give it a try
greetings from Germany
Brigitte

[Reply](#)



Cynda and David [February 21, 2012 7:38 PM](#)

You do the MOST AMAZING tutorials!! I made the wristlet and now this looks awesome!! Can't wait to make it!! THANK YOU!!

[Reply](#)



Anonymous [February 26, 2012 7:59 AM](#)

Thank You so much! Easy directions...my first bag and I was nervous, but it came out perfect and cute as can be. My granddaughter will love it. Thank You!

Nana

[Reply](#)



Roseann [February 26, 2012 10:18 AM](#)

Thanks for the great tutorial. I had a pack of fat quarters which worked out great for this project. I wanted to make the handles a little longer and I used fabric scraps for the drawstring.

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Das Bellas [February 28, 2012 2:26 PM](#)

beautiful and cute, i love it and now i am following your adorable blog from Brazil :))

Bella

<http://dasbellas.blogspot.com>

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imtheone [March 1, 2012 5:06 AM](#)

nutronicslabs is a medicine

nutronicslabs is a medicine

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Jennifer J March 2, 2012 3:41 PM

Greetings from Portland, Oregon! I just got sent here today by Daisy Cottage Quilting, and I immediately subscribed. I love your tutorial style!! I'm looking forward to reading your blog from one end to the other, and seeing what you have in store for the future. Thank you!!

[Reply](#)



Anonymous March 10, 2012 8:00 PM

excellent tutorial - love the pics/instructions! You did a great job and I appreciate the details! Will try this project!

[Reply](#)



Rien March 20, 2012 12:43 AM

Great tutorial I love this so much and I can't wait to try it.
Thank u..!!

[Reply](#)



Maarit March 31, 2012 9:26 AM

Kiitos ihanan kassin opetusohjelmasta.Terveisiä Suomesta.Kokeilen heti tätä.

[Reply](#)



Katherine April 5, 2012 4:01 PM

Ayumi, thank you so much for this tutorial. I made it last weekend and found the instructions and pictures were the best I have used in a long time! I will definately be making more as gifts for my friends and family.

[Reply](#)



JustPam April 7, 2012 1:18 PM

Thank you for the tutorial for this adorable lunch tote. I just made two for grand daughters. I added a pocket and insulated lining. They get them tomorrow and I hope they like them as much I do. I added my pics to Flickr.

[Reply](#)



yasmin_ain April 7, 2012 7:34 PM

Perfect. Great tute... Thanx

[Reply](#)



samm April 14, 2012 2:35 PM

Thank you so much for this great tutorial. I have been looking for something like this for soooooo long.
Please do more bento bags. Bigger for putting my knitting in. Xxxx thanks xxxxx

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Lavinia April 14, 2012 10:28 PM

Have i said thank you yet?? i don't know, but thank you!!!! i looove this bag.

[Reply](#)



Cécile (les 3 petits cochons) April 15, 2012 12:20 AM

Thank you for this tutorial. I've just made it, it's esay to sew, nice and very practical!

[Reply](#)



Anonymous April 15, 2012 9:55 AM

I just used your tutorial to make a knitting bag for a Mother's Day present. The bag is so cute! Now I need to make one for myself. Thank you so much for the wonderful tutorial!

[Reply](#)



Elisa April 15, 2012 7:48 PM

This is a WONDERFUL tutorial! I don't make bags normally because I struggle with directions, but yours are fabulous! Instructions are very, very clear and the pictures make all the difference. I hope to upload a pic soon and will definitely sing your praises on my blog. Thank you!

[Reply](#)



Isabel Lourenço April 16, 2012 4:29 AM

Thank you to share , here are what i made <http://www.flickr.com/photos/fuxiquices-da-isa/7083552425/in/photostream>

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kathy April 17, 2012 7:18 PM

Better late than never joining this party.
You can see my bag here: <http://runningwithrocket.blogspot.com/2012/04/lunch-sewing.html>

Thank you for very clear photos and directions. This was easy peasy to make.

[Reply](#)



Hirono April 22, 2012 6:45 PM

Thank you, Ayumi, with another wonderful tutorial. I made my bag this weekend and I absolutely love it.

<http://timefordinner.wordpress.com/2012/04/22/pink-penguins-lunch-bag/>

もう、すごく気に入ってます。いつも、素敵なアイデアを提供してくれて、ありがとう！

Hirono

[Reply](#)



Anonymous April 26, 2012 3:50 AM

Thank you, this is just what i was looking for my lunch !!
very clear instructions and many pictures so helpfull !

Charlotte (From Francel)

[Reply](#)



Cheiro de Vanilla May 4, 2012 7:15 AM

Thanks for the tutorial, I have done a few of them, I just posted a Tote that I made like this one.

It is perfect, thanks again.
Love, wanielza

[Reply](#)



kathy May 5, 2012 7:38 PM

My second bag with 'improvements'. Thanks for the pattern.
<http://runningwithrocket.blogspot.com/2012/05/finished-purse.html>

[Reply](#)



JustPam May 8, 2012 9:18 AM

This comment has been removed by the author.

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Scrappydiva May 10, 2012 12:59 PM

Wow! I just found a bag on Pinterest on a ladies blog, she had used your tutorial and linked back to you. Thanks so much for the instructions!! I am definitely going to make this bag soon. I need something for my knitting needles.

Thanks soooo much!
Anthea

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Anonymous May 19, 2012 7:36 AM

j'ai réalisé un lunch bag
thanks

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catcat May 19, 2012 7:38 AM

i'am french
my blog : mespoupouilles.canalblog.com

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Jessica June 2, 2012 11:47 PM

Just finished making this bag! It is sooo cute! Your instructions are fantastic and super easy to follow, Thank You!

[Reply](#)



Zima June 18, 2012 10:34 PM

Thank you for a great tutorial on this supercute bag!

[Reply](#)



Kim June 19, 2012 7:07 PM

I just finished this bag and I love it! Thank you so much for such flawless instructions! Your details were incredibly easy to follow!

[Reply](#)



Jess June 20, 2012 12:39 AM

OMG that is good. =) I doubt I will be able to make one, but I sure can try some day. =)
Thanks for a great blogg. =) Hugs

[Reply](#)



tara June 20, 2012 1:31 AM

Great tutorial! thank you so much****

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Anonymous June 20, 2012 6:35 AM

Where did you buy the calorie fabric please?

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ayumills June 20, 2012 7:05 AM

It was Anna Griffin's fabric that is unfortunately out of print :(

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Anonymous June 21, 2012 5:33 AM

Excellent tutorial!! About the best I've ever seen. Thank you.
Ruth Root
Amarillo, Texas

[Reply](#)



Genia June 21, 2012 8:09 AM

Thank you for posting this wonderful tut! The bag is beautiful.

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Anonymous June 24, 2012 10:24 AM

Thanks for this great pattern. It is very well thought out. I have already made two and I can see these as Christmas gifts for sure!

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