

HANDCRAFT WORKSHOP

REVERSIBLE BENTO BAG PATTERN

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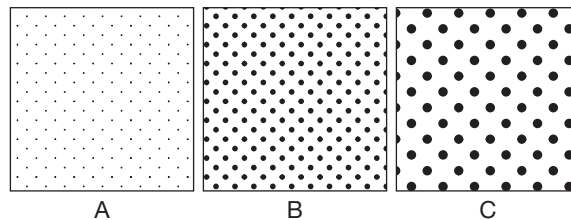
MATERIALS & TOOLS

- Six (6) coordinating fat quarters
- One (1) piece of cotton fabric for handle, cut 5.5" L x 3.5" W
- Coordinating thread
- Ruler
- Marking pencil
- Scissors or Rotary cutter

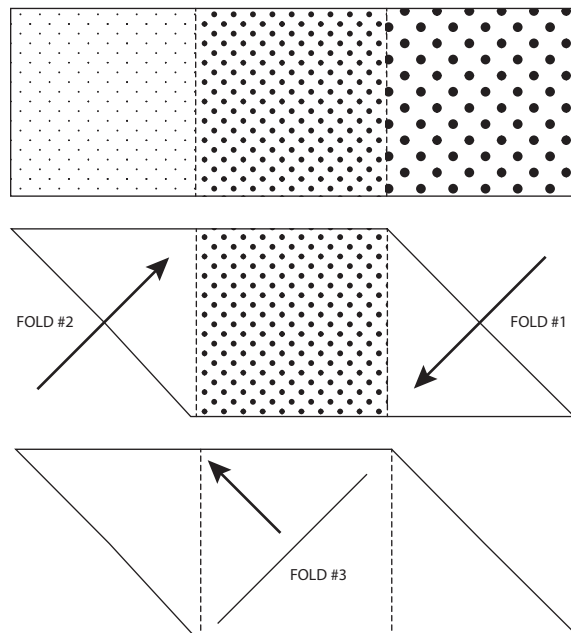
INSTRUCTIONS

Note: All seams should sewn with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance unless otherwise stated.

1. Cut the six fat quarters into 18" x 18" squares.
2. Place the three fat quarters for the bag exterior in a row with the right sides facing up.
3. Sew piece C to the right edge of piece B. Then sew piece A to left edge of piece B. (Note: If you are using a directional fabric, make sure piece C is sewn with the pattern upside down relative to pieces A and B.)

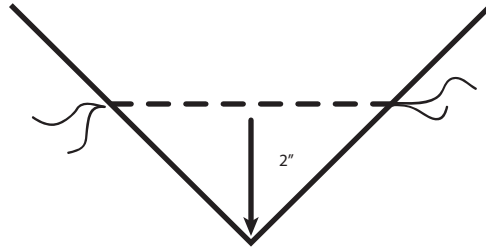


4. With the bag exterior right side up, fold piece C down (i.e., from upper right to lower left) to form a triangle. Fold piece A up (i.e., from lower left to upper right) to form a triangle. Then fold piece B onto itself from the lower right to the upper left to make a triangle.

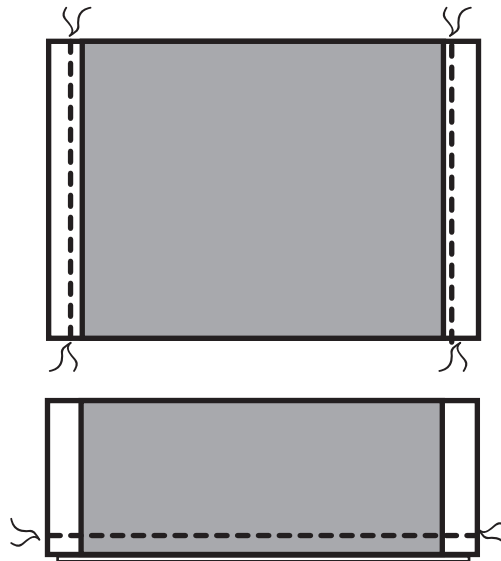


5. Pin and sew the side seams together.

6. Box the two corners. Continue with right sides together. Measure and mark 2" from each corner. Sew along this line and then trim seam allowance.



7. Turn exterior bag right side out and push out corners.
8. Repeat steps 2 - 6 with the remaining fat quarters for the bag interior. Do not turn right side out.
9. With the right sides together, place the exterior bag inside the interior bag.
10. Pin the exterior and interior together, leaving a 3" wide opening on one side for turning.
11. Sew the interior and exterior together along the perimeter with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
12. Turn bag right side out through the opening and push out corners. Press if necessary.
13. Top-stitch all along the bag perimeter, making sure to close the opening.
14. Prepare handle piece by pressing a $\frac{1}{4}$ " fold towards the wrong side of the fabric on each $3\frac{1}{2}$ " edge. Top-stitch each edge down.



15. Fold the handle fabric in half lengthwise with right sides together. Sew along the edge with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. This should form a fabric tube.
16. Turn your fabric tube right side out and press handle with seam allowance in the center on the bottom.
17. Attach a safety pin to one triangle tip of the bag and pull it through the fabric handle. Push the handle out of the way.
18. Sew the two ends of bag together, zig-zagging a few times back and forth to strengthen.
19. Pull the handle over the sewn ends of the bag to cover the stitches.
20. Enjoy your new bag!