

Fat Quarter Bag Free Pattern

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Fat Quarter Bag Cutting:

From each of the six fat quarters, cut:

- 1 rectangle, 17-1/2" x 19-1/2" (6 total)

From the lining fabric, cut:

- 1 rectangle, 38-1/2" x 51-1/2", for lining
- 4 strips, each 2-1/2" x 40", for handles*, **For longer handles, cut 8 strips,*

From the flannel, cut:

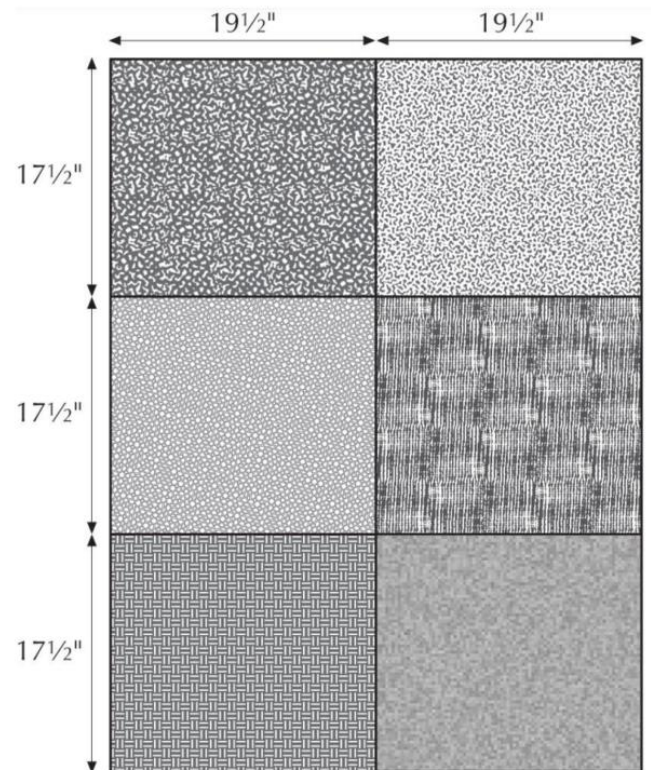
- 2 Strips, each 2-1/2" x 40"*, ***For longer handles, cut 4 strips*

Fat Quarter Bag Instructions:

1. Arrange the 6 fat-quarter pieces as shown. Stitch or serge the pieces together. Press the seams to one side.
2. Pin the lining and the joined fat quarters right sides together. Using a 1/4" -wide seam allowance, stitch or serge around the edges. Leave an 8" opening near the center at one short end. Turn the bag right side out.



Supplies Needed:
6 Fat Quarters
2 1/8 yards for lining and handles
1/4 yd flannel for handles
22" of 1" wide elastic



3. To make the handles, place 2 lining strips right sides together and place a strip of flannel on top. Stitch or serge around 3 sides, leaving 1 short end open for turning. Turn the handle right sides out. Slipstitch the end of the handle closed. Topstitch 1/4" from the edge all around both handles.

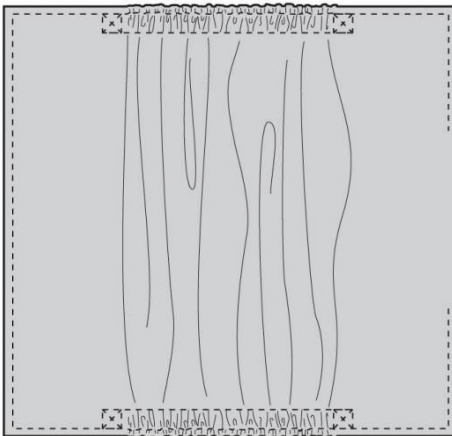
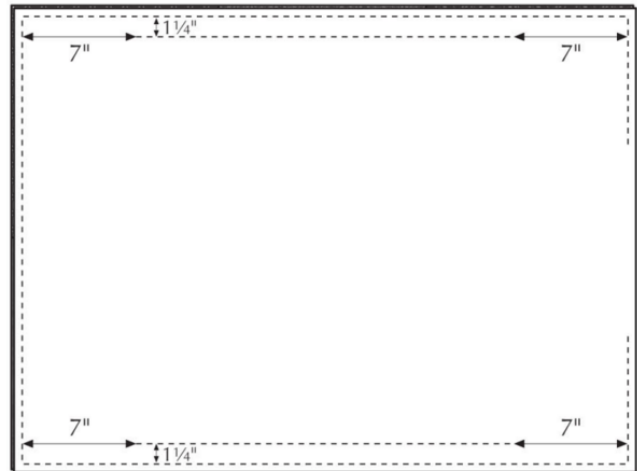


- Press around the edge of the bag. Topstitch along the edge, beginning at the opening and ending at the other side of the opening. Do not stitch across the opening.

Note: To make longer handles, join 2 strips of fabric end to end to make 1 long strip. Make 4 long strips. Repeat with pairs of flannel strips. Follow the directions in step 3 to make the handles.

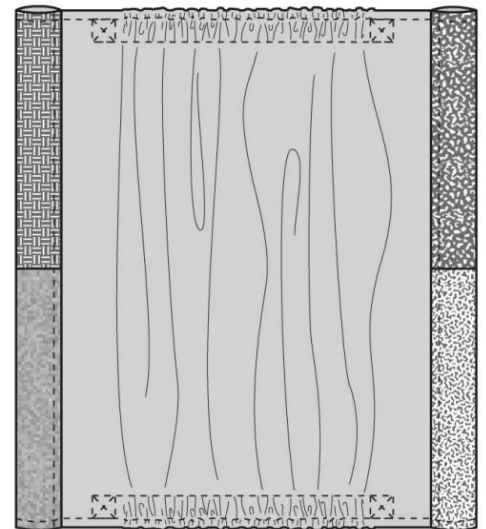
Tip: It helps to pin the pressed edges before you topstitch. The pins hold the layers firmly in place as you sew.

- To make casings for the elastic, measure 7" from the short ends of the bag on both long edges and mark. Stitch from point to point, 1-1/4" from the topstitching.
- Cut the elastic in half to yield 2 pieces, each 11" long. Working through the 8" opening, insert the elastic into both casings. Pin securely at both ends. Secure the ends of the elastic by stitching an X in a 1" square.

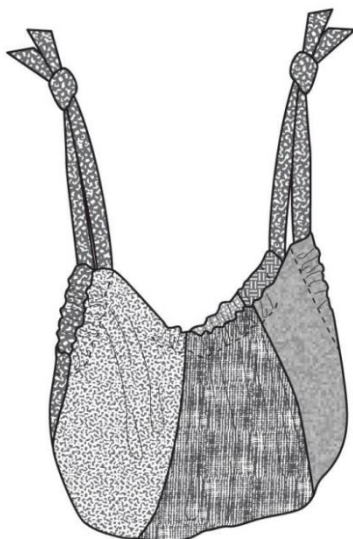


- Slipstitch the open end of the bag closed. Continue topstitching across the 8" span.

- To make the casing for the handles, fold 2" of both short ends toward the lining. Topstitch along the existing topstitching and 1/4" from the fold.



- Insert a handle into each casing. Holding handle pairs together, tie the ends in a knot.



- Make any additional adjustments if needed. Your new DIY bag is complete. Fill it and go!