



<http://www.incolororder.com/2011/10/lined-drawstring-bag-tutorial.html>

Cutting:

From Exterior Main Fabric:

- Cut (1) 9"x22" strip

- Subcut into (2) 9"x10.5" pieces*

From Exterior Accent Fabric:

- Cut (1) 4"x22" strip
- Subcut into (2) 4"x10.5" pieces*

From Interior Fabric:

- Cut (1) 12.5"x22" strip
- Subcut into (2) 12.5"x10.5" pieces*

If using fabric for ties:

- Cut (2) 32"x2" strips

If using twill for ties:

- Cut (2) 32" pieces

*With subcutting, there is scrap leftover after you've cut your pieces. It's written this way to ensure that any directional fabrics are cut correctly.

Bag Construction:



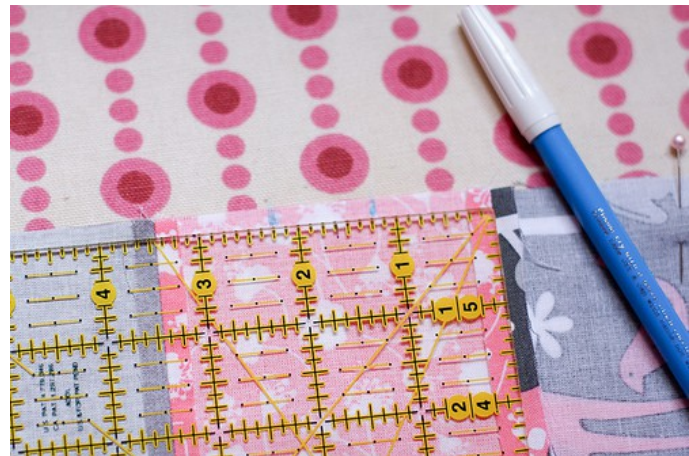
Use a 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise noted

1. Arrange your pieces as shown in the above diagram: Interior, Exterior Accent, Exterior Main, Exterior Main, Exterior Accent, Interior. Be sure to arrange directional prints with the "top" of the print facing out, towards the interior pieces.
2. Sew all your pieces together in this order, creating one long strip. Backstitch when you start and finish each seam. Press your seams open.

3. Fold your sewn strip in half, right sides together, matching the interior ends. Pin along the raw edges, matching up each seam and pinning it to secure. Leave a 3" space at the center of the open end (interior), for turning later.



4. On both sides, mark a 1" opening in the center of the exterior accent piece. Measuring from one side of the exterior accent, mark at 1.25" and 2.25". These two small sections will be left unsewn, creating an opening for the drawstrings.

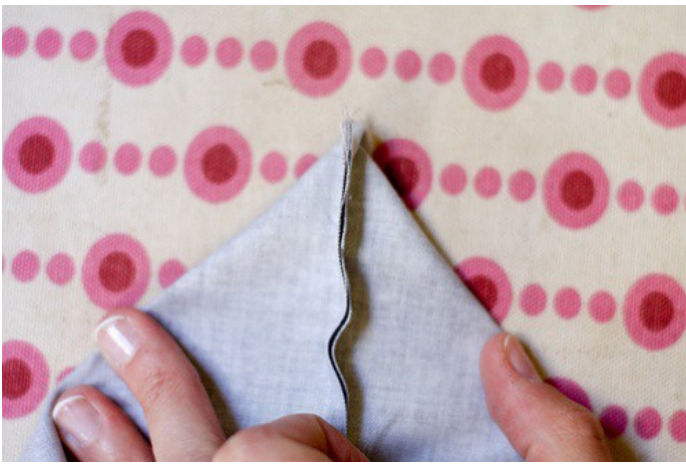


5. Sew along the three open sides, backstitching when you start and finish. Don't sew between the 1" opening you marked on both sides or the the 3" opening on the end. Be sure to backstitch before and after each opening.

6. To create the flat bottom of your bag, we need to box all four corners (2 interior, 2 exterior). Starting with an interior corner, wiggle both interior pieces apart, flattening the corner (where the seams meet). Line up the bottom and side seams, wiggling them between your fingers to feel that they are lined up. You may find this is easier if you first press the eams open a few inches in each direction.

7. Lay your acrylic ruler across the corner, lining up the diagonal edge of your piece with the 45° angle line. The stitching line should line up at 1.5" (as shown above). Draw a line 3" wide across the corner using a water soluble pen.

8. Sew on this line, across the corner. Backstitch when you start and stop. Trim off the corner, leaving a 1/4" seam. Repeat steps 6-8 for the remaining interior corner and both exterior corners.



9. Turn your piece right sides out, pulling through the opening in the interior. Gently push out the corners. Press the lining opening under 1/4" and stitch closed with a small seam allowance.

10. Nestle the interior into the exterior. Press along the top edge.



11. Find the 1" opening you left on each side of the bag. Mark a small horizontal line at the top and bottom of the opening. Using your acrylic ruler, extend the lines around the entire bag.

12. Sew all the way around your piece on the lines you marked. Backstitch at the start and finish. You'll have two stitch lines when you're done, one above and one below the 1" openings. This is the casing for the drawstrings.



Now it's time to make your ties. If you're using twill, skip to step 18

13. Take your fabric strips and fold down 1/4" on each short edge, wrong sides together. Press. Topstitch to secure.
14. Fold in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Press.
15. Unfold, and fold each raw edge into the crease you just created. Press
16. Fold in half again and press



17. Topstitch along the open edge to close with a very small seam allowance. Repeat steps 13-17 to create the second tie



18. Attach a safety pin to one end of your ribbon or fabric tie. Insert the safety pin into one of the side openings.
19. Wiggle it through, passing the other opening, pulling it all the way back around and out the opening where you started.
20. Even out your the ends and tie together in a tight knot. Repeat with the remaining tie, starting at the other side opening.

*If you're using twill instead of fabric ties, you may choose to treat the ends with Fray-Check to prevent fraying

