

Snap Happy Bags

Finished size: 7 1/2" X 6 3/4"

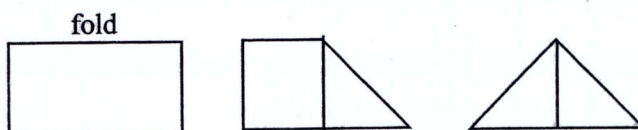
Cutting:

Outer fabric: 8" X 13"
Lining fabric: 8" X 16 1/2"
Lt. wt. batting: 8" X 13"
Fusible light wt.
Interfacing: 8" X 3" (cut 2)
Tabs: 3 1/2" squares (cut 4; 2 from each fabric)
Handle loop (opt.) 1 3/4" X 4" from outer fabric

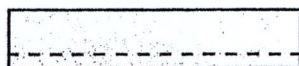
For all sizes of bags, the lining fabric is always 3 1/2" longer.

The finished size of the bag will be half the outside fabric minus the seam allowance

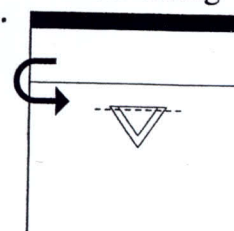
1. Fuse the 3" piece of interfacing to each end of the lining.
2. Fuse the batting to the back of the outer fabric.
3. Fuse the light weight interfacing to the lining fabric; center it.
4. Sandwich the outer fabric with the lining fabric; wrong sides together, pin.
NOTE: the lining will extend 1 3/4" longer on each end.
5. Quilt as desired; loop – de – loops, straight lines, stipple, etc.
6. On each end of the lining; press under 1/4".
7. Fold the lining to the right side of the outer fabric; this will create a casing for the medal tape.
8. Tabs or prairie points:
 - a. Fold the square lengthwise.
 - b. Fold sides to the center to create a point. All the raw edges will be together.
 - c. Press.



9. Center the tabs 3/4" down from the top of outside fabric; center; stitch.
10. Fold the lining over, stitch to form casing and secure the tabs.
11. Opt. loop for handle; sew a 1/4 "seam with RST, turn, and press.
This loop handle will be inserted in the side seam.



Fold over to
make casing



12. Metal measuring tape:

- a. Cut 2 pieces of metal measuring tape (for better "snap", use 2 per side) $\frac{3}{4}$ " **shorter** than the length of the casing. Use old scissors or tin snips.
- b. Round the ends; cover end with duct tape or masking tape. This will prevent the ends from cutting into fabric.



13. Put the measuring tapes into the casing with the numbers **facing toward the inside of the bag**.
14. Fold the bag with RST; line up the top of the casing.
15. Before you sew the side seam, insert the loop handle in the side seam; making sure the loop will be on the outside of bag after you sew the side seam. This handle is optional.
16. To sew the side seam, use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam being careful on EACH side **not** to sew through the metal tape measure. Also, if you are using a loop handle, make sure it is sewn in with the seam.
17. You can finish the seams with a zig-zag or serger. **(Be very careful)**
18. **NOTE:** these bags can be made in any size; Cut the lining 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " LONGER than the bag fabric.
19. You can also square the bottom of the bag.

This site has wonderful pictures; she just asks this and I quote:

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<http://tatteredgarden.blogspot.com/2010/01/snappy-bag-tutorial.html>

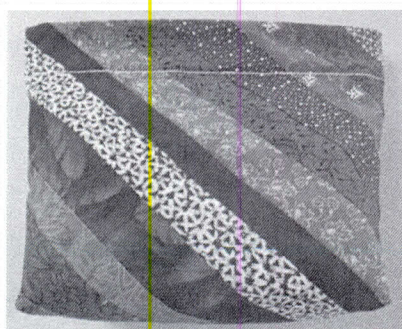
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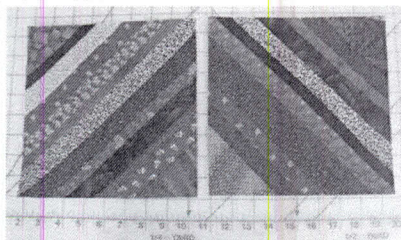


This will be my first time posting a tutorial.

We'll see how it goes.

I have been reading on some of the list about Snap Bags and I thought I would post how I made one.

You will need two - 8 1/2 inch square Scrappy blocks or a piece of fabric 8 1/2 by 16 1/2. I didn't use interfacing or batting in my bag because the strips were already so thick - but you could if you wanted to!



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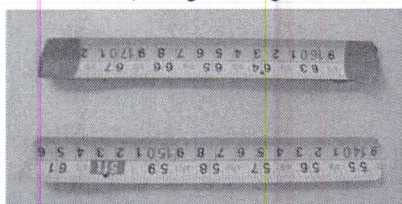
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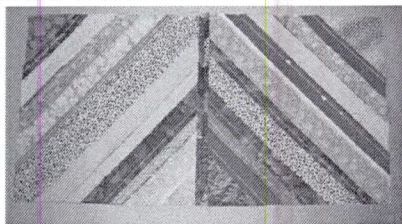
A piece of Lining 8 1/2 by 16 1/2 inches.



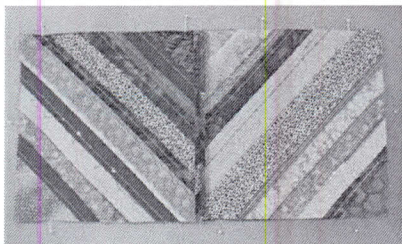
Two pieces of metal measuring tape one inch shorter than the width of the finished bag.
Round off the sharp corners and cover with tape.
This will keep the metal from poking through the fabric.



First you want to sew the two blocks together. I used a 1/4 inch seam.



Then pin the blocks to the lining - placing the right sides together.



Sew all around the bag leaving an opening for turning on one of the short ends.

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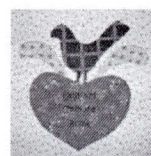
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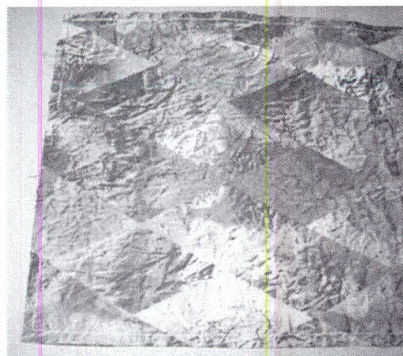
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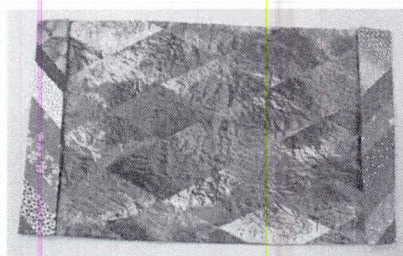
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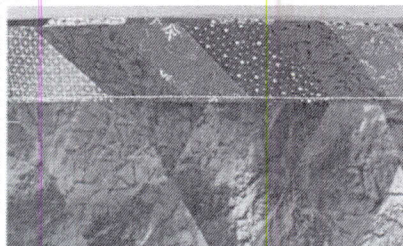




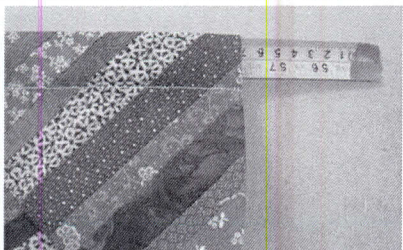
Trim the corners and turn the bag right side out.
Press well and turn down 1/4" on both short ends.



Stitch across the 1/4 inch you turned down. Leave the ends open.
You may want to use thread that matches your fabric.
I used white so it would show up in the picture.



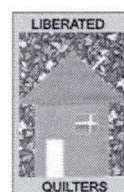
Now you need to insert the metal tape. Make sure the numbers face the **right side** of the bag.
If you don't put the tape in right you won't get the snap that closes your bag. Put a piece of tape in both ends of the bag.
Make sure the tape is 1/2 inch shorter than the bag on each end. You don't want to sew over it when you sew the sides of the bag together.



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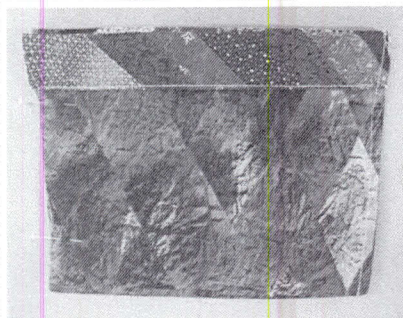
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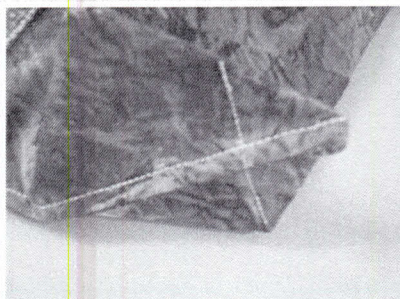
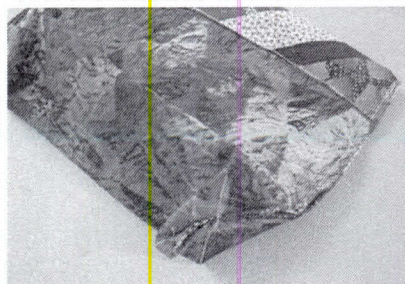
With right sides together sew the sides of the bag.
I find it easier to start sewing from the bottom of the bag.



After the sides are sewn together you make the bottom. To do this make a mark about 1 inch up from the bottom on both sides.



Center the bottom of the bag over the side seam and stitch across both ends where you made the mark.

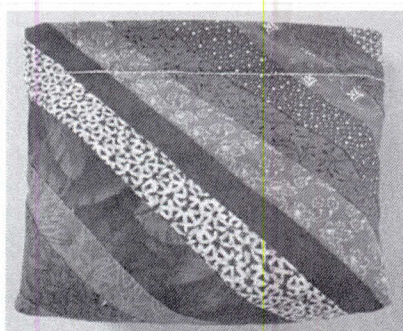
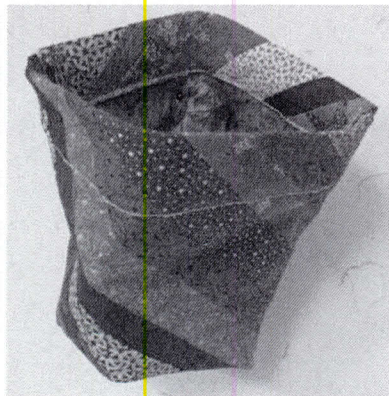


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Turn right side out and you are finished!



There are many things you could do with this simple pattern. You could add batting or interfacing to make the bag have more body. I have seen them made with beads or tabs to help pull them open. They could also be made smaller or larger.

All instructions are written with the best intent and are only a personal account of my sewing of my bag. They are not intended as a pattern source.

I hope the instructions are not too confusing.

If you do have problems be sure to let me know.

I would be glad to answer any questions you might have.

If you use my tutorial to make a bag I would love to see the pictures and please give me credit for the pattern.

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