

Patchwork Drawstring Pouch
A Free Bag Pattern from
Daydreams of Quilts

Supplies:

24 - 2 ½" squares

Fat quarter fabric for outer bag and zipper tabs

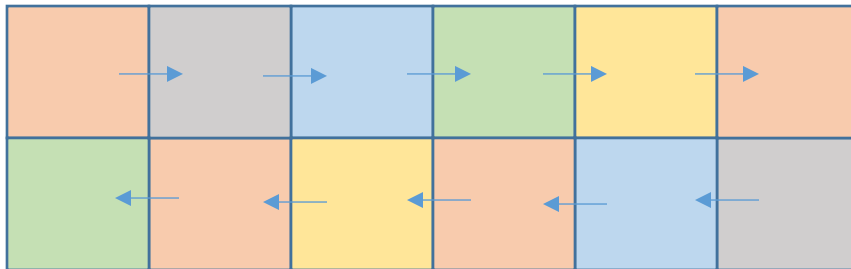
Two 36" pieces of rope, cord or ribbon

Half yard of lining fabric

Fusible fleece or quilt batting - two 10 x 12" rectangles (optional) and 1 Yard of Shapeflex 101 interfacing

How To:

Create two sections of patchwork for the front and back of the bag. Each section will have two rows of six 2 ½" squares. Press seams on rows in opposite directions.



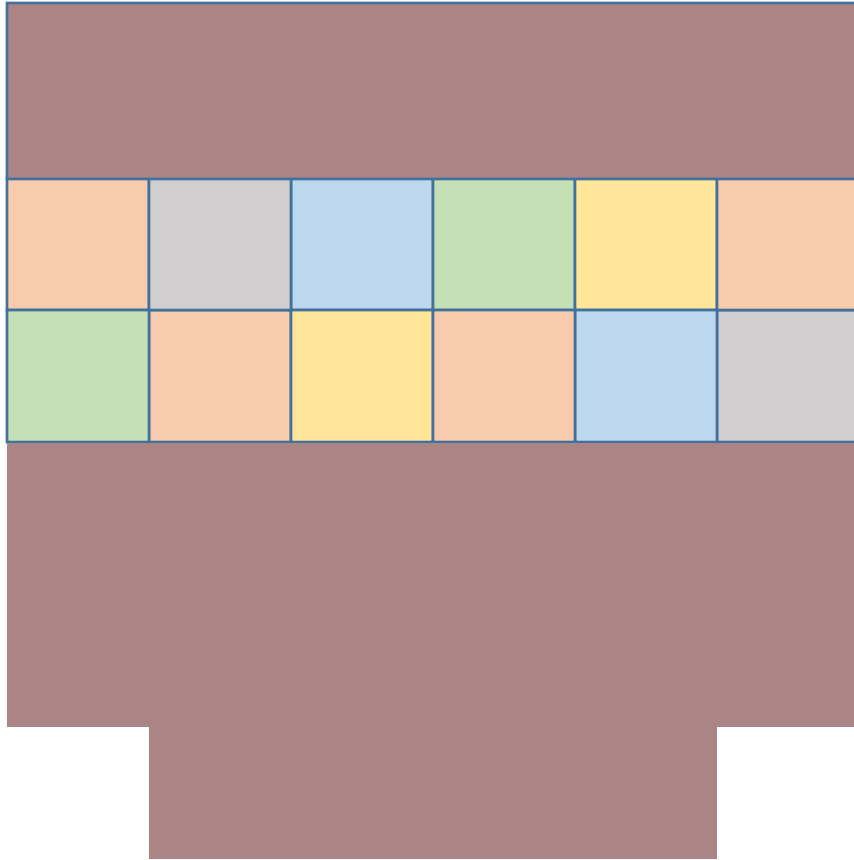
Cut two lining pieces 10 ½" x 12 ½". Cut 2" squares out of the bottom two corners of the lining pieces.

Cut two 2 ½" x 12 ½" strips and two 4 ½" x 12 ½" strips from the fat quarter.

Sew the 2 ½" strips to the top of the patchwork sections and sew the 4 ½" strips to the bottom of the patchwork section. Press seams towards the strips.

Cut 2" squares out of the bottom corners. (See diagram next page)

Quilt the outer bag panels to quilt batting or fuse to fusible fleece (Quilting is optional - I just fused Shapeflex to both my lining and outer panels.) Attach fusibles with an iron following manufacturer's directions. Trim any excess batting from the edges. (If using fusibles make sure to cut out the bottom 2" corners from your fusible first so you don't get sticky glue on your iron.)



Cut two 2 ½" x 12" strips for the drawstring casing. Fold the short ends under ¼" and press. Fold them another ¼" and press again. Topstitch the folded ends to hem. Press the strips in half lengthwise with wrong sides together.

Centre the strips along the top edges of your bag panels and clip with sewing clips to hold in place. Sew along the long edges with a ¼" seam.

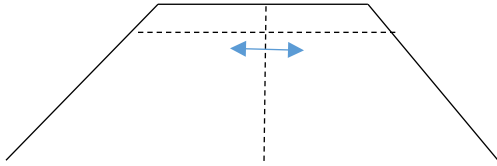
Open your seam so the wrong sides of the panel fabrics are facing and your drawstring channel is on the top edge and press your seam. Top stitch along the top edge of the bag panel for a nice finished look. Make sure to pull fabric taught away from the drawstring channel for both outer and lining fabrics.

Repeat with the other side of the bag.

Place the outer fabrics right sides together and the lining fabrics right sides together. Clip around the bag with sewing clips and stitch all the way around with a ¼" seam leaving a 4" opening on the lining bottom edge for turning.

The drawstring channel is shorter than the bag width so we can get past without catching them in the seam.

Box each of the four corners by pinching the fabric and lining up the seams. Sew across the corners with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



Nest the seams by pushing the seam allowances in opposite directions and butting the seams up together.

Turn the bag through the opening in the lining. Push out the corners.

Turn the lining edges at the opening under and clip. Top stitch along the opening with $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam to close the opening. Push the lining down into the bag and into the corners.

Cut two pieces of rope, cord or ribbon 32" to 36" long depending on your preference. Feed them through the drawstring channels. One from the left side, all the way around and back out the left side. Tie a knot at the ends. Repeat for the right side. Pull from the knotted ends to close the top of the bag.

Your beautiful patchwork pouch is finished!