

DRAWSTRING BAG

VARIATION CREATED USING THE SMALL TASK-IT BAG TEMPLATE

Fabric 1	outside	Cut two 16"x16"
Fabric 2	lining	Cut two 16"x21"
	drawstrings	Cut two 3"x WOF
Bosal In-R-Foam	one side fusible	Cut two 8x16"
1" button		

Martelli Small Task-It Template

Martelli 3"x24" rule

NOTE: All seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless otherwise noted. Fabrics will be wrong sides together for the seams.

CONSTRUCTING THE OUTSIDE

Adhere the In-R-Foam to the bottom edge of each of the outside 16"x16" square pieces. Then using the Small Task-It-Bag template, cut out the two bottom corners of the In-R-Foam sandwich of the 16"x16" square.

To make the squared bottom of the outside of this bag, match the edges of each cutout corner and sew a seam. Then sew the two outside pieces together, matching the corners, bottom and sides of the bag. Once both front and back pieces are sewn together, invert the bag and tuck in the top of the bag into the bottom of the bag with a fold along the top of the In-R-Foam. Pin along this fold and topstitch.

CONSTRUCTING THE LINING

Follow the steps that were used for the outside of the bag, with these two exceptions. There will be no In-R-Foam used on the lining. When sewing the front and back pieces together, leave a 10" opening in the center of the bottom. We will use that opening to turn the bag right side out when we are finished.

JOINING THE OUTSIDE AND THE LINING TOGETHER

With Right sides together, tuck the outside bag inside the lining, matching the raw edges and side seams. Sew the seam. Reaching inside the opening in the bottom of the lining, pull the outside bag out. Sew a seam to close the opening. Tuck lining into bag matching the bottom seam and the corners. I use pins to hold the bottoms together until I can topstitch along the

bottom seam to secure the lining and the outside “bags” together. GIVE THE BAG A GOOD SHAKE. Line up the side seams. Put a pin in each side seam and at the top of the In-R-Foam. We will topstitch the side seams together after we complete the drawstring casing. Smooth the top of the bag. The lining fabric showing at the top of the bag will become the casing area.

CREATING THE CASING FOR THE DRAWSTRINGS

Making sure everything is smooth and even, pin around the top edge and topstitch $\frac{1}{2}$ ” from the top edge. Topstitch $\frac{1}{2}$ ” from the seam where the outside fabric and the lining fabric meet. The area in between these two rows of topstitching is the casing. At each side seam, carefully open the seam between the two rows of topstitching.

SEWING THE DRAWSTRINGS

Using the 3”xWOF strips cut from Fabric 2. Fold each strip in half lengthwise. Press. Fold in the raw edges to the pressed fold line. Press the strip again. The strip is now $\frac{3}{4}$ ”x WOF.

We are going to sew a seam on each selvage end of two of the strips. Unfold the strip and with right sides together and folded on the center mark sew a seam inside the selvages. Do NOT cut off the selvage. Being careful to sew these seams the same on both strips. Refold the strips back into the $\frac{3}{4}$ ” wide strips. These straps need to be the same length, so double check the length before you topstitch. I suggest you use the serpentine curvy stitch and sew down the center of each drawstring.

INSERTING THE DRAWSTRINGS

Starting on the front LEFT opening, insert a drawstring. Match the two ends of the drawstring and pull open the top. Tie a knot. Repeat with the second drawstring, but insert from the RIGHT opening.

FINISHING THE DRAWSTRING BAGS

Stitch in the side seam at the area we marked with pins earlier.

On the front, at the top of the In-R-Foam, find the center and stitch on the button. This adds a little more stability to the bag.

No handles are needed as the drawstrings are long enough to act as handles.