

Froggy Thread Catcher

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Stop reaching for the garbage bin. A cute easy thread catcher can be right at your fingertips.

Skill Level: Beginner

Materials

- Fabric, 2 different prints. One for lining, one for outer fabric.
- Fusible Fleece
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

2 – 7" x 8" outer fabric

2 – 7" x 8" lining fabric

2 – 7 x 8" fusible fleece

1 – 6" x 6" connecting piece

Project Notes

All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Read all instructions before beginning this project.

Pattern Instructions

- 1) Take the 2 – 7"x 8" outer bag fabrics and iron one piece of fusible fleece to each piece. Quilt if desired.
- 2) With right sides together, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam all the way around. Leave one 7" side open, this will be the top of the bag.
- 3) Box corners of bag. Pull fabric away from each other while matching up the seam with the fold. This creates a triangle. From point, measure $1\frac{1}{2}$ " inward. Stitch across this line, and trim to $\frac{1}{4}$ " from sewn line. Repeat for the other side.
- 4) Take the 2 -7"x 8" lining fabrics and with right sides together sew with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Leave an opening on the bottom (7" end) by about 2" from either side edge.
- 5) Box corners as you did for the outer bag. Mark center/top on outer bag and on lining bag.
- 6) Take the 6"x 6" connector piece, and with right sides together sew down 3 sides. Turn right sides out and stitch opening closed using a $\frac{1}{8}$ " top stitch all the way around.

Assembly

- 1) Outside bag should be Wrong Side Out.
- 2) Lining bag, turn so Right Side Out. Now Place your lining bag into the outer bag. Right sides should be touching.
- 3) Match upside seams and your center mark on top of the outer bag and the lining.
- 4) Place your connector piece in between the 2 bags, matching up the seams and the markings. The connector should be even with the edge of the bags.
- 5) Sew all the way around the perimeter of the bag.

- 6) Pull lining out, you now have a long tube. Now pull the entire bag through the opening in the lining. Reach your hand in and push out the corners.
- 7) Stitch opening closed using 1/8" seam allowance.
- 8) Push lining into outer bag. Push out all 4 corners. Now top stitch 1/8" all around the entire perimeter.

Attaching Froggy Thread Catcher to Frog

- 1) I left the mouth of the frog open for me to fill and attach the thread catcher and the tongue if desired.
- 2) Pin connector to the bottom fabric of the frog. Centering as best you can.
- 3) Place the tongue in the middle of the connector and pin in place.
- 4) Stitch carefully.
- 5) Stitch mouth closed, being careful of not hitting any rice or what ever you choose to fill your Frog with.

I picked up the bees on a wire from Hobby Lobby. The bee fabric from Etsy. Have fun!!