

Shoes and so Much More Cinch Sack - by Heather Sneller

A simple cinch sack to store shoes for travel, give gifts and sew much more!

Skill Level Beginner

Finished Sizes: 9" X 14" X 3.5"

Materials

Fabric & Additional Items

1 Fat Quarter for outside	20" of ½" or wider Ribbon that matches or coordinates w/ outside fabric
1 Fat Quarter for lining	36" 325 paracord or similar thin cording
Thread	1 Cord stop that coordinate with fabric colors

Additional Items

Martelli Rotary Cutter	Martelli Clamping Tweezers/Bodkin
Martelli Cutting Mat	Martelli Fat Quarter template
Martelli Fabric Clips	Martelli 1 inch ruler
Martelli 2" square or new 2" by 2 ¼" square or L ruler with quarter inch markings	

NOTE – UNLESS OTHER WISE STATED ALL SEAMS AT ¼ INCH SEAM ALLOWANCE

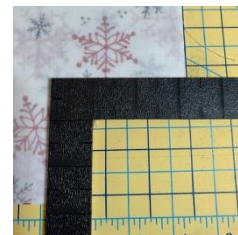
For better results:

- Have you changed your sewing machine needles/cleaned your machine, changed your rotary blades?
- When top stitching it is helpful to elongate your stitch length
- Optionally make sure that all fabric is pressed/starched prior to cutting
- If using your own stash, we suggest serging the edges and washing then starch and press.

Pattern Instructions

Step 1:

- Cut 1 fat quarter for outside and 1 fat quarter for lining.



- To applique or embroider on the outside of the bag or ribbon, you will need to complete before beginning the bag cutting and assembly. Remember that you will need SF101 on the back side of the outside fabric if you are embroidering.
- You can also embellish with buttons or applique before or after assembling.

Step 2:

- Fold each of the fat quarters in half on long side giving you a 11 X 18 rectangle
- With fold on the left and cut edges matched up on right. Press

Step 3:

- For both the outside fabric and the lining:
- With the 18 inches being vertical on your mat.
- Cut a 2-inch by 2-inch square from the bottom of the folded side of each fat quarter.

Step 4:

- For both the outside fabric and the lining:

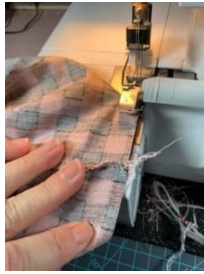
- With the 18 inches being vertical on your mat.
- Cut a 2 ¼ inch by 2-inch square from the bottom edge of the cut edge side.
 - Making sure the 2-inch cut is vertical and the 2 ¼ inch is cut horizontal

Step 5:

- For both the outside and the lining:
- With right sides together serge or sew the side seam of the raw edges with a ¼ inch seam.

Step 6:

- For both the outside fabric and the lining:
- With right sides still together, serge or sew the bottom raw edges together with a ¼ inch seam.



Step 7:

- **On the outside fabric only:**
- Pull the inner corner of the cut squares on bottom of fabric to the sides to make a new straight line with the serged seam or seams in the center perpendicular to new line.
- This will start to make the box bottom of the bag. Pin or clip in place and sew or serge closed.
- Do the same on the other side matching the side seam to the bottom seam. Pin or clip and sew closed
- **On the lining fabric only:**
- Serge or sew one corner on the lining.
- This will leave a way to turn the bag after we sew the tops together.

Step 8:

- Turn the outside fabric right side out.
- Place the outside inside the lining fabric with right sides together.
- Match up the sewn side seams.
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- Match up the bottom edges and line up the tops.
- Pin or clip in place and serge or sew the top edges all the way around.

Step 9:

- Locate the unsewn corner on the lining.
- Pull the right side of the bag through the corner of the lining. This will make a long double ended bag with rights sides showing.



Step 10:

- Fold in the open corner of the lining and sew it shut as close to the edge as possible. (Machine or hand stitch)

Step 11:

- Tuck lining inside of the outside fabric.
- Line up the boxed corners pull the top up and iron a crisp edge at bag opening.
- Press, clip or pin to hold crisp edge.

Step 12: optional

- Top stitch around top of bag with a ¼ inch seam allowance.

Step 13:

- Place the 1 ruler at top of bag.



- Line up ribbon under the ruler starting at the side with the seam wrapping all the way around the bag.
- Pin in place being careful to only pin through one side of fabric. (You will be sewing stitching both the outside and the lining layers together making sure that you have not pinned the bag shut).
- Fold the ribbon ends under at/near the seam sides.

Step 14:

- Sew all the way around the bag at the top of the ribbon and again at the bottom of the ribbon. This creates the tube the draw string runs through.

Step 16:

- Cut your cording to the desired length. If your cording will fray either melt the ends or tape.
- With your Martelli Clamping Tweezers/Bodkin thread one end of the cording through the ribbon.
- Line up both ends of the cording.
- Slide both ends of the cording through the cord stop. Knot the ends together.

Your bag is finished!

- We hope you enjoyed this class. Remember it's just a starting point for this project. You can make this project a simple or as fancy as you would like. You are only limited by your creativity and imagination. If you sell these sacks, we only ask that you reference where you received this pattern in hopes that we can teach others. Please post your creations, comments, suggestions and what you learned to the Martelli Creations website.

Inspiration - We started making these when we started to travel frequently.

Add insulation to make a quick lunch sack, use pul or waterproof material to make a great wet bag, fabric choices make a great way to personalize your bag.