

OVER THE MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

JANUARY 2011 PROJECT: CLICK BAG

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut two $[(b + 1") \times (c + 1")]$ from the fabric for the outside of the bag.
2. Cut two $[(b + 1") \times (c + 1")]$ from the fabric for the lining.
3. Cut 2 pieces of fabric for the closure, each = $(a + 1") \times 4"$.
4. Fold each closure piece's short edge so that it measures no longer than c minus $1/4"$, or $5/8"$ on each end if $a=c$ for your bag.
5. Fold and iron each closure piece in half lengthwise wrong sides together, then one more time in half lengthwise.
6. Stack two separate fabric sandwiches, lining up the raw edges, as follows: outside fabric right side up + folded closure strip + lining fabric right side down. Sew along the top raw edge with a $1/4"$ seam allowance. You can also baste the closure strips centered on the edge of the outside fabric.
7. Iron (press) this seam with the seam allowance toward the lining.
8. Stack both sandwiches matching outside with outside, inside with inside, and also matching the seams you sewed in # 6. Pin both sandwiches right sides together being careful to fold the short edges of the closure out of the way.
9. If you want rounded bottom corners, now is the time to draw them on the wrong side of the fabric for the 4 corners of the bag (two corners in the outside fabric and two corresponding corners in the lining).
10. Sew all around this stack with a straight stitch and a $1/2"$ seam allowance but make sure you leave an opening in the "c" area of the lining only so that you can turn the bag inside out.
11. Trim the seam allowance to a scant $1/4"$ and zigzag the edges.
12. Turn the stack inside out. Close the open area in the lining with a blind stitch, whipstitch, or straight stitch and stuff the lining back into the bag.
13. Closure mechanism will be provided to you during the meeting to fit the size of your bag but will be no longer than 10".
14. Insert closure mechanism into each side of closure band making sure that the concave side faces outward. Whipstitch the side opening of the closure bands shut.