

Mug Bag

Make (piece, appliqué, strip join) one piece of fabric 9 ½” -15 “, for the outside of the bag. Also cut one piece of lining 9 ½” -- 16 “

Cut batten, and quilt these three layers together to within

½” from the side edge. (You can also strip quilt the three layers together)

At this time it may also be a good idea to sew the binding along the top.

However, do not fold this over yet!

After quilting make a tube by sewing the outside fabric together, along the short side.

Trim the batten and overlap and hand-sew the lining.

Now fold the binding over the edge and topstitch

Fold this tube double and choose where you want your pattern to show before you sew the bottom edge.

To make a flat bottom, fold the bottom seam over to the side seam and sew across 3”

(1 ½ “ from the centre seam) in the corner. Cut and finish these seams as well.

Make a casing for the drawstrings. (see below)

Casing: Cut two strips 7—1 ½ “, fold the short side over and sew. (So that they do not fray). Sew them one on each side app.1” from the top of the bag.

Fold the unfinished edge over and top-stitch towards the top of the bag.

Cut two 20” length of thin cord and feed them through the casing,

starting from opposite sides. Tie a knot from the separate ends. Close, by drawing on both knots.

Japanese triangular gift bag

With right sides of the fabric facing each other cut two equilateral triangles of contrasting colours.

Measure 11 ½ “ along the straight of grain. Using the 60 degree angle of your ruler along the bottom, measure 11 ½ “ along each side. Cut your triangles.

With the right sides facing, sew from somewhere on the straight side all the way around. Leave a birthing opening to turn the triangles the right side out.

Close this opening by hand stitching it.

Press and free motion stitch to quilt.

With the outside facing up, lay the triangle on your table, and fold all three points, for a length of 2- 2 ½ “ towards the centre. Press.

Topstitch these app. 3/8 ” from the fold, this will form the casing for the ribbon.

Starting 3/4 “ from the casing hand sew all three sides, between the casings, together on the inside.

Turn right side out and feed a narrow ribbon (50cm in length) through all three casings.

Tie the bag after filling it with a small gift, (Chocolate, small piece of soap etc)

The Japanese believe that the wrapping should be a work of art, almost more important than the gift. This now is your hostess gift bag.

Without the ribbon these little bags can be used as thread catchers, on your dresser to receive small things (your rings, earrings) or any other use you may think of.

Friendship Flags

The finished Prayer/Friendship flag should measure 6"x 8", with 6" being the top.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

Option 1: two pieces 6 ½ " X 8 ½ "

Option 2: one long piece 6 ½ " x 16" (see step 1 for design direction)

Both Options: 16" x 1 ½ " long strip for the binding /tie (Please do not use bias binding as it is stretchy)

There will be a number of flags on each bunting and we have to take weight into account. We'd also like the flags to hang softly and not be stiff. For this reason please bear the following in mind:

- No batting between layers.
- If appliquéing your design on, please use **lightweight** materials for fusing.
- If using buttons or any other sewn on items, please keep them to a minimum.
- If using fabric ink use the washable and iron-able kind, and be sure to heat seal it. Please do not use puff fabric ink or the fabric pens that are not iron-able.

Put your name on the back if you want it returned.

Microwaveable fabric bowl

re - the microwaveable fabric bowl that was demo-ed today.

<http://nebraskaviews.blogspot.ca/2013/12/stitching-up-christmas-giftsbowl.html> and also
[Syzygy Of Me June 6, 2012](#), [Quilting Board-Microwave Fabric Bowls](#), [Quilt in a Day-Hot Bowl Tute](#)

funky chicken pincushion

- <http://www.quiltingboard.com/tutorials-f10/selvage-funky-chicken-pincushion-t143250.html> - I used a 4 1/2" square of fabric for the body of the chicken.