

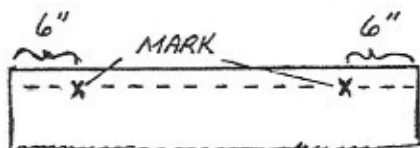
Gathering Bag

Materials

- 1 ½ yard for handles and bag
- 1 ¼ yard for lining
- batting scraps 2 inches wide the length of the handle (I like to double mine to make a thicker handle)
- These are really cute made of scraps sewn together to get the measurements needed bags can also be made smaller.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut 9" from outer fabric. Set aside for handles.
2. Place lining and outer fabric right sides together.
3. Trim to make all sides even.
4. Sew 5/8" seam along each selvage edge.
5. Turn right side out.
6. Press
7. Sew a 5/8" casing on each seamed side.
8. Place a mark 6" from the unsewn edges on each end of both casings.



9. Draw a line (on lining fabric) 3-3/4" from edge - parallel to unsewn edges.
10. Cut two 13-1/2" pieces of elastic.
11. Using a bodkin or safety pin, thread elastic through casing.
12. Machine tack, using a zig-zag stitch, at first 6" mark.
13. Continue to thread elastic through casing and machine tack at the second mark.
14. Repeat steps 11 to 13 for the other casing.
15. Edge finish both unsewn edges by zig-zagging or by pressing over 1/4" and stitching down. (Be sure to catch both layers.)
16. Fold edge over to meet the 3-3/4" marked line. Pin. Repeat

17. Stitch along finished edge to make handle casing. Repeat for the other side.

18. Make handles-cut 9 " piece length of fabric into two 4 1/2 inch pieces. Fold in 1/2 ,stitch,turn and press.

19.Cut 4-2 inch wide strips of batting or fusible fleece the length of the handle. Use two pieces for each handle. Attach safety pin to fleece or batting (both at the same time) and thread through handle. Repeat for other handle.

Thread handles through casing on bag. Secure handles.

Stitching does not have to be neat because it will be inside the casing! Enjoy!!!!

Bag can be made any size. Scraps can be sewn together to make yardage.