

The Olde World Bag

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16" x 14"

Fabric A – 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards for bag, pocket and straps

Cut: 2 – 7" strips for straps

1 – 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, into:

2 – 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces for bag

1 – 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip, into:

2 – 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " piece for pocket

Fabric B – $\frac{1}{2}$ yard for sides, top and bottom

Cut: 6 – 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, into:

4 – 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces

4 – 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ " pieces

Fusible Fleece – $\frac{2}{3}$ yard

Cut: 2 – 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x width of fabric for straps

2 – 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces for bag

2 – 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " pieces for pockets

Assemble Pockets

Fold and press one 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric A piece in half lengthwise with wrong side together to make a 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " pocket. Fuse a 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " fusible fleece rectangle between the layers. Topstitch the folded edge. Repeat to make 2.

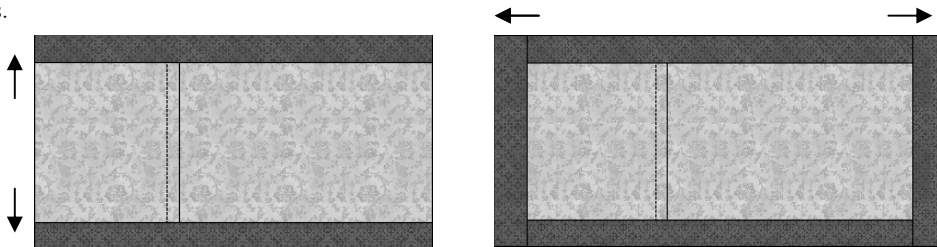
Assemble the Bag Units

With right side up, place the pocket on the end of the 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric A piece, along the 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " side. Baste along the raw edges to hold the pocket in place. Repeat to make 2.



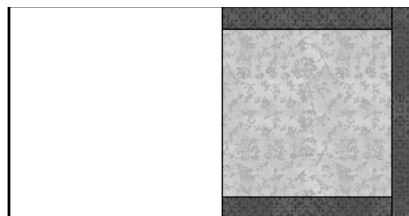
Make 2

Sew a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ " B piece to both sides of the 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ " piece along the 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ " side. Press the seams towards the B pieces. Sew a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ " B piece to the top and bottom. Press the seams towards the B pieces. Repeat for both pieces.



Make 2

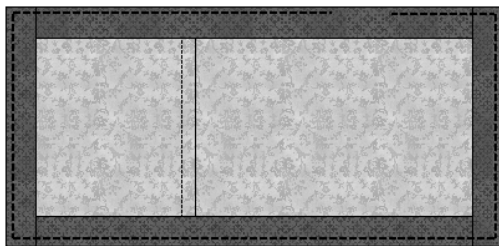
Following manufacturers' instructions, fuse the 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of fleece to wrong sides of the pocket ends of the bag unit. Repeat for both pieces.



Make 2

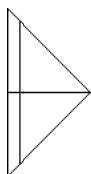
Assemble the Bag

With right sides together, layer the bag units with the pocket pieces on the same end. Sew units all around, leaving a 5 inch opening along one side. Make sure that the opening is not near the pockets.



Shape Bag Bottoms

Match the bottom seam line to the side seam line, creating a flattened triangle. Measure two inches from point of triangle. Draw a 4 inch line across the triangle. Sew on the drawn line. Trim excess fabric. Repeat for all corners.

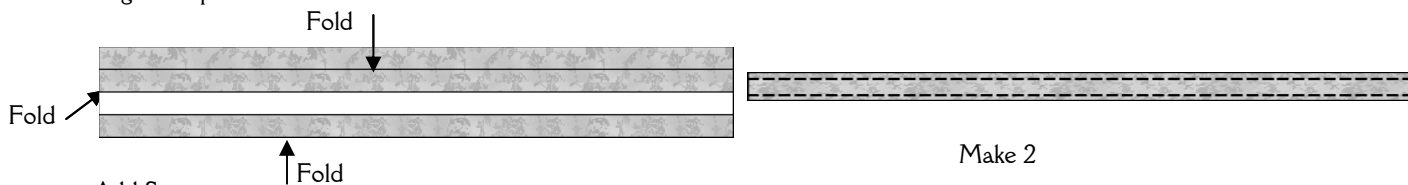


Complete the Bag

Pull the bag through the opening. Slip stitch the opening. Insert lining into bag by placing the piece that does not have the pockets inside the pocket piece. Top stitch the opening of the bag.

Assemble the Straps

Fold a 7" A piece in half wrong sides together. Open up. Press the edges to middle fold. Fuse fleece along the middle of the fold on the wrong side of the fabric. Refold so that the fleece is on the inside of the strap. Press and stitch around the edges. Repeat to make two.



Add Straps:

At the end of the straps, fold in 2 inches. Align the strap along the top of the bag 2" from the B fabric side strip. Sew strap to the bag, stitching through all thicknesses. Sew an X at the top for reinforcement. Measure the strap for desired length. Repeat for strap on same side of bag. Repeat for second strap.

