

## Fat Quarter Origami Inspired Drawstring Bag

### Supplies:

- 2 Fat Quarters that are well contrasted with each other.
- 1 48" complementary ribbon cut into 2 24" long sections.
- Chopstick or Purple Thang (to push out corners)
- Clips or Pins
- Chalk marker
- Bodkin or large safety pin to feed ribbon through.

### Instructions:

Use a ¼ inch seam unless otherwise indicated.

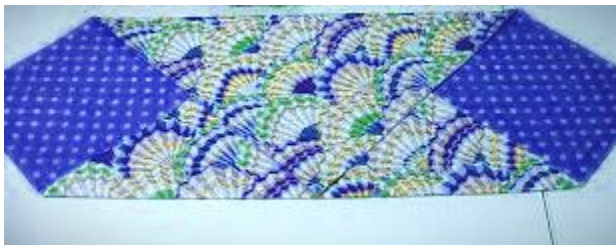
Press your fabrics.

Cut 1 17 ½ inch square from each fabric.

Place right sides together, clip or pin in place and sew all the way around the outside edge leaving a 3 ½ gap for turning. Clip the corners to make it easier to lay flat once turned.

Turn it right side out pulling through the gap you left. Fold down the open edges toward the inside. Use a pencil eraser, chopstick, etc. to push out the corners as much as you can. Press it flat (steam is your friend here). Clip or pin if need to make sure the open edges are inside. Topstitch around the outside as close to the edge as you can get.

Decide which fabric you want on the inside of the bag, and which one will be your pop of contrast. Place on your workspace with the inside fabric right side up. Fold the fabric in thirds making sure the corner meets the edge as seen below.



Press. Fold the end flaps in, adjusting the contrast suit your taste. Pin the sides in place.



To create the casing, topstitch 1/4" away from the side edge flaps you just pinned. This fixes the folds in place. Topstitch a second line 3/4" from the first one. Backstitch at the beginning and end to secure your stitches.

Fold the bag in half and press a center mark. Topstitch along the line you just pressed. This gives the bag a little stability.



Fold the pouch in half with the flaps on the inside. Starting at the bottom, sew the sides. You will be going through 4 layers here, so you may want to use a walking foot.

To add a box corner, refold the pouch so the side seams touch on the inside. Two of the corners will become triangles. Check to make sure the flaps are still in place before topstitching from side to side 1" from this edge, backstitching at the beginning and the end.



Turn the pouch right side out. Using a Bodkin or a safety pin, guide half of one of the ribbons through one casing. Guide the other half of the ribbon through the other side of the bag. Tie the ribbon ends where they meet. Repeat with the other ribbon on the other side of the pouch.