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Finished Dimensions: $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4''$ (6" when closed)

You're going to love this project. It'll save you tons of plastic baggies and, thanks to the box-like shape, it's easy to fill. The lining is loose so you can slip it out and keep it clean. Laminated cotton is so easy to care for; just wipe it clean and air dry.

June Suggests: Double the size of this bag and you have a great wet bag for all of life's messes. When you make your pattern, start with a $10'' \times 12''$ rectangle and then follow the pattern instructions as stated.

Materials

Note: Oilcloth contains phthalates and is not to be used for projects intended for children under the age of 12 or for projects that come in direct contact with food, so this project uses laminated cotton. Please do not substitute oilcloth for this project.

$\frac{1}{4}$ yard of 54"/55" laminated cotton for the exterior

$\frac{1}{4}$ yard of 54"/55" laminated cotton for the interior

$6\frac{3}{4}''$ hook and loop tape

Clear, wide ruler or square

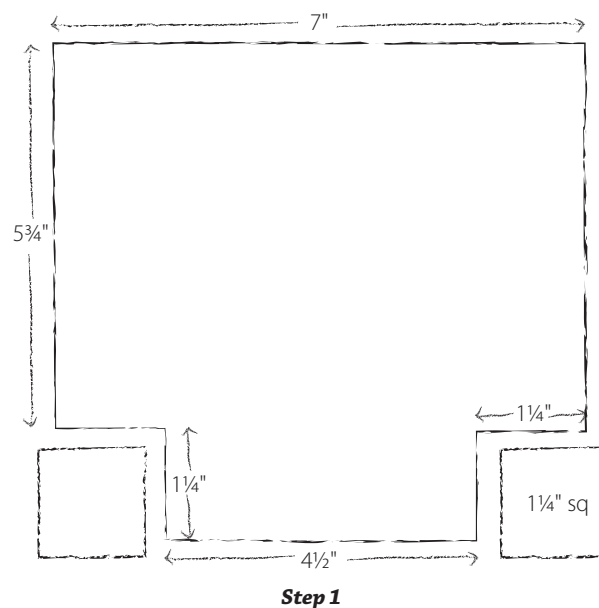
Poster board or paper for making patterns

Coordinating thread

Mark It Up and Cut It Out

Note: You could do this project without making a pattern, but you'll probably find you want to make a ton of snack bags, so it'll be easier if you start by making a pattern.

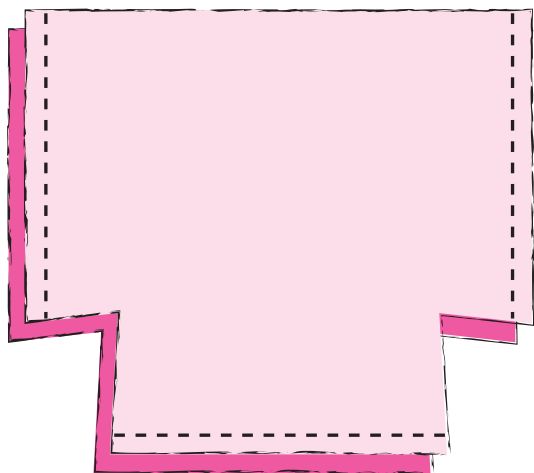
1. Using a clear, wide ruler or square, trace a $7'' \times 7''$ square onto a piece of poster board. Then use your ruler to mark two $1\frac{1}{4}''$ squares along one of the $7''$ sides of the rectangle; this will become the bottom of the snack bag. (See the illustration.)



2. Cut out your pattern and use it to trace two pieces in the exterior print and another two in the interior print.

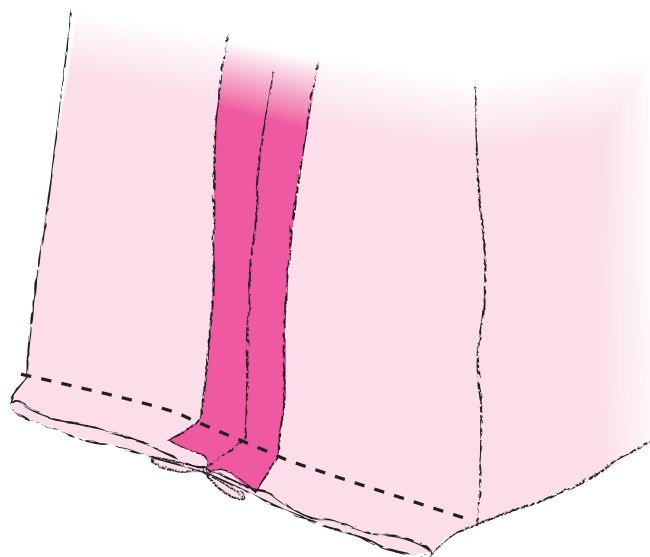
Steps

1. Pair the two interior pieces with the right sides facing and pin them along the bottom and the sides. Stitch them together along the bottom and sides (leaving the top and the bottom corners open) using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. (See the illustration.) Press all seams open using a press cloth. (Refer to page 9 for details on ironing laminated cotton.) Repeat this step with the two exterior pieces.



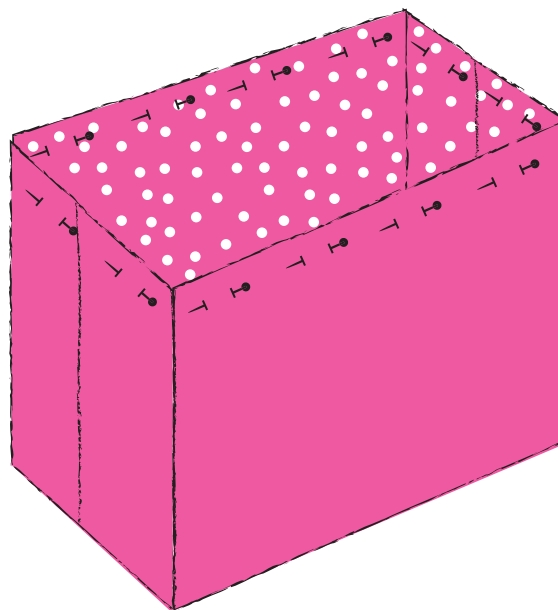
Step 1

2. To create the bag's corners, bring together the side seam and the bottom seam at the notches on both sides of the interior piece. With the right sides together, match the seams and pin to make the corners of your bag. Sew with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, being sure to backstitch at each side of the seam. (See the illustration.) Repeat with the exterior piece.



Step 2

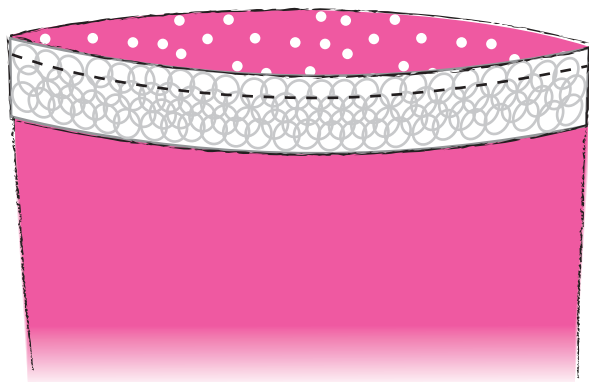
3. Turn the exterior right side out. Slide the interior into the exterior of the bag so the wrong sides of the exterior and interior are now wrong sides together. Pin along the top edge of the bag. (See the illustration.)



Step 3

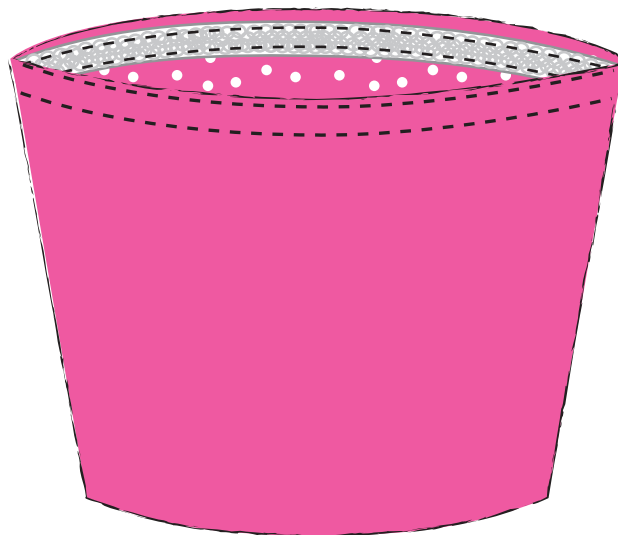


4. On the exterior of the bag, center the hook and loop tape along the top edge of the bag. Your closure tape is $\frac{1}{4}$ " shorter so center it along the top; you should have a $\frac{1}{8}$ " gap at each side seam. Lay the loop tape right along the top edge of the snack bag and pin it in place, and do the same with the hook tape on the other side of the bag's opening. Normally you would want to finish off a raw edge seam but laminated cotton won't fray, and you fold the edge up and under the closure. Repeat on both sides of the little bag. Sew the tape on by edge stitching the top edge of the tape. (See the illustration.)



Step 4

5. Fold the top edge over 1" towards the inside of the bag so that the hook and loop tape is now inside the bag and you see about $\frac{1}{8}$ " of the exterior fabric at the top edge. Pin into place and stitch along the top and bottom edge of the tape, all the way around the perimeter of the bag. (See the illustration.)



Step 5

6. Now fill that little baggie up and reward yourself with a little snack.