

Notes & assembly photos for Slanted Strip Bag Tutorial from The Crafts Channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MtDonkfmzg>

Fabric Requirements:

Bag Front: 16 4.5" squares or 4 strips of fabric 4.5 x 16.5"

Lining: 4 strips of fabric 4.5 x 16.5

Handles: Two strips of fabric (about 16.5 x 2")

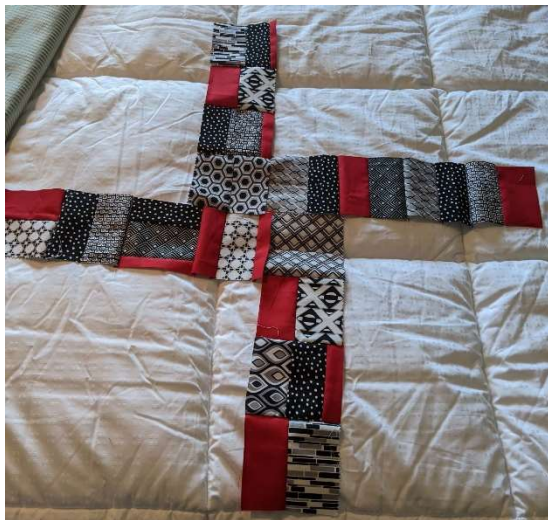
33 inches of ½" wide cotton twill tape (optional to make handles stronger)

Note: the size of the bag can be varied by changing the strip size. But the length of the strip needs to be 4 times the width (plus ½" for each to accommodate seam allowance).

Outside of Bag:

1. Sew 4 charm squares (or scraps, as shown) together to make a strip. Repeat 3 times. Use a ¼" seam allowance throughout (or any seam allowance you choose as long as it's consistent).
2. Lay out strips as shown in figure 1. Sew short side of one strip to long side of another. Your piece will look like figure 2. Optional: for a sturdier bag, lay strips of fusible fleece cut ¼" smaller on wrong side of strips. Fuse. Machine quilt, if desired.

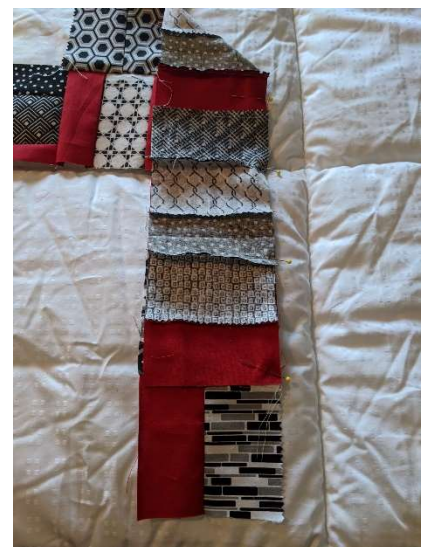
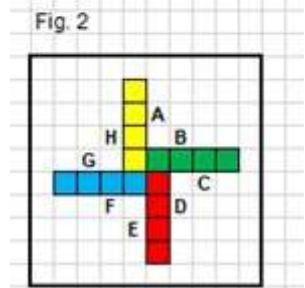
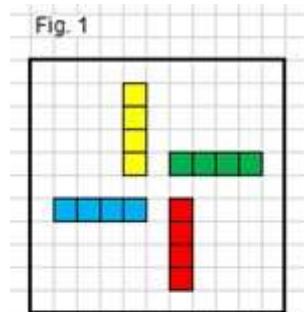
Fig. 2



Move around the strips sewing adjacent sides together

(A to B, C to D, etc.). Note:

Yes, the strips are not the same length; just sew till you come to the end of the shorter piece.



Lining:

3. Repeat steps 1-3 using strips of all the same fabric. Use a sturdier fabric for the lining to give it more strength. Leave the middle of one of the seams open about 2".



Handles:

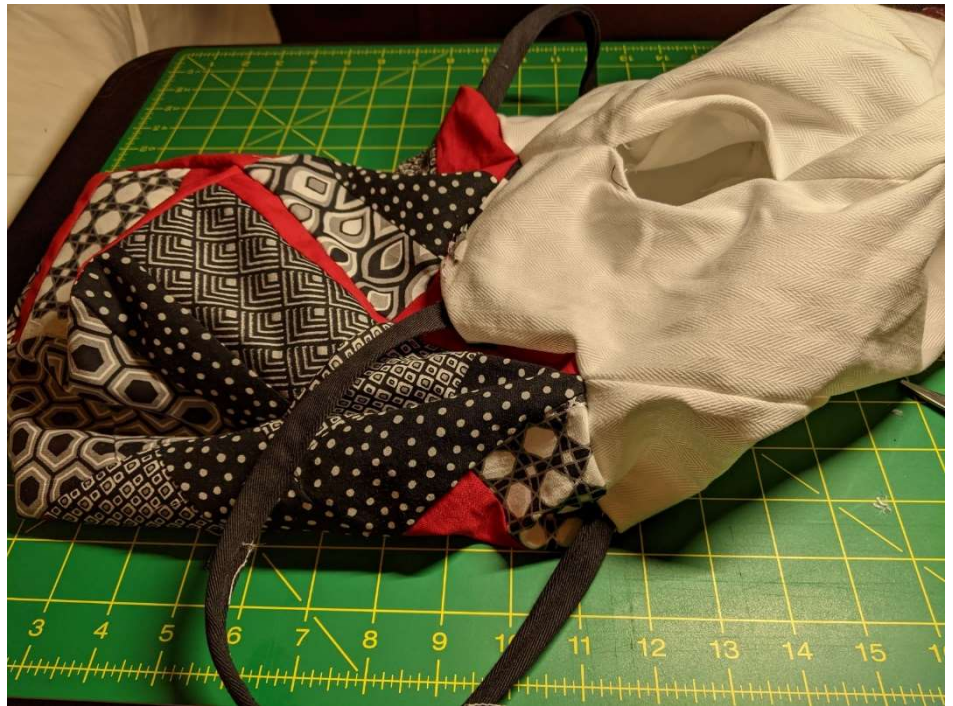
4. For each handle, fold long edges wrong sides together (WST) under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press. Fold strip in half WST and press. Place a $16\frac{1}{2}$ " strip of $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide cotton twill tape (shown here a piece of shoelace instead) inside the fabric strip for strength, if desired. Top stitch along both long edges of handle.
6. Pin or baste ends of handles to the top points of the bags on adjacent squares letting handle hang down.



Assembly:

7. Place outside of bag INSIDE the lining, right sides together (RST). Match seams and points of squares. Sew around the top edges, pivoting at the inner Vs and stitching straight across the points where the handles attach.

8. Pull the front of the bag through the opening in the lining. Stitch the lining opening closed. Tuck lining into the bag, press the top seam and topstitch around the edge of the bag.



Your bag is done!

View of the bottom of the bag.

