

Windmill Bag

Patchwork Panels from a mix of fabrics and colours of your choice, 10 strips of 3 ins wide, from across the full width of the fabric. When buying the fabric ask for skinny quarters to give sufficient width.

Sew these strips together along their length with a quarter inch seam.

Press throughout, after each stage, with consideration of the direction of the seams.

From the stitched panel produced, cut 8 strips of 3 ins width, each having 10 squares of fabric.

Take eight of the strips and stitch together into pairs, turning them around to vary the positions of the colours. You will now have 4 patchwork panels, ready to be lined, for the bag.



Lining

Cut 4 pieces of a darker toning fabric 10ins by 30ins.

For a small inside security pocket, with or without a zip, apply at this stage, to one of the lining panels. Cut a square for the pocket 5.5ins width and 6ins length, hem top edge and stitch into position about 9 ins down from the top of the lining.

Centralise the panels on to the lining and with right sides together sew up the sides



Interfacing (for a sturdier bag)

Cut four pieces of light batting 7ins by 27ins and tack (or fix with fabric spray adhesive) to the reverse side of the patchwork panels.

Turn inside out and centralise the patchwork strip. Press.

If using a magnet fastener for the bag, place the two segments in place on two of the panels, at this stage before turning down the lining. Make sure that the magnet's placement align correctly when the panels are joined.

Then press the top and bottom linings over the edges of the patchwork, turn in a quarter inch of fabric and stitch to secure.



You should now have the four main components of the bag ready to construct and stitch as follows;

Lay out the pieces (as below) like the sails of a windmill and stitch the four bottom edges on the wrong side.

Next stitch up the edges of the four sides, starting at the V point of the base and work up towards the top of the bag.





Handles

Make two handles of choice and preferred length and attach to the top points of the bag.

The handles can be knotted through four giant eyelets or just stitched and decorated with giant buttons.

Fasteners

If magnetic fasteners are not used, the bag can be left open without a means of fastening, if preferred.

Alternatively, a large button and loop looks attractive or just use a simple Velcro spot.

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