

Mondo Bag: Quiltsmart

I recommend that you buy the pattern which includes specific directions as well as the printed fusible pattern. The fusible can be purchased separately as well.

The bag is made out of 208 2 1/2 " squares which can be cut from scraps, Bali strips, 10" blocks, fat quarters, whatever.

Basic directions:

Cut the 2 1/2" squares. (Make 4 piles as you cut if you want sides to be similar.)

Cut out the web pattern (save the web scraps for another project)

Place the pattern, glue side up, on your ironing board

Randomly place the squares on the pattern, (try to keep straight although if a bit askew that is ok.)

Iron in place (I use tissue paper on top to save the mess on my iron.)

Do all 4 strips

Sew the seams. (I chain sew the four of them, then they are all done at once) - finger press along the 1/4" line.

Clip the seams at the 1/4 inch mark. (maybe do this while watching Dayton Abby as it takes some time.)

Sew the long seam seams.

Viola, you have 4 perfect 26x 16 1/2 strips. (check the size as it can be a bit off which is ok, but it will determine the size of the lining pieces)

Notice the marks at the corner of each

Line them up and sew the bottom together forming 2 "L's" then sew them together.

Sew the side seams. (It will seem out of whack)

Now, make the lining. Cut pieces the same size as the finished sewn strip. Iron on fusible batting. Be sure to steam with a press cloth.

Add a pocket to one of the linings if desired. Cut another lining piece 14" longer. Fold and form a pocket.

Sew together same as the strips. On one side leave an opening to turn the bag.

Now you have two bags. Turn inside out. Put one inside the other and sew around the top edge. (add tabs for key or cell phone holder if desired)

Turn the bag right side out and stitch around the top edge and stitch the turn opening. And now, BIG VIOLA! A very cool bag!

Hints:

Chain sew the 4 strips...

finger press seams edges as you go...be sure to use dotted line...

careful re: iron temp on the web fabric

This pattern is available at Quilters Common in Wakefield. Remember that they give a 10% discount for cash and Guild members.