

SNAP BAG

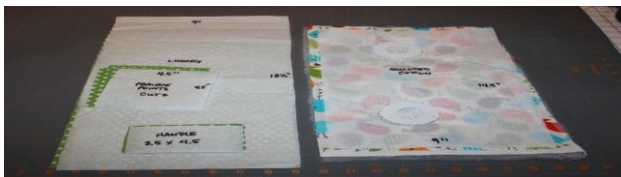


The measurements are 8" Width x 6" Height x 2" Depth. The dimensions can change as you wish for the different sizes of bags – width is always the same but the length is always 4" longer for the lining piece.

Supplies Needed

- 1.) Quilted Fabric (fabric and batting to quilt your own or use fusible fleece) 9" x 14.5". Make any size bag you like. This is the outer bag fabric.
- 2.) Lining Fabric 9" x 18.5". This fabric will also cover the measuring tape across the top of bag. **Rule of thumb**, - always cut 4" longer than the outer fabric.
- 3.) Handles (Prairie Points) Cut Two 4.5" x 4.5" (you can also add a side handle - optional)
- 4.) Fusible Interfacing 9' x 14.5" (if you are not using batting)
- 5) 1' Tape measure.
- 6.) Roll of tape (either electrical or blue painter's tape covers sharp ends of tape measure)
- 7.) Sharp, heavy duty utility scissors (to cut tape measure)

Step 1 Cut out Pattern Pieces - you can make any size bag, the only mandate is to cut the lining fabric piece 4" longer than the outer fabric piece (width is always the same).



Step 2. Quilt as desired or press fusible fleece to outer fabric piece. You should have 2 pieces, outer fabric piece and lining fabric piece, 2 tabs (prairie points) and side loop (if desired).

Step 3. Prepare prairie points (tabs) by folding the 4.5" square in half. Fold up lower left corner up to center and Press.



Make Tabs (prairie pt)

fold edge in

add tabs (centered)

sew edges down

Step 4. Layer lining and outer fabric pieces, WST (centering outer fabric on top of lining fabric) **Fold down the top edge a half inch in then fold again to end (covers raw edge of quilted front).** This makes a casing. **Add tabs** centering under the fold (securing) **and pin.** Do this for both sides.

Step 5. Stitch close to folded edge, leaving room for the tape measure to slide through. Test before stitching.

Step 6. Fold bag RST, ONE SIDE SEAM. Run finger down inside from top to bottom to smooth out any tucks. **Pin, Stitch in a 1/4" seam** allowance making sure to back-stitch at the top edge.



Sew down side seam

Step 7. Cut tape measure into two (2) pieces measuring 8". Test length by inserting into the casings to see if there is at least a 1/4" seam allowance. If not, trim to fit.

Step 8. Using utility scissors, slightly round edges to remove sharp edges/corners.

Step 9. Tape edges with electrical tape or painter's tape. This is an important step as the edges are sharp.



Cut tape (round pointy corners) cover with masking tape

Step 10. Insert tape measure pieces back into casings - pushing them in as far as possible to give ample room to sew on remaining seam allowance. NOTE: MAKE SURE THE TAPE MEASURE PIECES ARE INSERTED WITH THE BLANK SIDES OF TAPE ("C" SHAPE) FACE THE LINING SIDE. THE NUMBERED SIDES ("U" SHAPE) ARE FACING THE OUTER SIDE OF BAG.

Step 11. Prepare mitered corners (Boxing bottom of bag). Keeping RST, pull bag apart at lower edge fold (base of bag) until the side seam is centered. Measure across 2" or 1" on both sides, pressing seam allowance to one side. Mark the line, sew across and trim 1/4". You can also choose to leave as is (matter of preference).

Step 12. Prepare to sew up other side seam. Fold bag in half RST, pin, making sure the side loop is on the inside of the bag and all raw edges are even with no tucks. The top edge gets the most wear-and-tear so once again, back-stitch. Box bottom of the other side of the bag if boxing, otherwise you are almost done.

Step 13. Serge, zig zag or trim nicely on raw side seams for a clean finish. Turn right side out (be careful here as tape measure is sewn in the bag. You are done, snap open and closed, admire your bag.