

## REVERSIBLE RECTANGLE – SQUARE BAG



Needed: 44 Squares, 5 inch

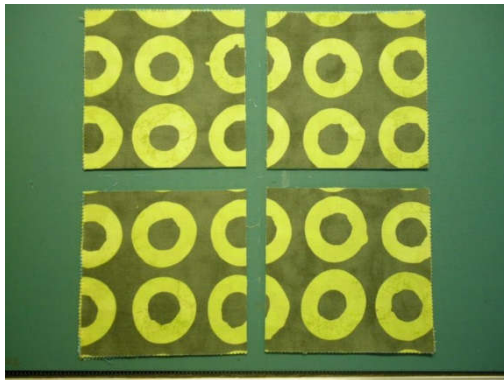
4 rectangles, 3 x 5 inch, for the straps

1 inch strip non-woven fusible interfacing

Piece of Foam, like Soft & Stable or R-Bosal

Handles, ready to use

I used squares from a Layer Cake - cut twice, but you can also use a charm pack or cut the squares from your stash.



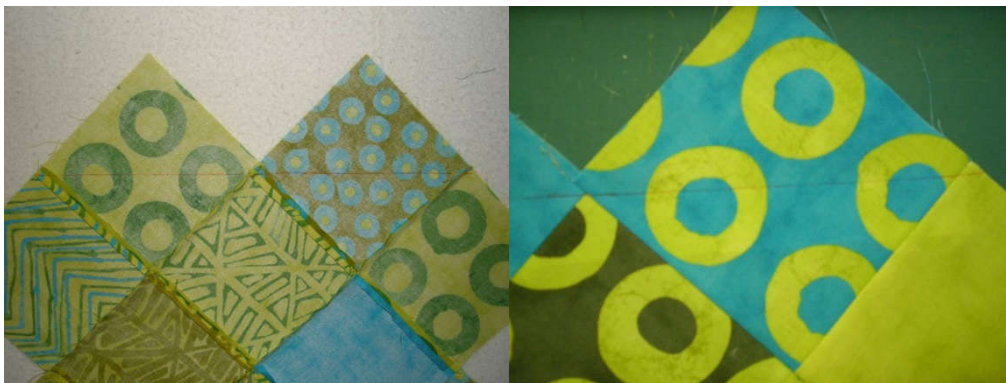
Sew 22 squares together per unit like shown in the photo.



Press the seams to the direction shown with the arrows. The center seam has to be pressed to both sides.



On the small side = 2 squares, mark a horizontal line through the center seam on the back. I marked it on the front also, to give you a better understanding, where the line should go. Do it on all 4 ends.



Fuse the interfacing strips under the drawn line to the backside of your units. This is to stabilize the bias edge.



Cut the corners away  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch over the interfacing. Make the 4 straps, by folding them two times along the long side to the center. Press. Sew around the edges with about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch. Forming a loop, pin them to the front side of one unit, centering at each half triangle, raw edges matching. Sorry, forgot to take a picture.

Put both units facing with the right side. Pin and sew a  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch around the edges to keep them together matching seams nicely. Lay this piece on the foam and sew around the edges with a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance, leaving an opening at one side of an inner corner. At the small ends sew along the drawn line. Rip out the stitches of the  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch seam where the opening is.



Cut away the excess foam carefully, as close as possible to the seam line, avoiding to rip any stitches open. Snip the inner and outer corners to the stitch line.



Turn through the opening. It's a bit of fiddling around, but manageable. Press the piece when needed. Close the opening.



Quilt as desired. I choose to sew diagonal through the squares. Then stepped around the edges with a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.



Fold in half and stitch together edges # 1 and # 4, either by hand (from both sides) or with a Zig-Zag.



That leaves you with a piece with a big mouth on each side. Shut them up by closing them too.



You are done!



I added buttons in- and outside where the four seams meet, to hide the securing stitches and a little hole.

TIP: Don't forget that the bag is reversible, so the upper thread and bobbin thread should match in color and balance.



Enjoy.