

Ruined Temple Bag

Materials:

Exterior: (22) 2 1/2" x 20" strips

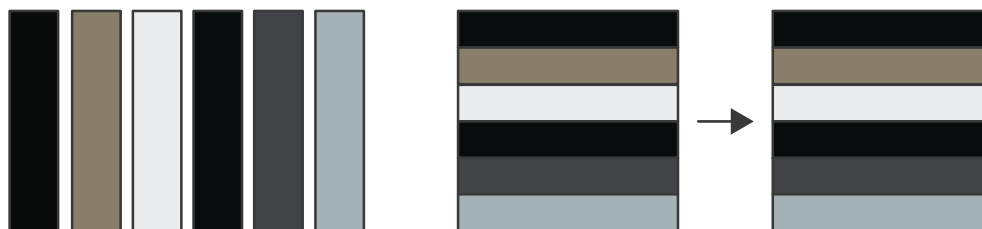
Lining: (2) 18" x 20" rectangles

Handles : (4) 4 1/2" x 20" strips

Drawstring: (4) 2" x 20" strips

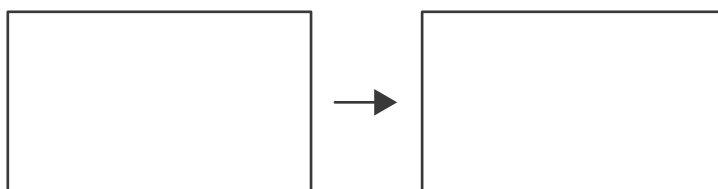
Exterior:

Piece strips together vertically, as desired, creating 2 pieces that measure 18" x 20". Trim if necessary. Sew these 2 pieces together to create a 20" x 36" unit.



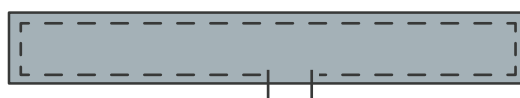
Lining:

Sew each lining piece together to create a 20" x 36" unit.



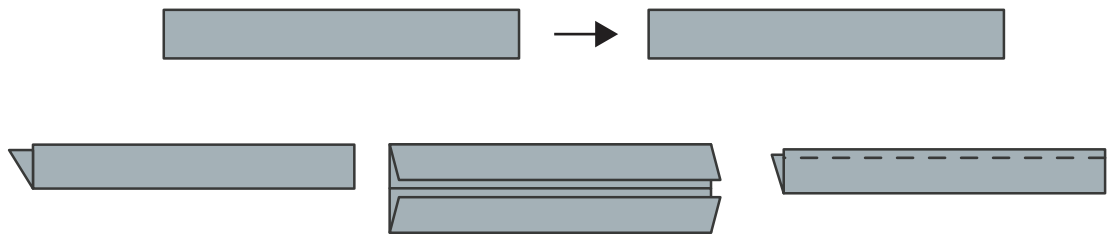
Handles:

Take 2 strips and place right sides together. Beginning in the center of the strip, sew around all 4 sides leaving a 2" opening. Trim corners and turn right sides out, pointing corners out. Press well and topstitch around entire handle, closing the opening as you stitch. Repeat for second set of handle pieces.



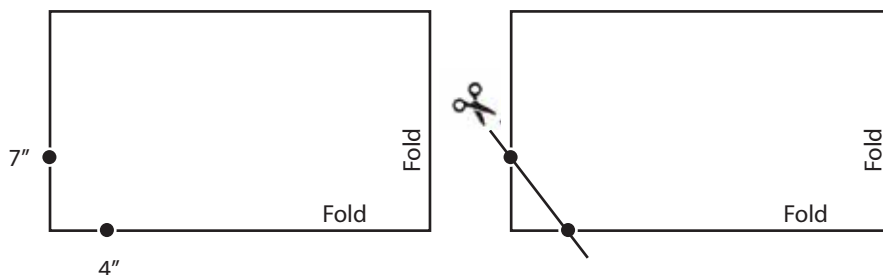
Drawstring:

Sew 2 strips together on the short end to make one long strip that measures 2" x 40". Press strip in half lengthwise creating a center crease, open up. Press each edge towards the center crease and fold closed at the center, enclosing the raw edges. To stitch along edge to close strip. Repeat for second set of drawstring pieces.

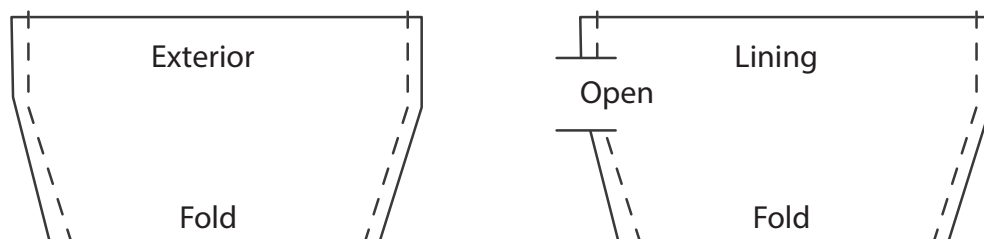


Darts:

Place the exterior and lining pieces wrong sides together. Fold in half lengthwise and then again crosswise. With the folds to the bottom and right sides; mark at 7" up the left side and 4" across the bottom. Cut diagonally from point to point.

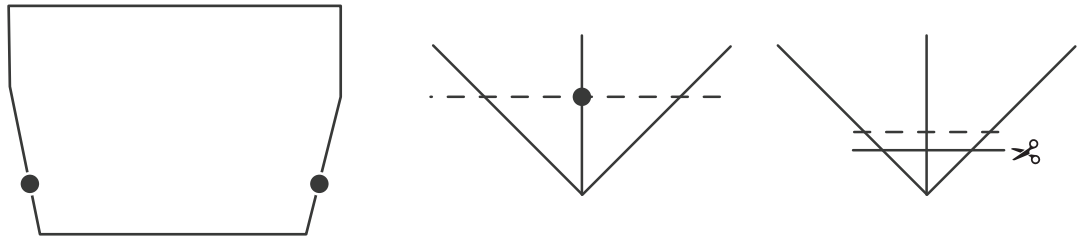


Separate the 2 pieces. Place the exterior piece right sides together, lining up the newly cut dart lines and sew each dart. Then sew up each side of the exterior. Repeat for the lining piece, but leave a 5" opening along one side of lining piece. Turn and press each piece at sides and darts.



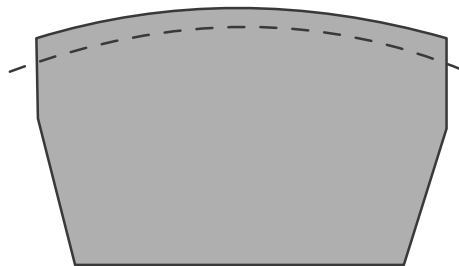
Box Corners:

With the wrong sides out, measure 1 1/2" down from each dart corner. Flatten corner out with the side seam flat in the center. Using the mark as your guide sew a straight line across both layers of fabric, trim off excess fabric at 1/4" from seam. Turn bag right side out, through the lining opening. Stitch opening closed. Push lining into bag and press top edge of bag and lining.



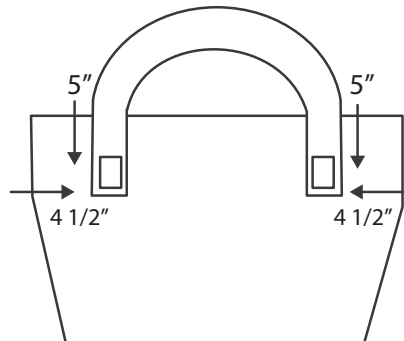
Assembly:

Sew the bag and lining together by nesting them, right sides together, matching the top edges. Sew along the top rim all the way around.



Attach Handles:

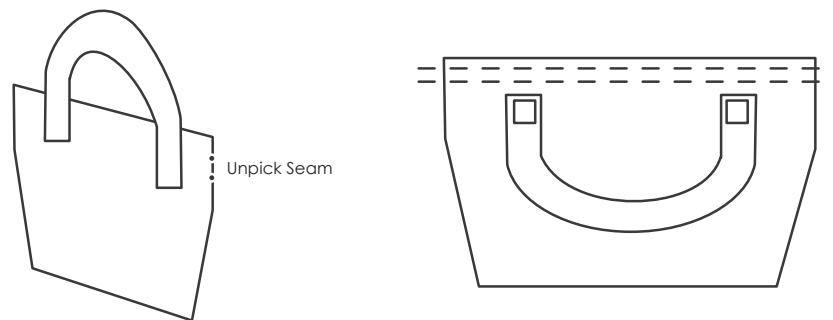
Lay bag out flat and create marking for handles. Measure 4 1/2" from the side seam and 5" down from the top, on either side. Fold under the raw edge 1/4". Place one end of finished handle at this marking. Sew a square around edge of handle to one side of bag, keeping the other side free. Sew other end of the same handle to the other side.



Turn bag over and repeat with the second handle on the back side of back.

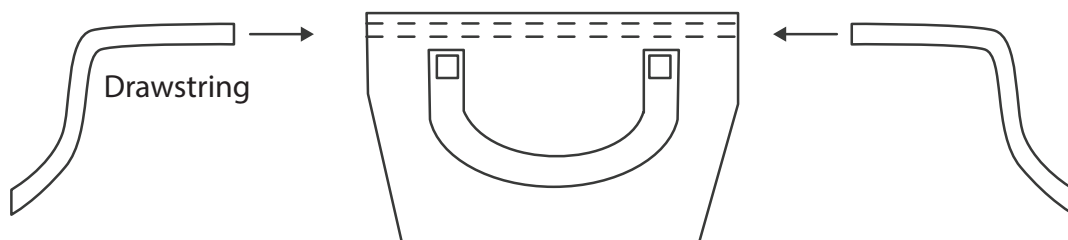
Drawstring Casing:

On outside of each side seam, unpick seam starting at 1/2" to 1 1/2" from the top, creating a 1" opening. Backstitch at the 1/2" and 1 1/2" to reinforce the opening. Stitch around the top of the bag 1/2" from the top and again at 1 1/2" from the top to create casing, keep handle out of the way.



Insert one drawstring through the right casing and pull it through both sides bringing it back around to the beginning. Knot ends together.

Insert second drawstring through the left casing and pull it through both sides bringing it back around to the beginning. Knot ends together.



You'll now have a knotted end on each side of bag for pulling the drawstring and syncing bag.

