

6 FQ Hobo Bag with elastic and easy handles

Materials:

- 1 packet of 6 fat quarters
- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yds of coordinating fabric for lining
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards webbing for handles (get more if you desire longer handles)
- 24" of 1" wide non-roll elastic

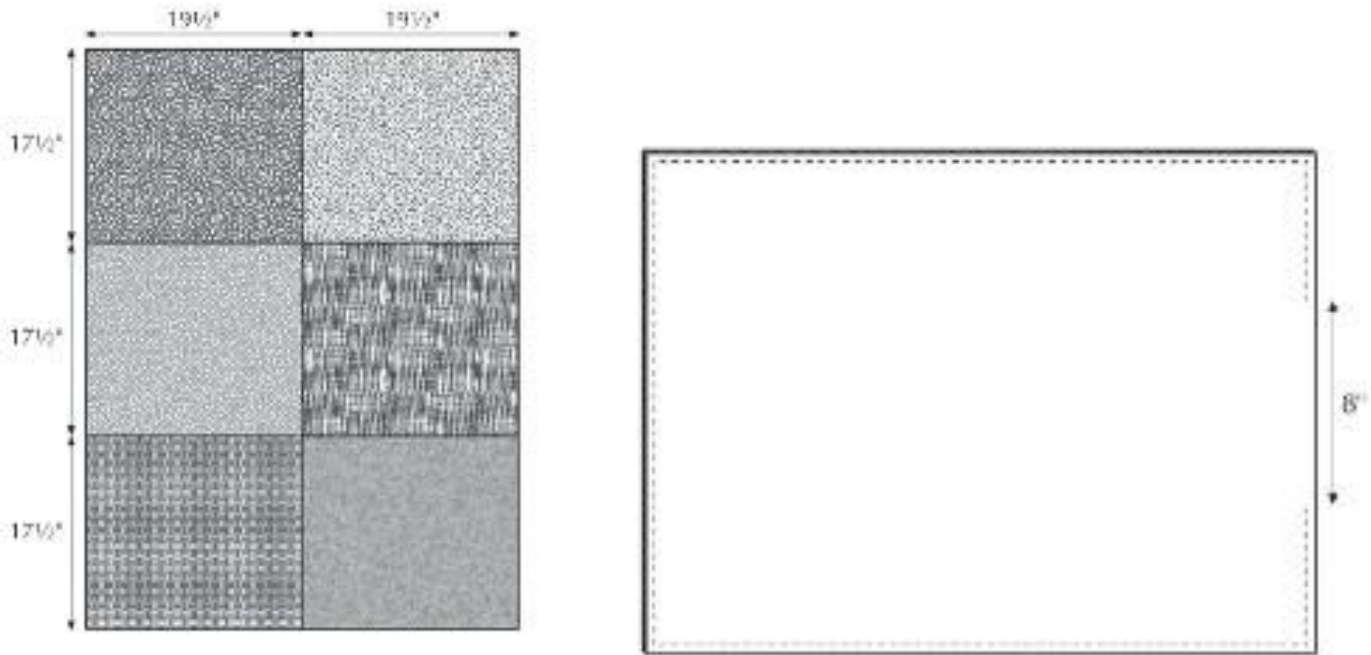
Cutting:

Trim each FQ to rectangles, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (6 total)

From the lining fabric, cut it the same size as the finished sewn together FQs.

Instructions:

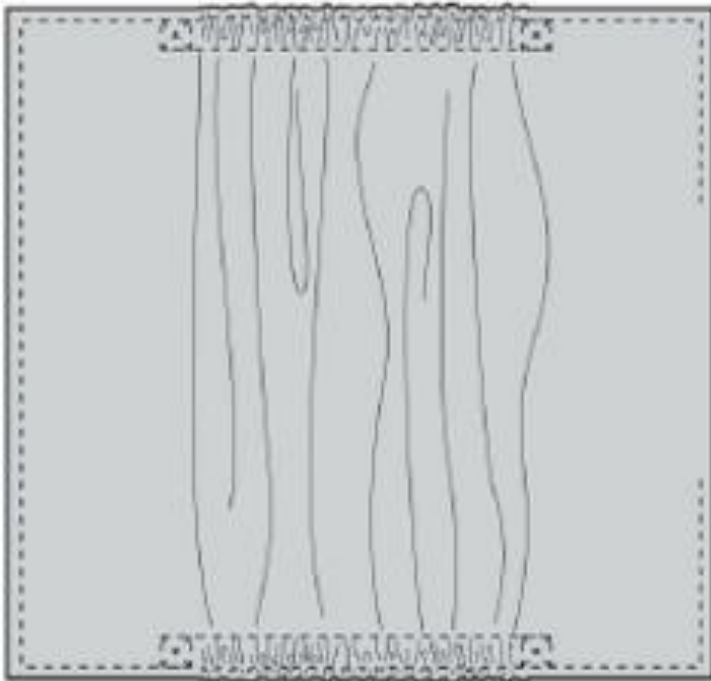
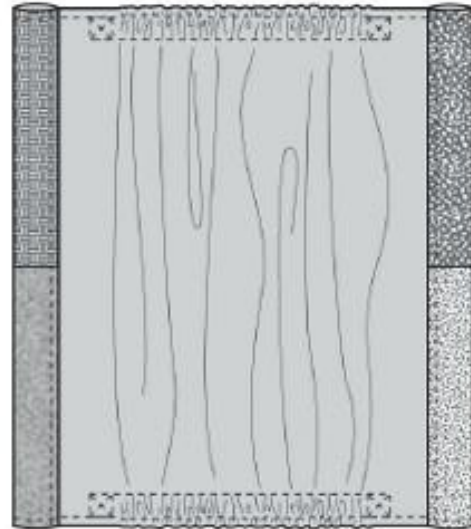
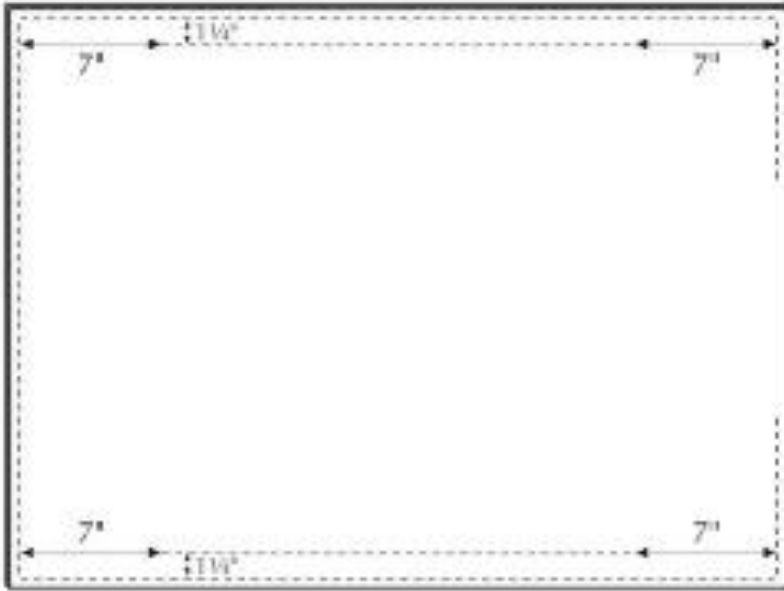
Arrange the 6 fat-quarter pieces as shown. Stitch or serge the pieces together. Press the seams to one side.



Pin the lining and the sewn 6 FQs **right sides together**. Using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " -wide seam allowance, stitch or serge around the edges. Leave an 8" opening near the center at one short end. Turn the bag right side out. Push out seams and press flat. Topstitch all around the edges EXCEPT the 8" opening, leave it open.

To make casings for the elastic, measure 7" from the short ends of the bag on both long edges and mark. Stitch from point to point, **1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the topstitching**.

Cut the elastic in half to yield 2 pieces, each 12" long. Working through the 8" opening, insert the elastic into the casing. Pin securely at both ends. Secure the ends of the elastic by stitching an X in a 1" square. Repeat for other casing.



Slipstitch the 8” opening on the bag closed. Continue topstitching across the 8” span.

To make the casing for the handles, fold 2” of both short ends toward the lining. Topstitch along the existing topstitching **and** ¼” from the fold.

Determine the length of webbing you desire and insert a handle into each casing. Overlap about an inch and sew together securely. Slide this sewn seam into the casing to hide it. Alternatively, you could make handles from fabric strips with batting and tie the ends in a knot as shown in the picture.. Take a 4” x WOF fabric strip. Place a 4” wide piece of batting on wrong side, fold both sides into center, then fold again. Final strap is 1” wide by WOF, topstitch 2-3 times along the strip. If you want a longer strap, make the 4” wide strip longer before adding batting and folding and sewing.

