



Flower Power Jewelry Bag

1-2 Hours

What will you learn?

How to:

Pre-wash fabrics before using them
Sew square and rounded corners
Use fusible web for a quick seam closure

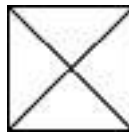
What will you need?

A sewing machine and basic sewing tools
2 coordinating cotton fabric* prints (quilting weight cottons, may use fat quarter cuts of fabric, 18" by about 22")
40 inches of 1/4 inch ribbon or 1/8 inch diameter rat-tail cording
3 inches of 1/4 inch paper-backed fusible web
Thread to go with your fabric

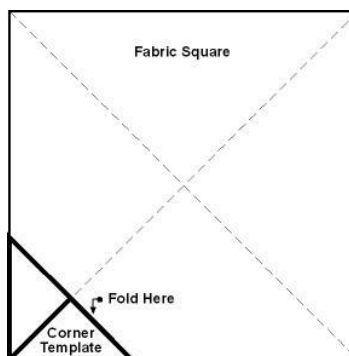
Seam Allowances: ¼ inch or use the right edge of your presser foot as a seam guide (a standard presser foot on most sewing machines makes a 3/8 inch seam allowance)

Directions to make this project:

1. Pre-wash all your fabrics in warm water on a gentle cycle with laundry detergent, rinse with cold water, and dry on warm until dry. High heat and over-drying your fabric will cause wrinkles to form that will be difficult to remove.
2. Press your fabrics with a hot iron and steam, if necessary.
3. Cut 2 **squares** of fabric, 8 1/2 or 9 inches on each side. Sew the two squares of fabric together, right sides facing each other using a 1/4 inch seam allowance (or the right edge of the presser foot). Remember to leave your needle in the down position when you lift your presser foot to turn a square corner. Leave 3 inches open on one side for turning right side out. (See pattern page if you want rounded corners on your petals.)
4. If you are making rounded corners, trim seam allowance around corners with pinking shears. Square corners can be trimmed with a straight cut diagonally across seam allowance at the corner. Before turning right side out, press on the stitching line and then press one seam allowance open to the side.
5. Turn fabric right side out through opening. Reach inside opening and use a point turner to push the corners and seams out. Press seam edges carefully.
6. Use 1/4 inch wide fusible web tape to close opening. (If you use fusible web with a paper backing, you can fuse it to the edge of one square of fabric before you start sewing. Remove the paper backing only when you are ready to seal your seam.)
7. Fold and press square on diagonals.

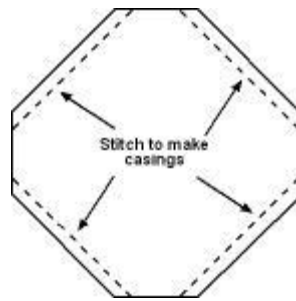


8. Fold corners back about 2 inches, matching diagonal folds. Use corner template on pattern page as a guide.

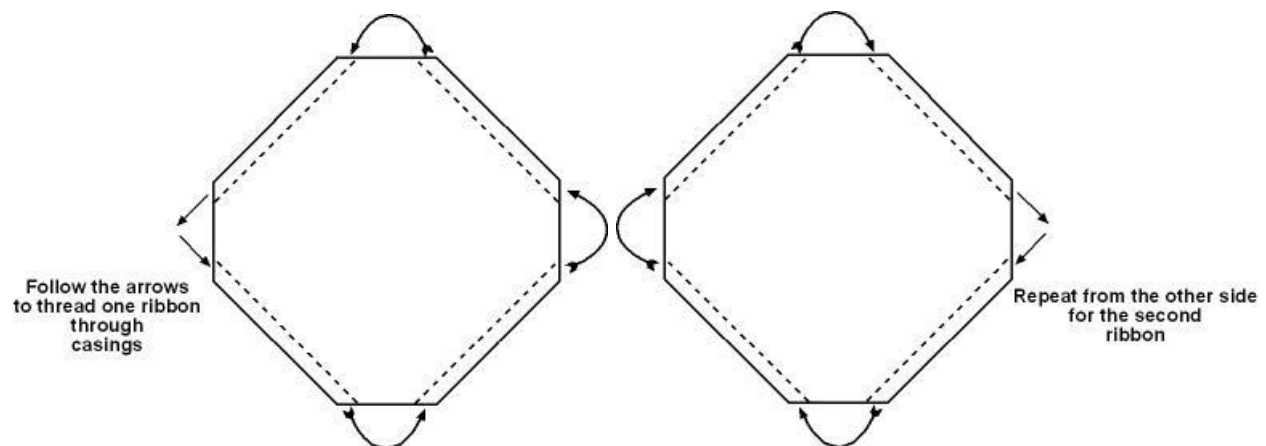


Use template for all four corners.

9. Stitch casings across the folded corners with a scant 5/8 inch wide seam allowance.



10. Use ribbon or fancy cording, 20 inches for each tie, to make a drawstring closure. Thread each ribbon** through the casings from opposite sides. Knot the ends of each ribbon together. When you pull the ribbons, they will pull up the fabric to make a bag. The corners that were folded back and stitched down become the flower petals.



11. Use and enjoy your jewelry bag or give it as a present.

12. Try larger squares of fabric to make a bigger bag. Adjust the size of your corner template accordingly.

Notes:

Pre-washing your fabric will take out chemicals left from manufacturing, remove excess dyes, and shrink the fabric.

* If your fabric is too stiff, it will be difficult to pull the drawstrings tight.

** To thread your ribbon through the casings, attach a small safety pin to the end of the ribbon and push the safety pin through the casings. You may also use a yarn needle with a large eye.

Pattern Page

Pattern should make fabric
squares
8 1/2" by 8 1/2"
1/4" seam allowance

Place of Fold of Fabric
Cut 2 of coordinating
cotton prints

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