



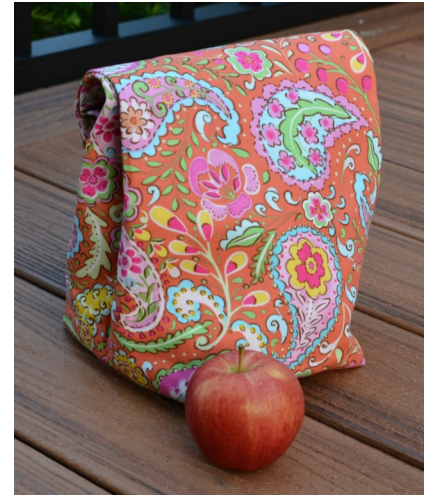
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Lunch Bag



What you will need:

- 1/2 yard of main fabric
- 1/2 yard of lining fabric
- One piece of fusible web (13"x 34")
- Thread
- Basic sewing supplies



1. To begin, cut your main and interior fabrics into 13"x 34" rectangles. (If you leave your fabric folded, it is easier to cut the fabric at 13" x 17" along the fold).

If you have a directional fabric, you will want to cut two pieces 13"x17 1/2" and sew the bottom back together with a 1/4" seam, making sure the pattern is in the direction it should be in when the bottom is sewn back together.

2. Taking your main fabric, iron a 13" x 34" piece of fusible web to the wrong side of the fabric. Once your webbing is adhered to the fabric, carefully peel off the paper from the fusible web. If an area is not ironed securely on the back, re-iron.

3. Now take your lining fabric and iron it to the wrong side of the main fabric (both wrong sides will be ironed together), having the fusible web in between the two wrong sides of the fabrics. You should now have one 13"x 34" inch rectangle.



4. Fold the rectangle in half creating a 13"x17" inch rectangle. On the fold, cut two 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 inch square or notch from the bottom corners of your fabric.

5. With your main fabric facing out, sew along both outside edges a 1/4 of an inch. You will sew along the complete side. Do not turn and sew the notches.



6. Flip the sack inside out and iron the sides so that the stitching on the sides of the bag are right against the edge. Stitch these sides down using a bigger seam allowance than 1/4 inch. We used a wider foot to sew a 3/8" seam. This will cover the seam so there is not raw edge.



7. Turn the bag right side out (so the lining is facing each other) and start to form the bottom of the sack. Open up the “notch” on one side of the bag, making sure that the seam is matching up in the middle to the middle of the bottom of the sack.



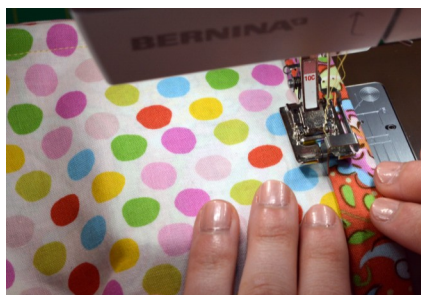
If you have some excess fabric from one side of the sack, cut this off. Sew this corner using a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Repeat for other “notch”.



8. Flip the sack inside out, press the corners out, and sew the corners down using a bigger seam allowance than 1/4 inch. We used a wider foot to sew a 3/8” inch seam. This will cover the seam so there is not raw edge.



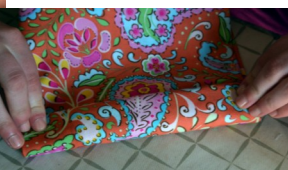
9. Now that the bottom of the sack is completed, it is time to sew the top of the sack. Depending on how tall you want the sack to be, you can alter the way you want to sew the top edge.



We decided to press down the top about a 1/2 inch and then rolled that over about 3/4 inch. After pressing, we used an edging foot to sew down the top of the sack's edge.



10. To help the bag take the shape of a lunch box sack, we folded in the top of the bag, pressed, and then rolled the top.



Enjoy!

