

Vintage Embroidery Gathering Bag

This bag is made after the style of a Tibetan monks bag.

You will need an embroidered hand towel, two fat quarters, some lightweight fuseable interfacing and optionally something for a closure. I choose to make a tab and use velcro. Measure out the size of your front panel. I choose to use a 9.5"

square ruler just to make things easy. You are going to cut and sew the outer bag, OB, and the lining exactly the same. You will need two center panels of the lining and one of your main fabric for the back of the OB. You will need two each of the lining and OB fabric cut 3" x 22". You can cut an optional tab and pocket from the left over lining fabric. This makes a smaller over the shoulder bag suitable for a child. If you want a longer handle or for it to go across your body, simply adjust the center panels and the strap length to suit. Straps though, should probably not run more than about 40" long or more than 5" in width. Center panel can be made from panel squares or orphan blocks, or just scrap it up. I like to back the panels with light weight interfacing for added stability. Sew the strap pieces along the sides of the front and back of panels so you have a tube with longer hanger downers on one end. Leave bottom open. Press the seams outward toward the panel on both OB and lining. This will help later when you put the bag together.





Pin lining and OB together matching all seams. sew around the top opening and up the sides of the straps. Do not sew the tops of the straps closed.

Clip into the corners almost to the seam intersection.

Give every thing a good press, turn lining side out and sew up the bottom matching all seams. finish seam edge with a zig zag.



now to sew up the strap opening. fold under one side of opening a quarter inch, insert the other side and top stitch down.

Top stitch around the opening and add velcro to the tab if you want.



Finished bags, from large across the body, great for shopping flea markets, to smaller bags. Note one bag made from printed panel and coordinating fabrics, It would be a good bag to take to the park or the beach.

