

Etobicoke Quilters' Guild – Make & Take workshop Mini Mug Bag

Materials:

- Outer bag fabric – 8"x16"
- Lining – 8"x20"
- Fabric cord – 1"x20" (x2 pieces)
- Batting – 9"x17"

Material Options:

Outer Bag - consider using scraps or orphans

- Use an orphan quilt block and use improv technique and scraps to add borders until it measures 8"x16"
- Another option is to use 4 jelly roll strips (2.5" widths x 16" long)
- Left-over hst, joined randomly make really interesting designs

Cord

- Use left-over cording or ribbon
- or make thick fabric cord from 2 strips of fabric (1"x20")

Batting – use left-over scraps

- join those thin scraps using a zigzag to make a piece approx. 9"x17"



Quilt the outer bag and batting

- Baste the outer layer to batting
This is your opportunity to try something new – the area to quilt is very small and easily manoeuvrable in your machine.
- Consider hand quilting!
- After quilting trim to 8"x16"

Make Bag

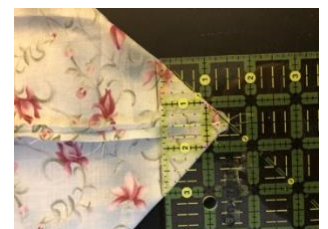
- With quilted outer layer right-side up, lay lining right-side down on top. Align and pin the 8" edges at both ends – you will have excess lining in the middle, but don't worry.
- Sew with ¼" seam, the 8" edges of outer layer and lining together
- Press seam towards lining
- With right-sides together – align seams (pin at seams) and sew ¼" down both long edges. Finger press long side seams open.



1. Align & pin seams before sewing

Make boxy bottom

- With right-sides still together, open bottom corner of bag and measure 1.5" from tip – it will be 3" across (see diagram), draw a line and sew on line. Reverse and the beginning and end of stitching to secure seam as it will be 'poked' out.
- Trim. Repeat with other corner and with lining.
- Unpick about 3" on lower side of lining – turn bag right-sides out and poke out boxy corners.
- Re-sew seam opening closed on the machine
- Tuck lining into bag and press top edge of lining/bag



2. Measure 3" across corner, mark, sew, trim



3. Using 2 pins, pin folded strip to ironing board - pinning close on either side of strip

Make drawstrings (this is an economical way to use what you have instead of buying expensive cording and tools)

- Take 1" strip of fabric and finger-press one end so long side meet each other in centre, thereby creating a ½" wide strip.
- On an ironing board, (see diagram), using two long pins, pin the folded strip – with folded side up to ironing board. Place medium heat iron **with no steam to avoid burning fingers**, on top of folded strip in front of pins. With left hand, slowly pull fabric from under iron, while right hand guides fabric strip under the pins. The strip will automatically fold, and the iron will press as the strip is pulled underneath.
- With a medium heat iron, it will not burn the ironing board while you pull the whole strip through.

- Fold strip in half length-ways, sew the length of the strip, close to two folded edges

Threading drawstring through bag

- On the top outside side of bag –about an inch down and parallel with top of bag – using a temporary marker, draw 2 lines 0.75" apart.
- starting 1" before the side seam, run a line of stitching 1" from top edge of bag and parallel to top edge – **as you go over side seams, reverse and go forward again** to reinforce. Repeat on other marked line - **reinforcing** over the side seam lines.
- Unpick side seams between parallel lines of stitching
- Thread **2** drawstrings on safety pin and thread through channel and emerge where pin first went in.
- Knot together, each string and pull one string through channel so knotted end emerges on other side
- If you wish, thread a bead on end of each knotted string.