

Quilted lunch bag



A quick and easy bag perfect for school lunches, picnics, storing toys or cosmetics and just about anything else.

You will need:

Basic sewing supplies

Main fabric measuring 16" x 28"

Batting measuring 17" x 29"

Lining fabric measuring 17" x 29"

Lining fabric for top of bag measuring 7" wide x 31" long

Lining for handles measuring 5" x 18"

Ribbon

1. Sandwich layers of fabric and quilt as desired, I used a simple diagonal pattern. Trim excess batting and lining so your quilted fabric measures 16" x 28".



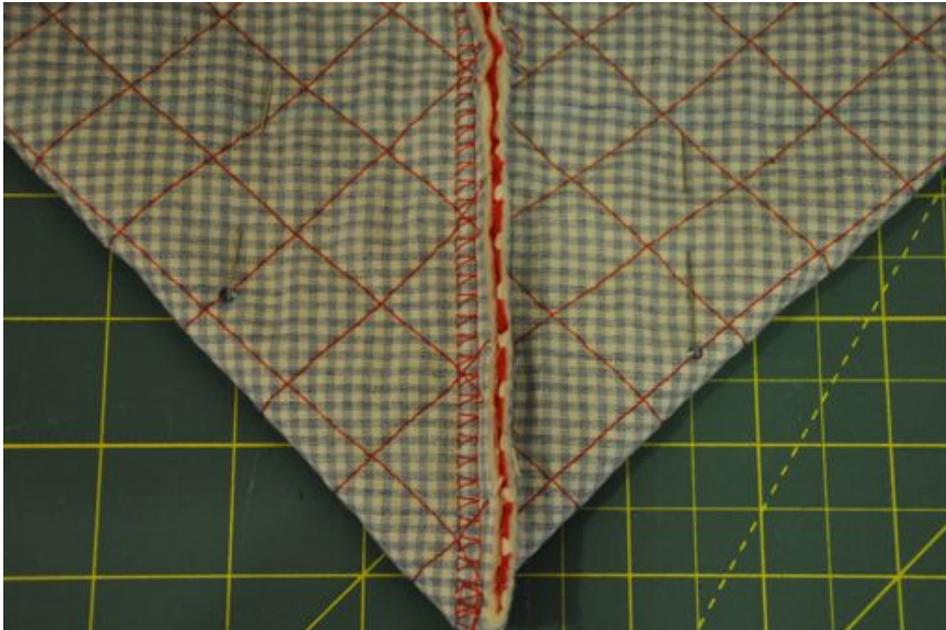
2. Fold fabric in half with short ends meeting. Sew side seams. I used a serger stitch on my regular machine because the bag will be washed a lot but a straight stitch would work fine.



3. Trim $\frac{1}{2}$ " from top of bag. (you could do this before you sew the side seams – I forgot to) These strips will become the straps. Set strips to one side.



4. Fold sewn sides into middle to form corners. Corners should measure 4" from tip of triangle (but you can adjust this depending on how wide you want the bag). Mark with soluble marker and sew corner triangles. Do this for both sides. **When you sew over the side seams the fabric will be very thick so double stitch. Don't cut off corners.



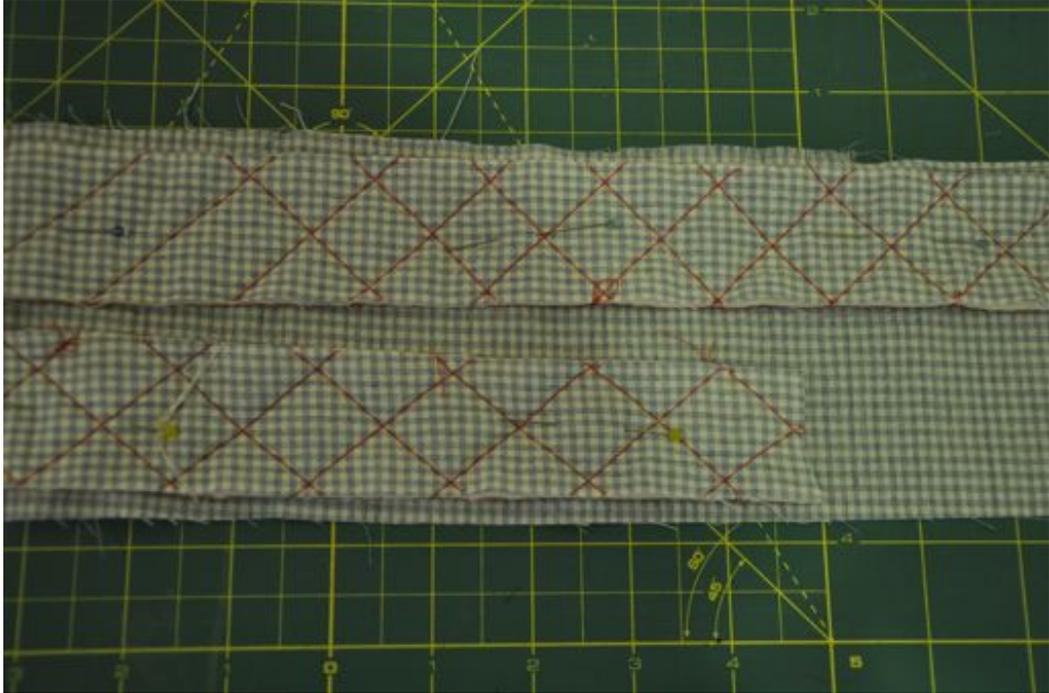
5. Fold corner triangles into the center of the bottom of the bag. Cut the ends of the triangles so they meet but do not overlap. Pin and sew around them. This will provide a firm base and some extra insulation. ** The fabric will be very thick; I went slowly and stitched twice over the thickest areas.



6. Turn bag right side out.



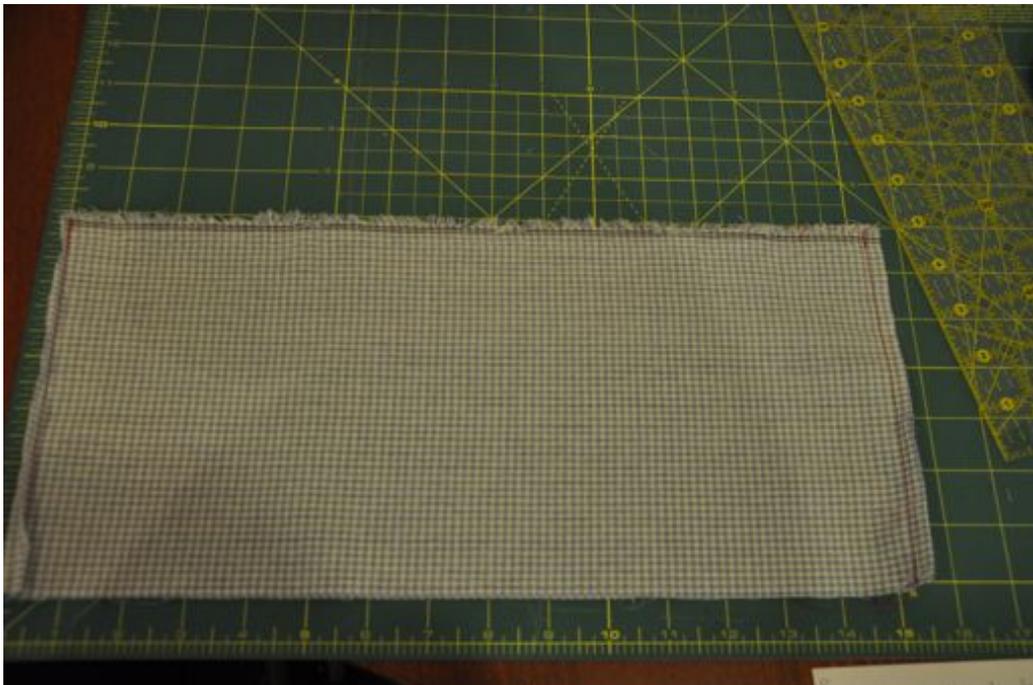
7. Make handles. Pin handles on lining fabric for handles with right sides together. Sew long sides leaving short sides open. Trim excess fabric. Turn handles right side out and top stitch down long sides. Trim short ends to neaten making sure handle are the same length.



8. Attach short edge of handles to top edge of bag spacing evenly. Sew handles to bag several times.



9. Make top part of bag. Sew fabric for top of bag together at the short ends.



10. With right sides together pin to the top off the bag and sew around of the circle.



11. Fold top of fabric up and press. Top stitch around circle.



12. At very top of top fabric make a casing for the ribbon drawstring by folding over $\frac{1}{2}$ " then fold again appropriate amount for the width of the ribbon you are using. Thread through the ribbon and you are done.

