Charming Patchwork Lunch Bag
Skill Level: Beginner



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Insulated and lined with laminate covered fabric, this lunch bag is as fun as it is practical. The lunch bag measures 13-1/2" x 14-1/2" and has a zipper top to keep things secure. It easily holds a sandwich box, thermos or drink, and also has a little extra room.

Fabrics Needed

Charm Pack	One
Fat quarters	One outside fabric, one lining fabric

Materials Needed

Pellon® 975 Insul-Fleece™	1/2 yard
Pellon® 987F Fusible Fleece	1/2 yard
Pellon® 875 Lamifix®	1 yard
Pellon® 931TD Fusible Midweight	3/8 yard
14" purse zipper	
40 wt thread	

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
90/14 machine needle

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Instructions

NOTE: All seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise indicated. Following manufacturer's instructions, Lamifix® should be used on prewashed fabrics. Sample prewashed the lining fat quarter which will be fused to the Lamifix®.

Choose twelve charm squares for the body of the bag. Arrange and sew them together in four rows of three squares each. Press seams on rows 1 and 3 to the left. Press seams on rows 2 and 4 to the right. Sew the rows together. Press seams open.



Cut two 3-1/2" x 14-1/2" rectangles from the outside fat quarter. Sew one each to the top and bottom of the charm square unit. Press seams toward the top and bottom.

Layer the bag outside with the Insul-Fleece™. Quilt as desired. Trim Insul-Fleece™ even with the raw edges of the bag.



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Cut two 13-3/4" x 10" rectangles and two 13-3/4" x 2-3/8" rectangles from the lining fat quarter and the Lamifix®.

NOTE: Inside pieces are cut slightly smaller because of the Insul-Fleece™.



Fuse the Lamifix® to the right side of the lining fabric pieces following manufacturer's instructions.

Sew one 13-3/4" x 2-3/8" strip to one 13-3/4" x 10" rectangle to create one 13-3/4" x 12" rectangle.

Fuse one 13-3/4" x 12" rectangle of Fusible Fleece to the wrong side of the lining panel following manufacturer's instructions. Be sure to use a pressing cloth so that neither the Fusible Fleece nor the Lamifix® comes in contact with the hot iron.



Topstitch along the seam of the two pieces through all layers.

Repeat these steps for the second lining piece.



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Cut two 3-1/2" x 1-1/2" rectangles. Fold the short ends in 1/4" and press.

Fold the rectangle in half lengthwise and press as shown.



Place the zipper tabs as shown. Pin to hold in place.



Fold the zipper rectangle down over the end of the zipper and stitch, backstitching to secure the zipper teeth. Make sure no stitching goes over the zipper teeth.

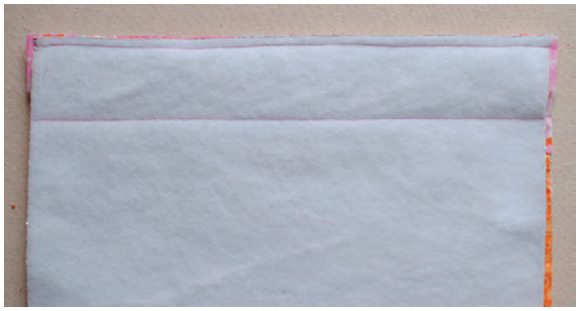


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Place zipper right side down along one top edge of the patchwork outer bag.



Place the lining on top of the zipper, with right side facing the right side of the outer bag. Stitch along the edge.



Open along the seam to reveal the zipper. Open the zipper partway for tucking the lining inside later.



Fold the lining so that the wrong sides of both the lining and the outer bag are together.

Repeat these steps with the other end of the outer bag and the other lining piece.



Fold the bag right sides together, matching the patchwork body pieces together and the lining pieces together. Sew along the side edges and about 2" in from the lining corners on the lining bottom. Leave the remaining portion open.



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Fold the corners flat, matching the bottom and side seams. Draw a line 3" across (1-1/2" from the point) to box the bag corners. Sew along the line.



Repeat for the remaining three corners.

Trim the corners.

Trim the side of the fabric near the zipper.



Turn bag right side out through the opening taking care not to pull the Lamifix® away from the fabric.

Sew the opening closed, close to the edge of the fabric. Push the lining inside the bag.



Cut two 2-1/2" x 17" strips from the outside fat quarter. Fuse one 2-1/2" x 17" strip of Fusible Midweight to the wrong side of each handle. Finish the ends by folding 3/8" of the raw edge to the wrong side and topstitching in place. Fold the handle right sides together lengthwise and sew 1/4" from the long edge.



Turn right side out and press. Topstitch 1/8" from the seam lengthwise.



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Place and stitch handles 1" from the seam of the patchwork section, centered on the charm square seams. Stitch a 3/4" box around the handle to reinforce.



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