

# DRAWSTRING BACKPACK



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*Featuring fabrics from Me+You and the National Parks Centennial Collection.*



N4266 48-Gray

Outside of the Bag- 1/2 Yard



110 92- Slate

Bag Lining- 1/2 Yard

Strap Fabric- 1/8 Yard

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Outside of Bag—(2) pieces 14 x 16

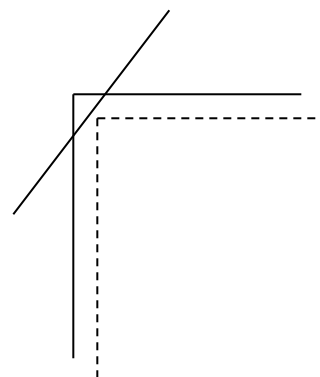
Bag Lining—(2) pieces 14 x 16

Strap fabric—(2) pieces 2 x 30 (you can use cording)

Pellon Fusible Fleece — (2) pieces 2 x 30

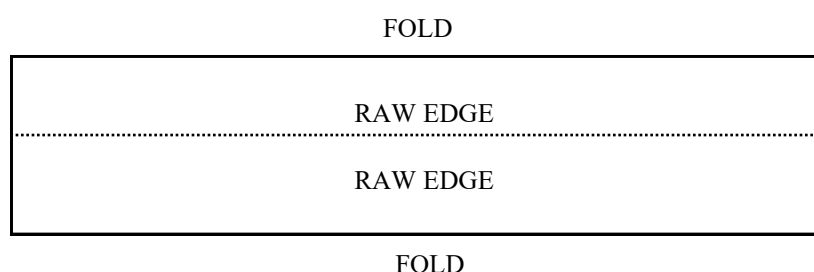
Frame fabrics—1 ¼ x 12 each design

As always, read completely through instructions before beginning. Everything will make much more sense and you will be less likely to make a mistake.

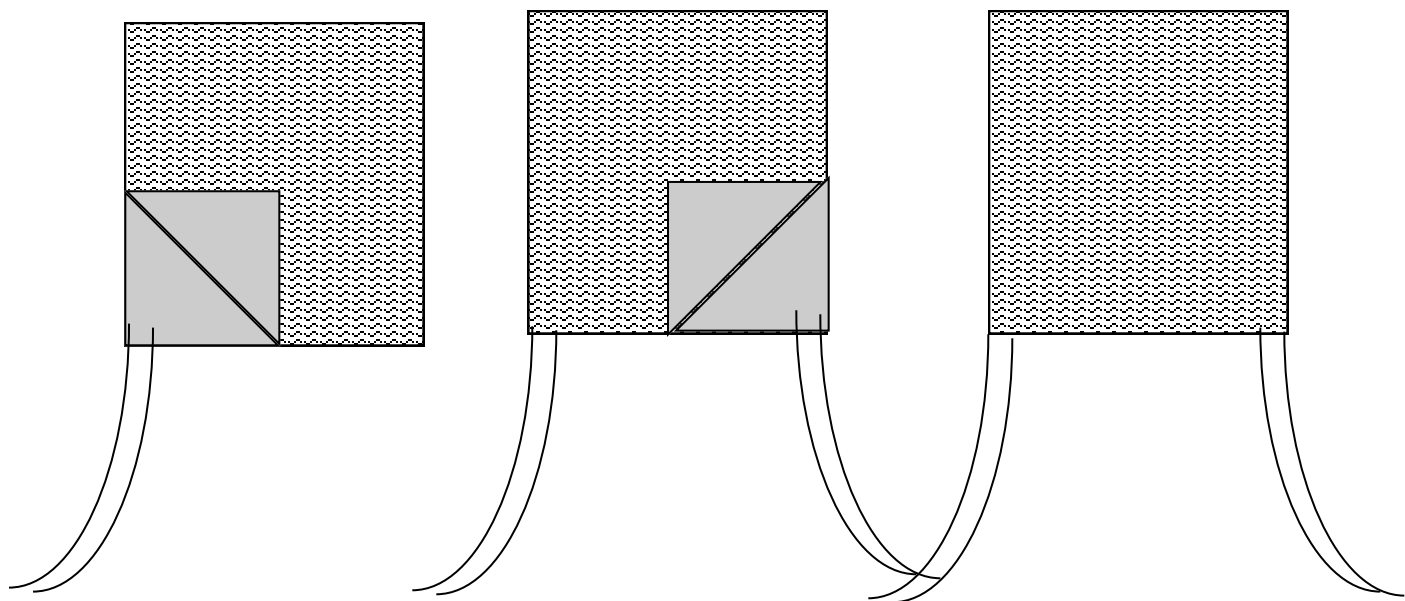


1. Cut the (2) pieces of fabric 14 x 16 for the outside of pouch and (2) pieces 14 x 16 for the lining. Take one of each and put right sides together. Pin as necessary, and sew around edge with an ¼ inch seam leaving a 2 inch opening at the bottom for turning. Trim off corners to reduce bulk (as shown). Turn sewn piece right side out and press flat paying special attention to the corners. Turn in ¼ seam allowance and hand stitch the opening closed. Take the remaining piece for the outside of the bag and appliqué on the embroidered ornaments. I put a (cut 1 ¼ inch) border around each design. Be mindful not to put them too close to the edges. Repeat the previous enveloping process using the other lining piece.

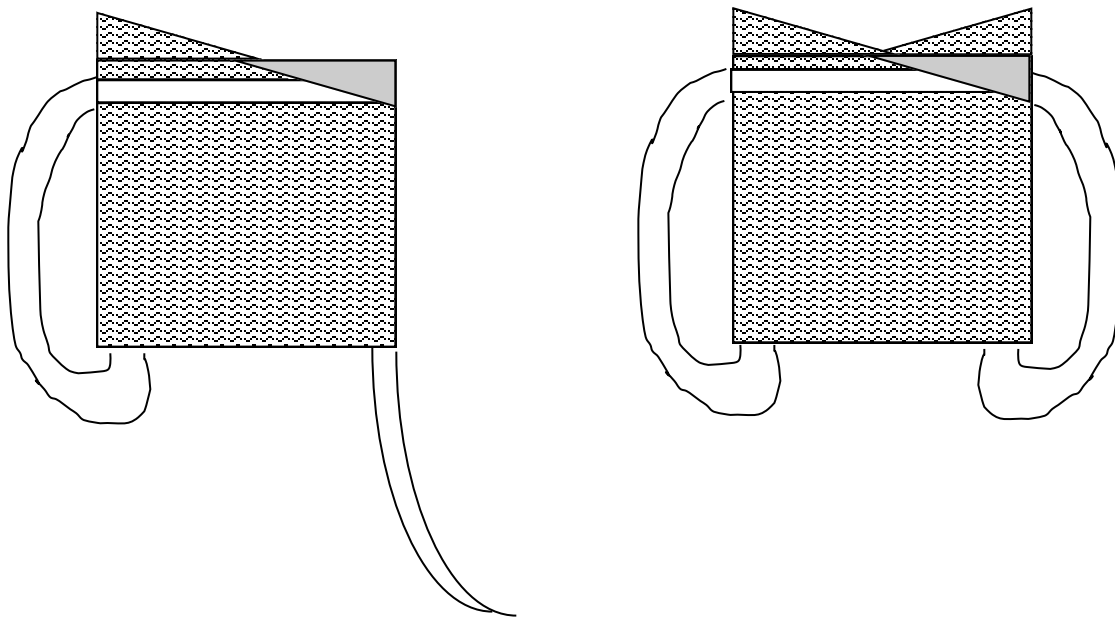
2. Take the 2 x 30 inch strips for your fabric handle and the 2 x 30 inch piece of Pellon. Fuse the Pellon to the wrong side of the fabric strip. Fold and press lengthwise the top and bottom edges to meet in the middle. See below. Fold in half lengthwise again, press and pin. Stitch 1/8 inch from the folded edge being sure to catch both the top and bottom fold. Stitch the same way along the opposite edge. Repeat for the other strap.



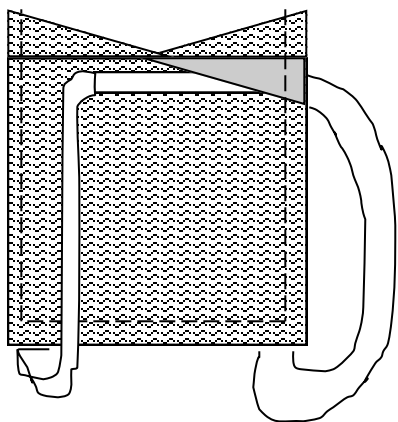
3. Lay the two sewn pieces on top of each other with the right side out and lining in. Tuck one end of each strap in between the two layers at the bottom edge by the corners  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. Pin each strap in place. See below. Pin around bottom and sides to hold in place.



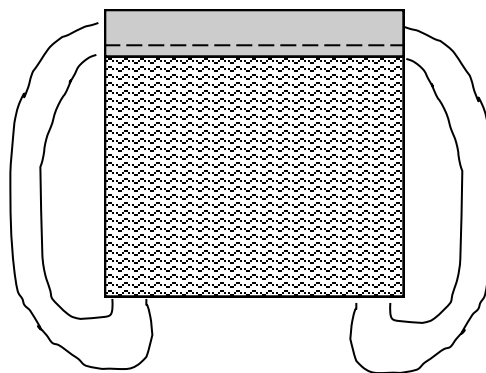
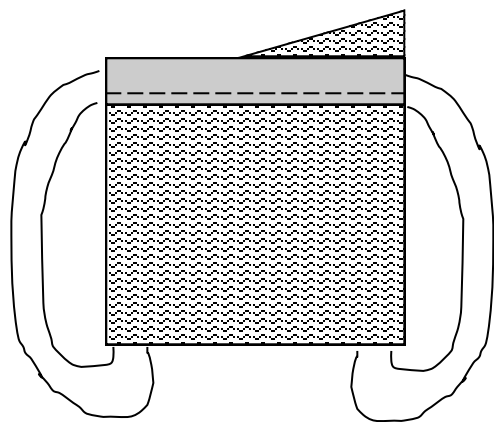
4. Fold down top edge of the top layer 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches down. This will eventually be the casing. (You will see the lining.) Pin on the right side only. Take the strap from the bottom left and feed it through partial casing. Be sure strap is not twisted. Pin edge of threaded strap just inside the outer edge of the bag. Turn bag over and repeat on other side **BUT** instead of bringing strap from the bottom forward over the top of bag bring the strap under so that both straps are on the same side and thread through casing from around the side. Be sure it is not twisted. (It will look something like what I have pictured below.)



5. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch around edge on both sides and bottom leaving the top open. Be sure to catch the pinned straps in seam but be careful to NOT catch the strap anywhere it is not pinned. See below. You can use decorative thread or a decorative stitch if desired. You will need to work around the straps. It is easiest to stop and start on the corners.



6. Fold the open flap of casing down around the strap and pin. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch along edge of casing being careful to NOT sew on strap. Repeat on other side.



7. You have now made the most stylish trick or treat bag ever! This bag has the advantage over other bags by allowing your hands to be free for games and eating as it is worn securely on the back where your candy cannot be raided by goblins.



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