

Fat Quarter Drawstring Backpack

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Supplies:

- 2 Fat Quarters (18"x22")
- Thread to match

Directions:

1. Cut it out!

Cut 4" off each fat quarter to create two 18" squares and two 4"x18" strips.

2. Make the straps:

Cut the 4" strips into four 2"x18" strips. Sew the strips together at the 2" ends creating two 2"x35" strips. Press under 1/2" on each long side of each strip. Press each strip in half. Topstitch close to each folded edge.

3. Assemble Bag:

Layer fat quarters right sides together. From one top edge, sew down 1-1/2"; leave 3/4" opening and continue sewing to 1" from bottom edge. Insert one strap and sew to bottom of bag, sewing over strap.

Repeat for other side of bag.

Sew across bottom edge.

4. Casing:

Press side seam allowances open approximately 3" down sides of bag. Fold and press inside 1/2" around top edge. Fold and press inside again 1" around. Stitch close to both folded edges of casing.

5. Finish it up!

Turn bag right side out. Insert one strap into front casing from one side to the other. Pin. Insert remaining strap into back casing. Pin. Stitch across casings to hold strap ends in place.

6. Use it!

Pull the straps to open and close backpack.

More ideas:

- Add a pocket on outside before sewing side seams.
- Add a pocket on inside before sewing side seams.
- Create backpack fabric from strips or patchwork.
- Use decorative cord for straps.

