

Madquilter's Charm Square Jewel Bag.



This is a little fiddly to do the first time but once you've worked it out it's pretty easy.



You need:

Lining fabric - (I'm using left over backing fabric from a quilt I'm working on)
Thin Quilt wadding or pellon (also left over from the quilt I'm working on)

22 five inch charm squares.
Thread
Fabric for handles and ties.

Cutting

for the handles two pieces 20 inches by 3 inches
For the ties two pieces 1.25 inches by 12 inches. (or you could just use some cord)

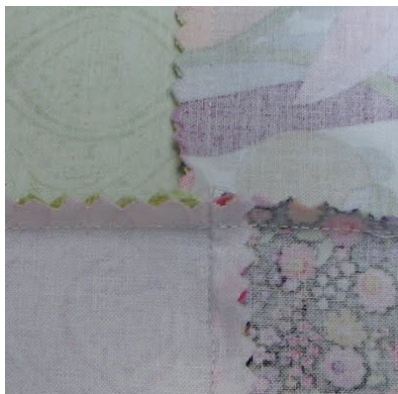
Construction



Sew 10 lots of 2 charm squares together.
Then sew them into four lots of strips with 4 squares
Then sew one square extra onto two of the strips.



You should have strips of the following:
two of 2 charm squares
two of 4 charm squares
two of 5 charm squares
Altogether 6 strips.



Press the strips with the seams going one way.

Then butt them up with the seams in opposite directions when you sew the strips together.



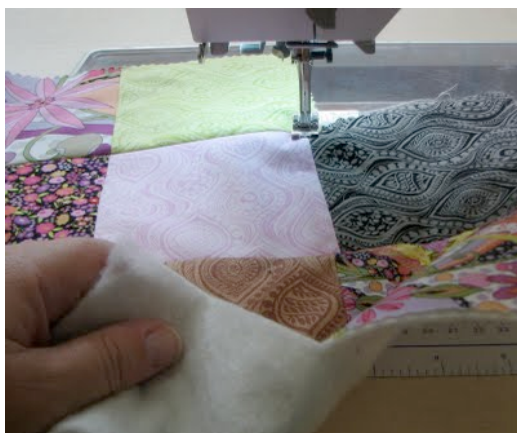
Sew the strips together. Taking careful note of the placement in the photo above.



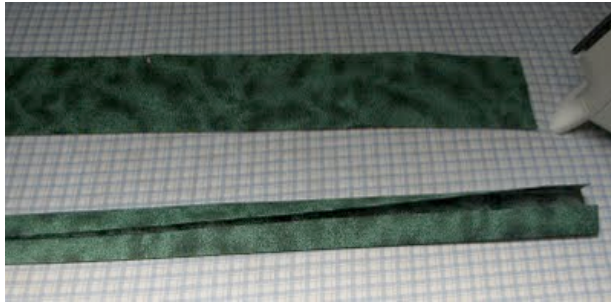
Use the patchwork as a pattern piece and cut out the lining and the wadding/pellon.



Quilt the wadding/pellon and the patchwork together. NOT the lining.
I quilted mine in the ditch, along the seam lines of the patchwork.



You can spray baste or pin the wadding or Pellon together to prevent it moving as you quilt. I'm using a polyester wadding and it didn't move much so I didn't pin. But I don't recommend this if you aren't experienced at quilting.



Cut the straps. 20 inches by 3 inches.

Fold the long edges to the middle press and fold again and press. Enclosing the raw edges in the middle and making the strap 4 fabrics thick.



Stitch down both long edges of the straps.



Ties are cut 12 inches by 1.25 inches

Now do the same to the ties as you did to the straps, except only sew down the open side of the tie.



Pin the straps and ties into place. Refer to photo above. The ties go in the valley between the straps one on each side. Then baste them in place with machine stitching. (I forgot to take a photo with the ties in place!)



Fold the patchwork in half as in the photo above.
 Stitch as in the photo above. Along the side of the first square from the fold and then along the side along the first square after the valley. (clear as mud!) Enlarge the photo if you aren't sure. My seams are in green thread so are clear to see.



Next squash the base together. Bring the two sewn seams so they meet at the end. As in the photo above and sew across the two squares to make the base of the bag. Use the photo to help



It should look like the above photo. Notice the green stitching.



Now sew the lining together the same way. It's easier the second time!



Place the lining into the bag. Right sides together.



Stitch across the top of the handles, as in the photo above.



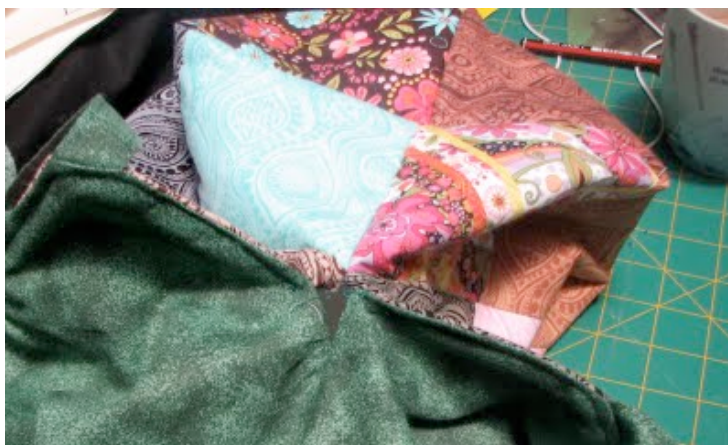
Leave spaces for turning on both side valleys of the bag, so only sew across the front and back of the bag and leave gaps on both sides about 3 inches.



Trim across the points where the handles are joined.



Turn the bag through one of the openings.



Push the lining into the bag.

Top stitch around the top leaving little gaps at the side to hand stitch closed.
This is easier than trying to do it with the machine and creating puckers.



Tie the ties together to close the bag and you are finished!



This bag has a great shape.
Really handy if you love to knit as the top stays open to allow your wool to feed.

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