

## The Twister Bag: Homework

Materials needed:

30 pieces of 5"x5" squares (charm pack or from your stash)\*\* you may also use 6 fat quarters and cut into 5" squares, this will be enough fabric to make 2 bags (1 for you and 1 to donate)

5/8 yd. of lining fabric for bag and straps

Cut 1 - 5" x WOF for straps  
1 - 22" x WOF (wide of fabric)

1/4 yd. contrasting fabric for binding

5/8 yd. (or 1 yd. to make optional pockets) coordinating fabric for bottom of outside of bag and straps and optional pockets

Cut 1 - 5" x WOF for straps  
3 - 3" x WOF for border of 5" squares when assembled

1 - 16 x 22" pc for bottom of bag

\*Optional: 2 - 12"x22" pcs for pockets

Cut 2 - 5" x 22" pcs of By Annie mesh

1 pkg of Bosal or 45" x 30" pc of By Annie Soft & Stable

\*Optional fabric pockets: 2 pcs of 5 1/2"x21 1/2" medium or heavy weight interfacing for pockets (I used med weight woven interfacing)

## Instructions:

#1

Lay out the 5" squares alternating lights and darks to make a checker board effect. 6 rows x 5 columns. Sew squares together matching colors in a row using 1/4" seams. Press seams open or to one side but remembering to press to the other side on the next row so the seams will nest together. Sew rows together matching seams and colors.

#2 Using the 3 pcs of 3" x WOF from coordinating fabric, sew end to end forming 1 long strip. Sew this strip to the outside edges of your previously assembled 5" squares. Sew to the sides first and then the top and bottom.

#3

Make binding. I cut mine at 2 ¼". Make your binding as you would to bind a quilt.

#4

Bind mesh on long sides only for pockets OR make pockets using 2 pcs of 12 x22" pc of coordinating fabric. Fold in half and apply interfacing on half of each pocket. With right sides together, sew raw edges together using a ¼" seam allowance on top & bottom only, leaving sides open and turn inside out. Press and bind top if desired.

#5 Using the 5" x WOF lining and coordinating fabrics, sandwich together with Bosal or Soft & Stable cut to the same measurements. Quilt as desired. Cut 2 strips of your desired width and length, this is your straps. (I cut mine 1 ½" x length from elbow over shoulder to elbow +

4) Measurement would be longer for a crossbody bag and you will need more binding. Bind ALL raw edges including the ends of each strap.

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