

## Sarah/snugbug's Japanese Origami Style Purse Sew Along

My mother and I received several little purses like this from my aunt in Japan- so of course we had to figure out how it was done. Hers were made from finished table napkins that had embroideries on the corner, she also dog-eared the lower corners as shown in the final 'variation' picture (I was unable to do that with my example bag because of the bulky pre-patch fabric paired with eyelet).

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### Materials:

Finished square of fabric- any size works, the bigger the square the bigger the bag (finished cloth dinner napkins work great, for the example I used 2 14" squares of fabric bound in FOE)

Something to use as drawstring (I used bias trim that I stitched closed, I have also used ribbon/leather strap/jute cord.....)

### Step 1:

Get your fabric square (if it is a finished napkin then nothing is needed to be done, if you need to turn and topstitch/hem edges/bind edges then do that now)



### Step 2:

Fold in half as triangle and mark a line approximately (or a little under) 1/3 of the measurement from the point to the fold line.

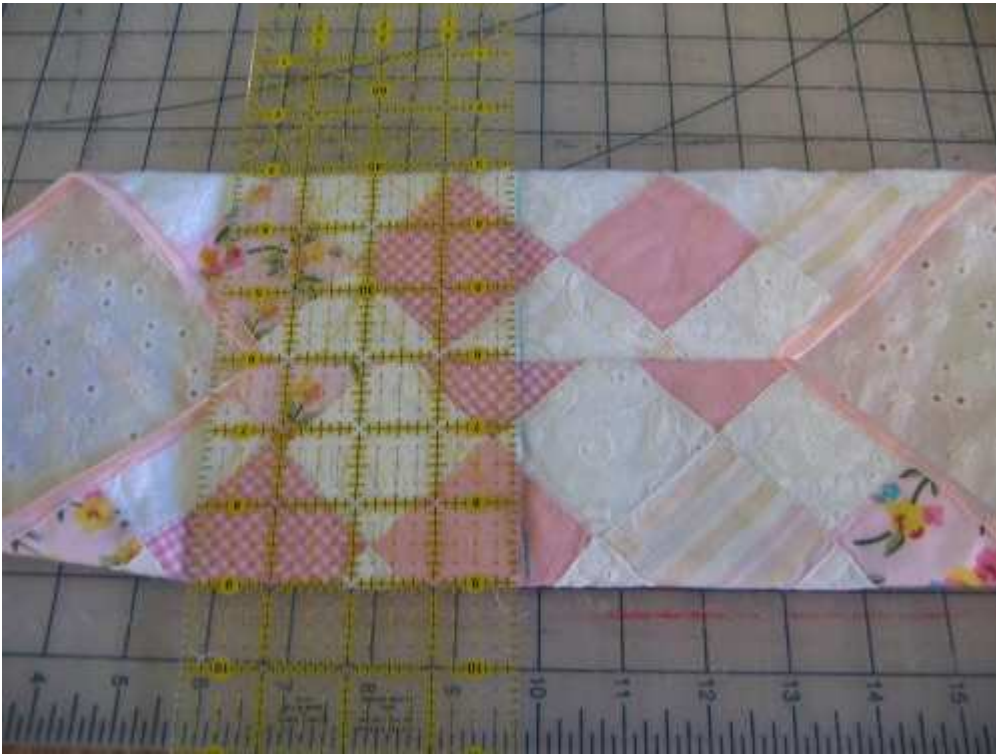


Stitch on that line, backstitching at beginning and end.



Step 3:

Flip right sides out (really there is no right and wrong side, just flip opposite of how you had it).  
\*OPTIONAL\* Mark center line.



\*OPTIONAL\* Stitch on that line.



Step 4:  
Fold in half



Stitch close to fold on each side





Step 5:

Fold down flaps and stitch a casing wide enough for your drawstring, I chose 1/2" from fold.



Step 6:

Cut and thread drawstring.



Finished:



\*note the 14" square I used produced a 6"x6.5" bag- a 18-22" dinner napkin produces a nice size bag, also note that there is a front and back outer pocket if you chose to do the stitching in step3\*

Variations:

You may choose to dog-ear the lower corners of your bag as shown here



Thanks for sewing with me!  
Sarah