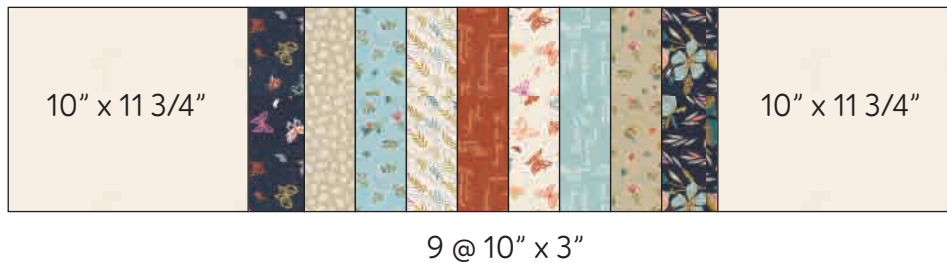


Scrap Strips Drawstring Bag

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Cut: 9 @ 3" x 10" from main fabric, and 2 @ 10" x 11 3/4" from lining fabric.

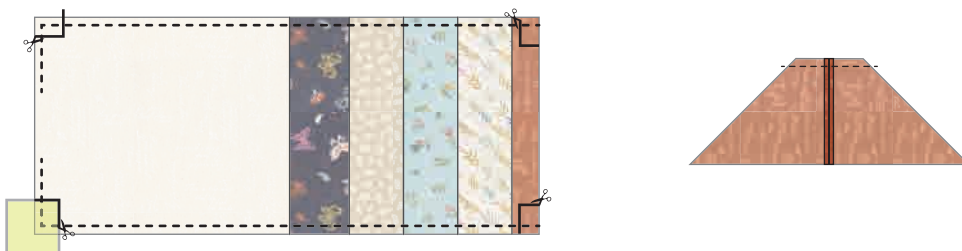
Sew 3" x 10" strips together along 10" sides. Press seams in one direction. Sew a lining piece to either end of the main fabric unit, and press seams open.



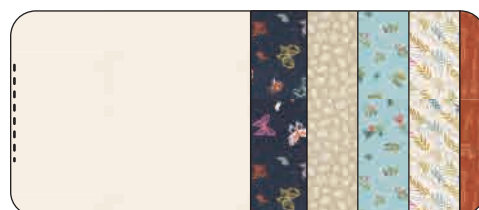
Fold strip in half, aligning seams and lining fabrics. Pin at seams for accuracy. Sew along the long sides, and along the lining end leaving a 4" opening for turning on the lining.



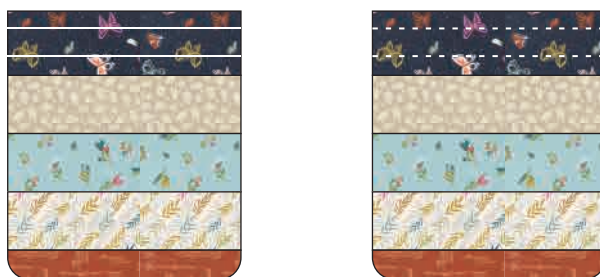
On lining corners, mark and then trim 1 1/4" squares from each corner. From print corners, mark 1" from seam line and folded edge, and trim 1" squares from each corner. Align side seam with center of folded fabric, and sew together.



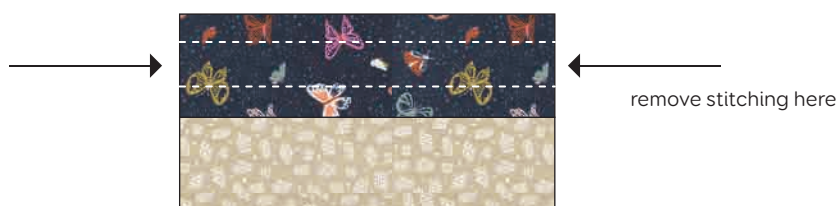
Turn fabric right side out through hold in the lining, and sew the lining closed with an edge stitch or hand stitching. Insert lining into main fabric section, and press into shape.



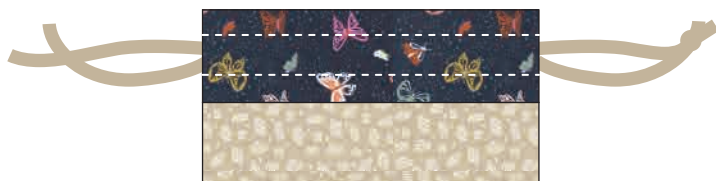
Mark 3/4" from the edge of the bag, and 3/4" from the top strip seam. Keeping lining in place, sew along marked lines, creating a drawstring channel.



With a seam ripper, carefully remove the side seam stitches on the main fabric between the sewn lines.



Cut two drawstring or twill ribbon pieces to 30". Using a safety pin or bodkin, thread the drawstring into the channel. Thread one ribbon on one side, and the second on the other side. Tie off drawstring ends together.



Fill with treasures! Pull drawstrings to close.

