

Radiant Stars Shoulder Bag

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Web Bonus pattern for shoulder bag
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(from the Radiance collection by Julia Cairns for
Quilting Treasures, www.quiltingtreasures.com)



Materials You Will Need:

- 1/2 yard of panel squares print
- 3/4 yard of a green print
- 1/2 yard of a red print
- 1/8 yard of a blue print
- plastic canvas (optional)
- fusible interfacing (optional)

Cutting Directions:

From the panel squares print, cut:
(1) 12-1/2" square, fussy cut to center
4 different squares

From the green print, cut:
(1) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" rectangle
(1) 12-1/2" x 16-1/2" rectangle
(4) 12-1/2" squares

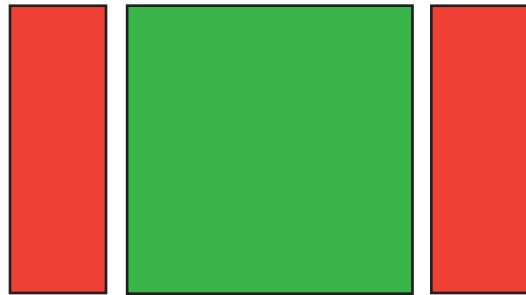
From the red print, cut:
(6) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" rectangles
(2) 4-1/2" x 42" strips

From the blue print, cut:
(2) 2-1/4" x 42" strips

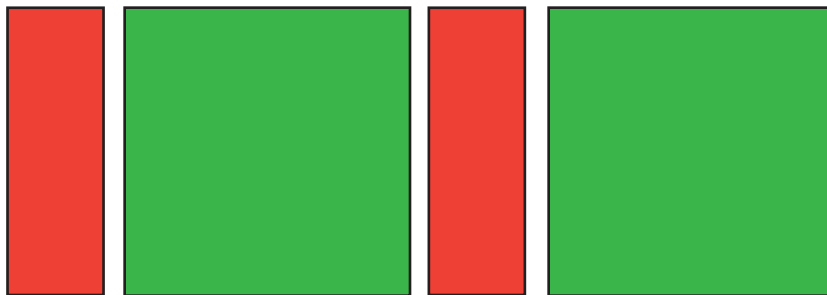
Sewing Directions: *(Seam allowance is 1/4" unless stated otherwise)*

(NOTE: If you prefer to have a firmer bag, iron interfacing to each piece before putting them together.)

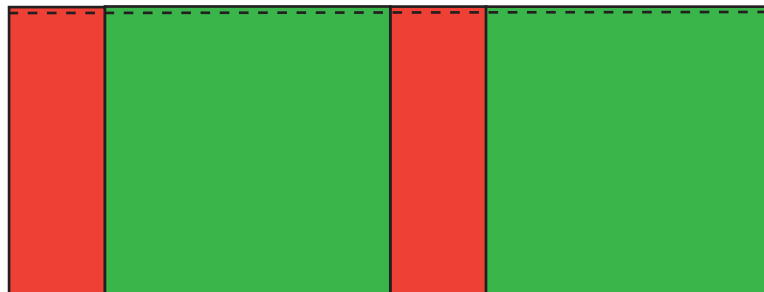
1. Stitch (1) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" red rectangle to each side of (1) 12-1/2" green square.



2. Stitch another 12-1/2" green square to the right side of the second red rectangle, as shown.

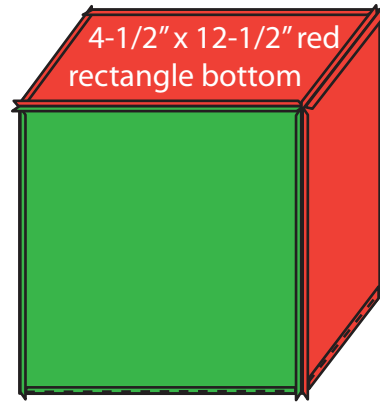


3. Press the seams. Fold over 1/4" to the wrong side along the top and press. Stitch close to the edge.

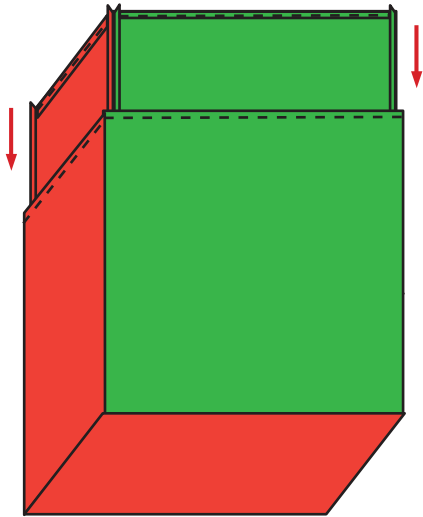


4. Fold the unit, right sides together, and stitch the left side of the first red rectangle to the second green square. This will form the front, back, and sides of the bag.

5. Stitch (1) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" red print rectangle, with right sides together, to all four sides of the bottom of the unit. Turn right side out. This will be the outside of the bag.



6. Make the lining of the bag in the same way, except DO NOT turn it right side out.



7. Drop the lining into the bag, wrong sides together.

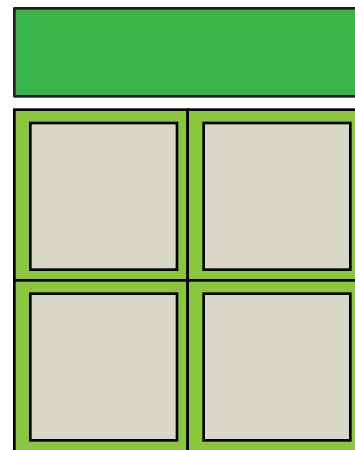
(NOTE: If you would like to use a piece of plastic canvas to make the bottom stiffer, cut it to fit the bottom of the bag and insert it between the bag and the lining.)

8. Place the (2) 4-1/2" x 42" red print strips, right sides together, and stitch down both long sides. Turn right side out and press. Topstitch close to the edge on both sides to make the shoulder strap.

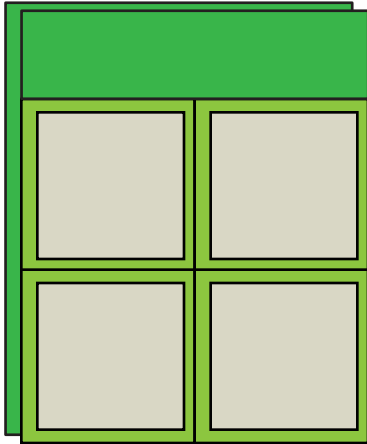


9. Insert the strap between the bag and the lining on each side, pinning the layers together on each side.

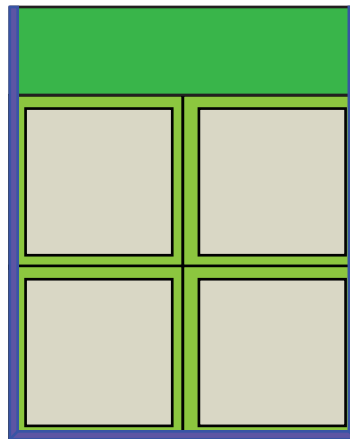
10. Stitch the 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" green print rectangle to the top of the 12-1/2" panel print square. Press.



11. Place the panel unit and the 12-1/2" x 16-1/2" green print rectangle, wrong sides together, and stitch 1/4" around the bottom three sides to keep the pieces together.



12. Sew the short ends of the (2) 2 1/4" x 42" blue print strips together, with diagonal seams for binding. Trim and press open. Fold strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together and press. Place the strips on the raw edge of the side of the panel unit. Sew to the bottom corner and backstitch 1/4" from the edge. Remove from the machine, fold the strip up and back down over itself, aligning the raw edge. Start stitching at the edge and continue in the same way. Repeat for the remaining corner and continue stitching up the other side. Only the bottom three sides will need to have binding, as the top of the flap will be sewn into the bag. Fold the binding strip over to the back of the bag front and blind stitch to finish.



13. Insert the top edge of panel unit between the bag and lining on the back side of the bag. Pin all layers together once it is straight. Pin the front of the bag and the front lining together to keep from shifting.
14. Stitch close to the edge all the way around the bag, making sure to keep the strap and front flap out of the way as you go around.