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THREAD BAG WITH PIN CUSHION

Suzan's
Corner

McCall's Pattern 7399

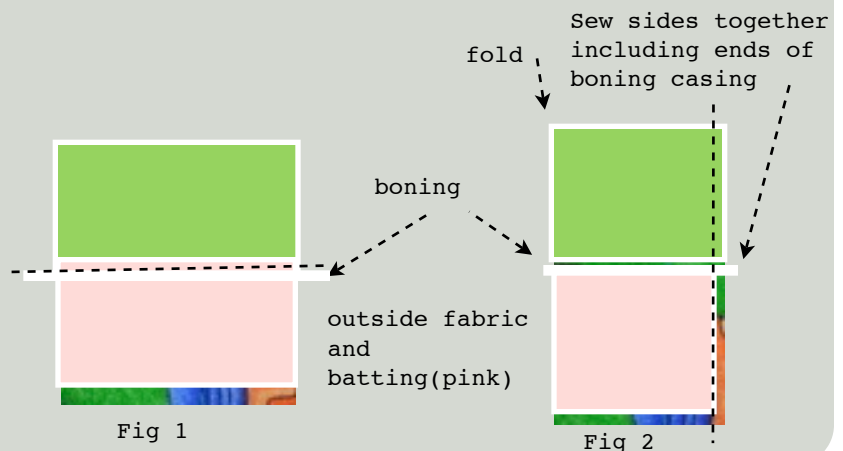
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What you need:

- 2 pieces of fabric of your choice 8"X16" (for the bag)
- 1 piece 9"x9" for tile cover and small piece for pin cushion
- 1 piece of 8" x 16" of batting
- 4" of 1/4" elastic band
- 2 buttons or 2 pieces of velcro and thread
- 16" of Featherlite Boning to keep the mouth of the bag open
- one small ceramic tile for weight e.g. 4"X6", or other heavy item
- Optional: A canine friend to keep you company e.g. Chelsea on the photo.

How to make it:

Cut 2 pieces of fabric and a piece of batting 8" X 16". Place the 2 fabrics right sides together and the batting on top. Sew the top of the 3 pieces together. Place the 3 layers with the batting on top. Cut a piece of boning to fit the width of the bag, (fig 1.), and place it along and under the seam leaving 1/4" of the casing at both ends, and pin to sides. Fold the fabric as per fig. 2. Sew the sides together including the end of boning strip. Fold the top part over the batting keeping the boning along the top of the bag and sew along the boning strip to secure it in place. Turn the bag with your favourite fabric on top. Iron the bottom seams to the inside and top stitch. Make a fabric (add batting) envelope to cover the tile leaving about 1" for the buttons or velcro pieces. Make matching button holes in the bag or velcro pieces in the back. Make a small pillow for a pin cushion and secure with elastic band to the tile.



Hint: Pin cushion can also be used as a wrist pin cushion (see photo top right), add a piece of cardboard at the bottom to stop needles from going through.