

Dolly Bag Pattern – 3 sizes



Fabric Requirements:

Small Bag only (4in sq. base)

- 2 strips 2½" x 20" of fabric A
- 2 strips 2½" x 20" of fabric B
- 1 strip 4" x 20" of fabric C
- 1 Fat Quarter of fabric D
- 6" x 6" piece of wadding
- 1m length of lacing cord

Large Bag only (6in sq. base)

- 1 Fat Eighth of fabric A
- 1 Fat Eighth of fabric B
- 1 Fat Eighth of fabric C
- 1 Fat Qtr + 8" x 8" piece fabric D
- 8" x 8" piece of wadding
- 1.5m length of lacing cord

Medium Bag only (5in sq. base)

- 2 strips 3" x 20" of fabric A
- 2 strips 3" x 20" of fabric B
- 2 strips 4" x 20" of fabric C
- 1 Fat Quarter of fabric D
- 7" x 7" piece of wadding
- 1.25m length of lacing cord

Set of Three Bags

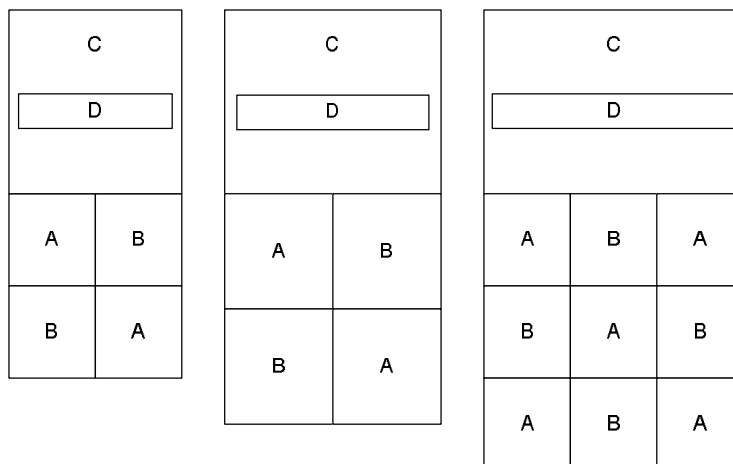
- 1 Fat Quarter of fabric A
- 1 Fat Quarter of fabric B
- 1 Fat Qtr + 1 Fat Eighth fabric C
- 3 Fat Quarters of fabric D
- 8" x 22" piece of wadding
- 3.75m length of lacing cord

You will also need:

- Needle, Pins, Scissors and Thread
- Sewing Machine
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Rotary Cutting Tools
- Sticky Tape and a Safety Pin

Note:

- throughout the project all seam allowances should be ¼" wide.
- fabric pieces in diagrams are shown slightly offset for visual clarity, but when piecing together all top and left-hand edges should be matched exactly, unless otherwise specified.

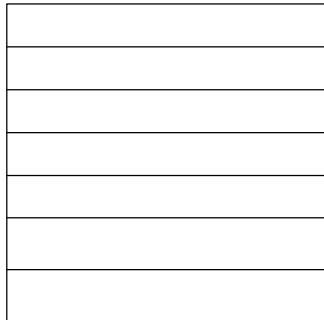


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Cutting Instructions for Complete set of three Dolly Bags:

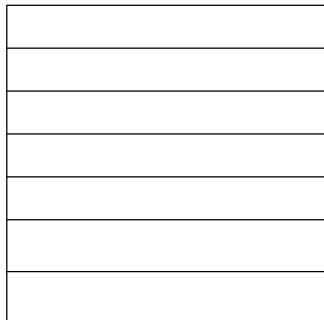
Fabric A

Cut five strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ in wide
Cut two strips 3 in wide



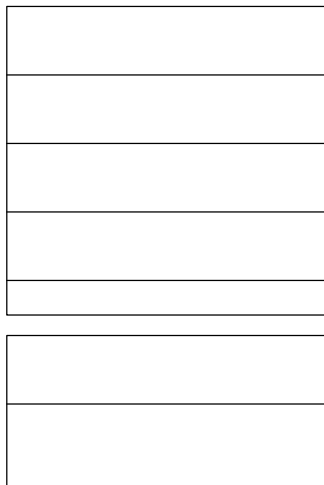
Fabric B

Cut five strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ in wide
Cut two strips 3 in wide



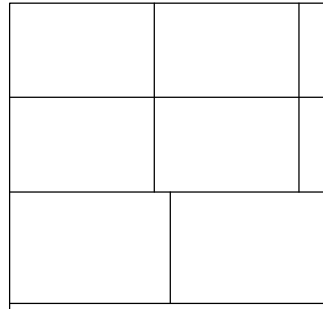
Fabric C

Cut five strips 4 in wide



Fabric D

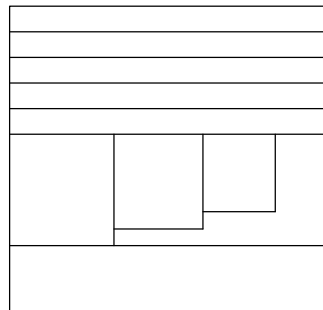
Cut two strips $5\frac{1}{2}$ in wide
Cut two pieces 9 in long from each
Cut one strip $6\frac{1}{2}$ in wide
Cut two pieces 10 in long from this



Fabric D

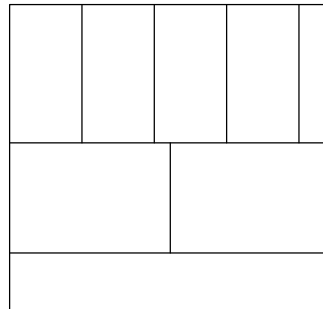
Cut five strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ in wide

Cut one 7 in square
Cut one 6 in square



Fabric D

Cut one strip 8 in wide
Cut four pieces $4\frac{1}{2}$ in wide from this
Cut one strip $6\frac{1}{2}$ in wide
Cut two pieces 10 in long from this

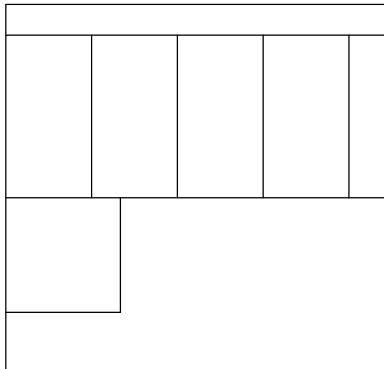


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Cutting Instructions for fat eighths and fat quarters if you are making one size only:

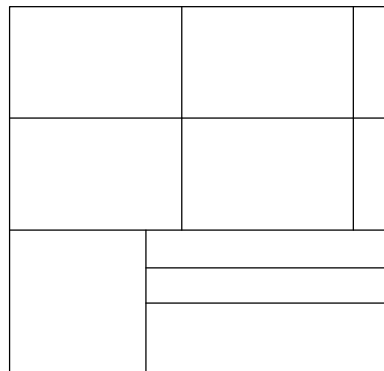
Small Bag only - Fabric D

Cut one strip $1\frac{1}{2}$ in wide
 Cut one strip 8 in wide
 Cut this into four pieces $4\frac{1}{2}$ in wide
 Cut one 6 in square



Medium Bag only - Fabric D

Cut two strips $5\frac{1}{2}$ in wide
 Cut two pieces 9 in long from each
 Cut one 7 in square
 Cut two strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ in wide from the remainder



Large Bag only - Fabric A

Cut three strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ in wide



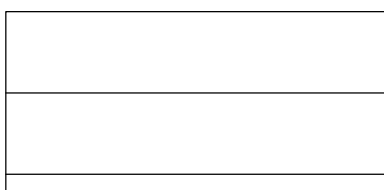
Large Bag only - Fabric B

Cut three strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ in wide



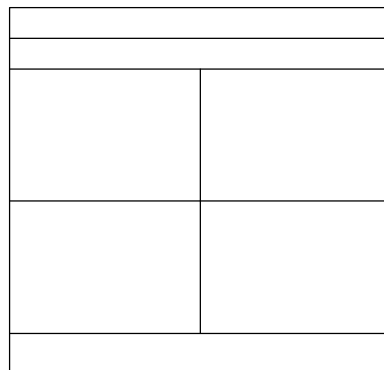
Large Bag only - Fabric C

Cut two strips 4 in wide



Large Bag only - Fabric D

Cut two strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ in wide
 Cut two strips $6\frac{1}{2}$ in wide
 Cut two pieces 10 in long from each



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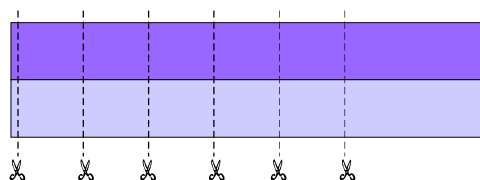
Instructions for Small or Medium Bag:

Hold a 2½" (small) or 3" (medium) wide strip of fabric A right sides together with a 2½" (small) or 3" (medium) wide strip of fabric B and machine sew a ¼" seam along their length. Repeat with another two strips of the same.



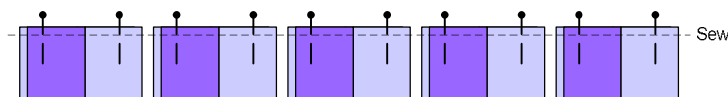
Lay the sewn pieces on your ironing board with the darker fabric uppermost and the seam away from you. Press open so that the seam allowance lies behind the darker fabric.

From the two strips cut 10 pieces at 2½" (small) or 3" (medium) intervals.



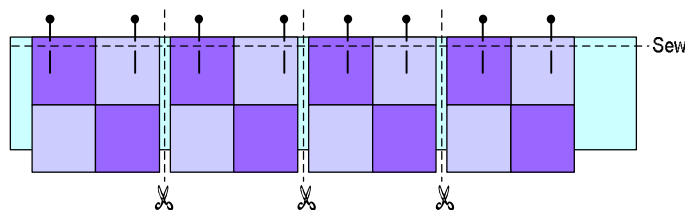
Lay one of these pieces face up on your table with the fabric A square to the left. Place another piece face down on top with its fabric B square to the left. 'Lock' the central seam so that the pieces do not move and pin in place. Repeat with the four remaining pairs.

Machine sew across the top of one piece after the other in assembly line fashion keeping previously pressed seams lying flat.



Snip the threads to separate the pieces and then press open at your ironing board.

Lay a 4" wide strip of fabric C face up on your table. Lay **four** of the pieced squares face down on top each with the same colour square in the top left corner. (For the medium size you will need to use both 4" wide strips as the pieced squares will not fit on one strip.) Pin in place and sew keeping previously pressed seams lying flat.



Cut the header fabric (C) between each piece and press open so that the seam lies behind the header fabric. Trim off any excess header fabric.

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Instructions for Large Bag:

Hold a 2½" wide strip of fabric A and a 2½" wide strip of fabric B right sides together and machine sew a ¼" seam along their length. Repeat with another 2½" wide strip of each.



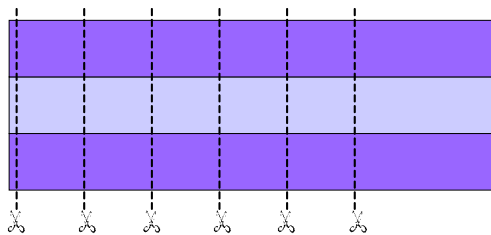
Lay the sewn pieces on the ironing board with the darker fabric uppermost and the seam away from you. Press open so that the seam allowance lies behind the darker fabric.

Hold the remaining 2½" wide strip of fabric A right sides together against the fabric B of one of the pressed pieces and sew a seam along the length as before.
Hold the remaining 2½" wide strip of fabric B right sides together against the fabric A of the other pressed piece and sew a seam as before.



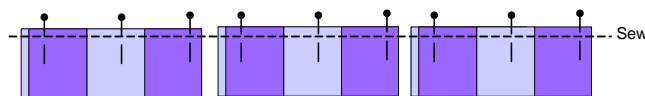
Press both pieces open so that the seam lies behind the darker fabric.

Lay the pressed pieces face down on your table and mark with your ruler and marker to trim off the selvedge and then at 2½" intervals. You will need to mark off 8 pieces with a fabric B centre and 7 pieces with a fabric A centre. Cut along the marked lines. If you have rotary cutting tools use them here to cut these pieces without having to mark the fabric.



Take one 3-square strip of each type and place them on the table right sides together. 'Lock' the opposing seams between the squares so that the pieces do not move and pin in place. Repeat with **four** more pairs.

Machine sew across the top of one piece after the other in assembly line fashion keeping the previously pressed seams lying flat.

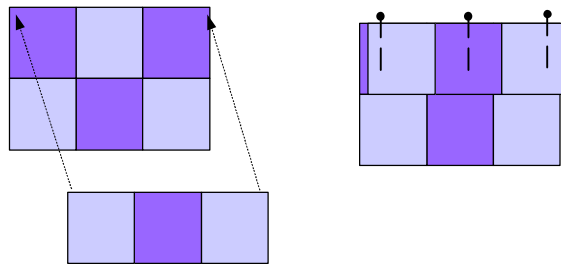


Snip the threads to separate the pieces and then press open at your ironing board.

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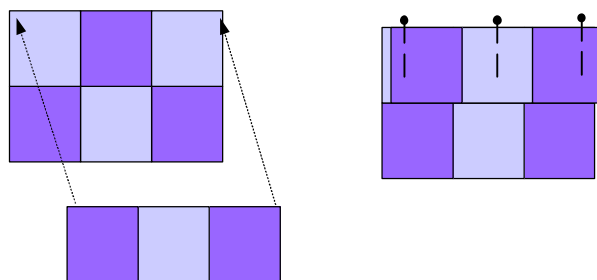
Lay one of the 6-square pieces on your table with a fabric B square in the top left corner. Take one of the 3-square strips with the fabric B centre and place it right sides together with the 6-square piece. 'Lock' the opposing vertical seams and pin in place.

Repeat with **two** more 6-square pieces and the remaining two 3-square strips with fabric B centres.



Lay one of the remaining 6-square pieces on your table with a fabric A square in the top left corner. Take one of the remaining 3-square strips with the fabric A centre and place it right sides together with the 6-square piece. 'Lock' the opposing vertical seams and pin in place.

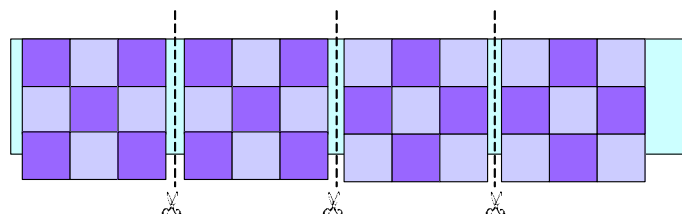
Repeat with the last 6-square piece and the last 3-square strip with fabric A centre.



Machine sew across the top of one piece after the other in assembly line fashion keeping the previously pressed seams lying flat.

Snip the threads to separate the pieces and then press open at your ironing board.

Lay the 4" wide strips of fabric C face up on your table. Face down on top of these lay the two pieced squares with fabric B corners and two of the pieced squares with fabric A corners. Pin in place and sew keeping previously pressed seams lying flat.



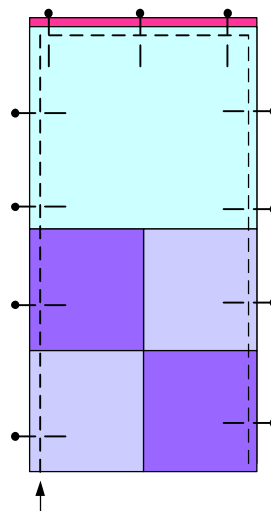
Cut the fabric C strips between each piece and press open so that the seam lies behind fabric C. Trim off any excess fabric C.

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Instructions for all three sizes:

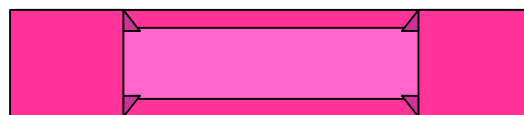
Lay each of the four assembled pieces right sides together with a same-sized rectangular piece of fabric D and pin in place. Starting at the corner marked with an arrow in the diagram, sew up one side, across the top of the header fabric and down the other side of each piece. Tie off and trim the threads at each end of your sewing.

Turn these pieces right sides out and press flat at your ironing board.

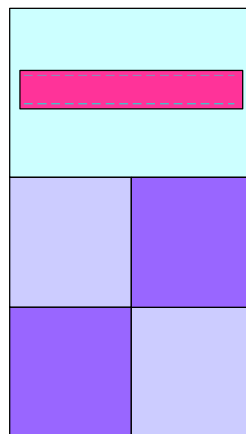


Take the narrow strips of fabric D and cut into four 5" (small), 6" (medium) or 7" (large) long pieces.

At your ironing board fold in a press a ¼" hem along each long edge. Then fold and press ¾" over at each end.



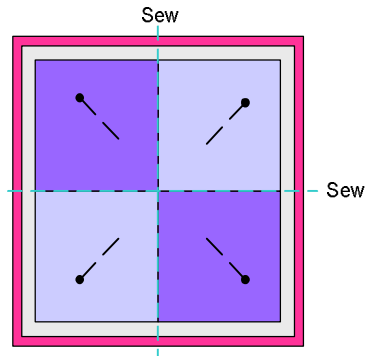
Place one of these strips centrally on the header piece of each side panel; it should be a little bit shorter than the width of each panel. Pin in place and then carefully sew an ⅛" seam along the long edges of each strip.



Pull all threads through to the lining side of the fabric and tie off with two knots. Thread a needle with each thread in turn and feed it into the sandwich of fabric right beside the knot, emerging an inch or so away. Trim off the thread where it re-emerges.

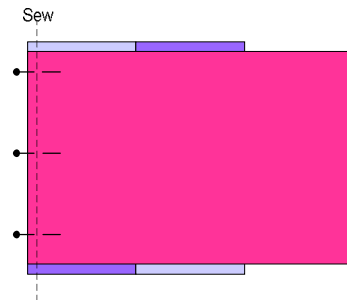
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Lay the 6" (small), 7" (medium), 8" (large) square of lining fabric D face down on your table, place a square of wadding on top of this, and finally lay the remaining pieced square face up on top. Pin together and, with a longer stitch length, sew through all three layers along the seam lines of the pieced square.

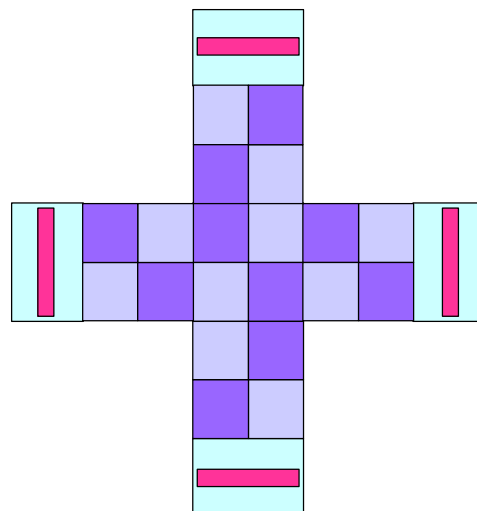


Trim the lining and wadding to the size of the pieced square. Reset your stitch length to its normal setting.

Place one of the side panels against the padded base panel with the pieced squares facing. Match the centre seam lines (there will approximately ¼" to spare at each side), pin in place and sew.



Repeat by attaching another side panel to the opposite edge of the base panel. Then attach the other two side panels to the remaining opposite edges. Turn right side up and press open. Pull all these threads through to the inside of the base panel, tie off and trim the threads.



Whip or blanket stitch over the raw edges of the base panel to prevent fraying, but don't worry too much about the appearance as these will be inside the bag and so not normally visible.

Then with right sides together and, using a very fine whip stitch, join together the four vertical seams of the side panels. Start each seam at the top to ensure that the rim of the bag will be level when complete. Oversew the first and last stitches a couple of times to give added strength at these joints. Turn the whole bag the right way out.

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Attaching the cord

- If you have a 3.75m length of cord for all three bags:
- Measure 1m from one end and 1.5m from the other and wrap a small piece of sticky tape around the cord at each of these points.
- Cut the cord in the middle of each piece of tape, tie a knot at both ends of each of the three pieces of cord and remove the sticky tape.

Then, using the appropriate length piece of cord, repeat the following steps for each bag:

- Locate the half-way point on the piece of cord and wrap a small piece of sticky tape around at this point to prevent fraying. Cut the cord in the middle of the tape.
- Thread a safety pin onto the taped end of one piece of cord and using this, feed the cord through all four channel sections at the top of the bag.
Remove the safety pin, tie a knot in the end of the cord and remove the sticky tape.
- Thread the safety pin onto the taped end of the other piece of cord and, starting from a channel on the opposite side of the bag, feed the cord through all four sections.
Again, remove the safety pin, tie a knot and remove the tape.
- You can now fray the four ends of the cord to create tassels and then pull the cords to gather the top of the bag.