

Lunch bag cutlery rolls

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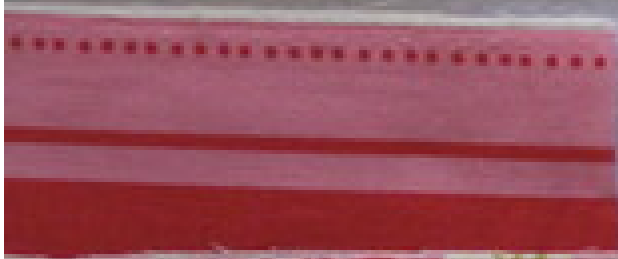
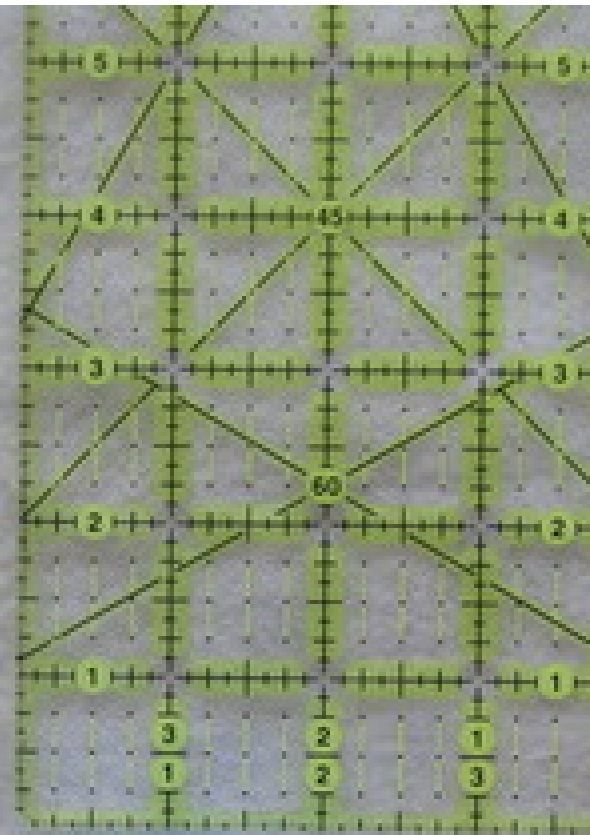


Is this a fashion accessory? No. This is an accessory for your chic, eco-friendly lunch bag. Why can't last night's meatloaf be eaten with style?! With all of the earth friendly options that we have for brown-bagging our lunches, why not accessorize your lunch experience? Small, rectangular pieces of fabric are sewn together, featuring narrow pockets to hold utensils. I have included 3 pockets to house your chosen forks, spoons or even chopsticks. An additional larger pocket has been added so that you may neatly tuck in your serviette or (even better), cloth napkin (made from your fabric remnant stash). This rolls up to a compact little bundle and tucks neatly into your lunch bag. Make several in various colour combinations. These would also be great to carry along to a picnic. Play with the dimensions and add additional pockets to create a roll to carry your make up brushes, art supplies or knitting needles. Happy sewing!

Materials

Cotton, Batting, Ribbon, Thread.

Step 1 — Gather Materials



For this project, you will require the following:

-Coordinating fabric of your choice

-Batting

-Ruler

-Scissors

-Pins

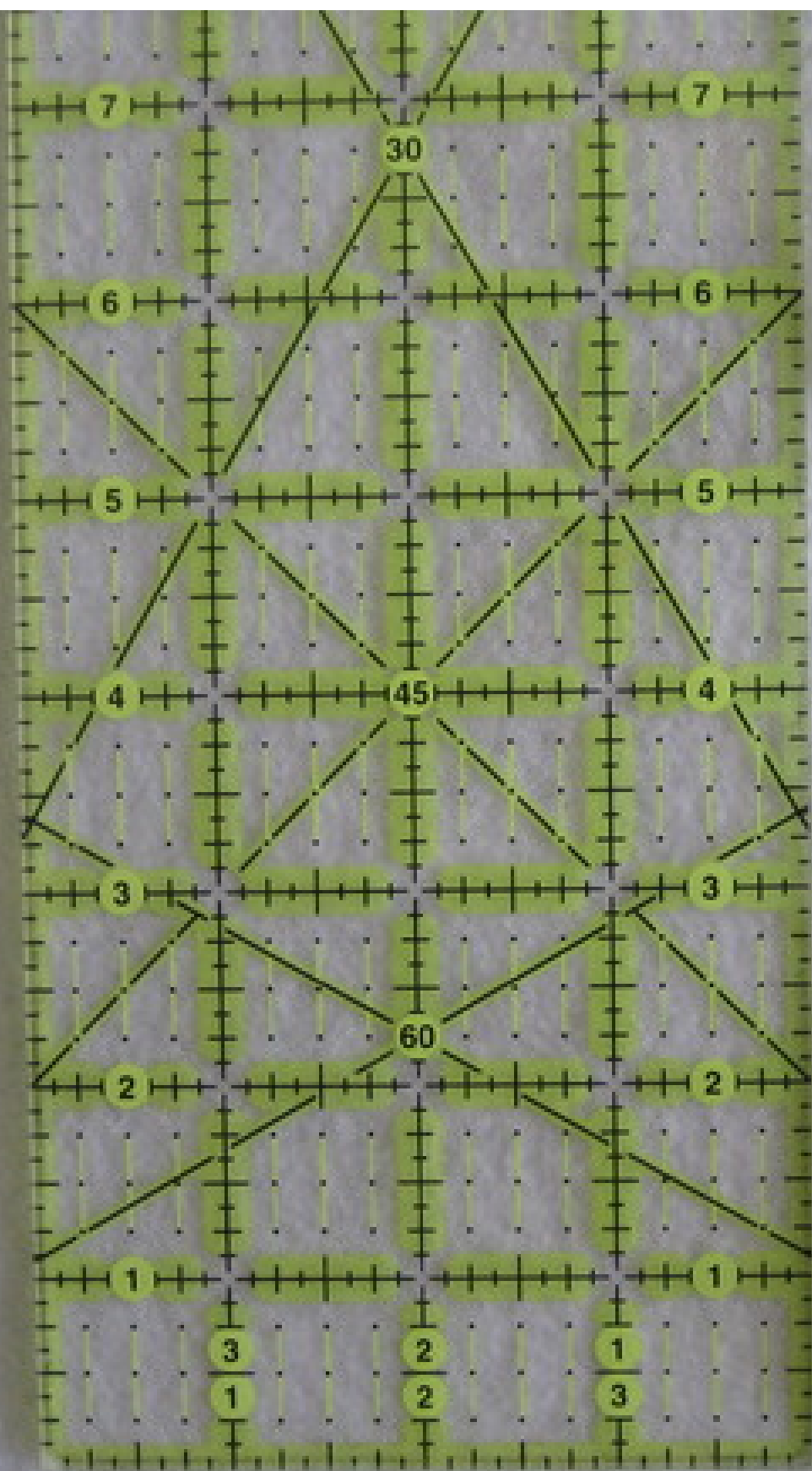
-Chalk pencil

-Thread

-Coordinating ribbon

-Cutlery

Step 2 — Measure Cutlery



Measure the length of your chosen cutlery from top to bottom. Be sure to measure the longest utensil. In this example, my largest item measures 6.5" in length. This measurement will be used to determine the height of your cutlery roll.

Step 3 — Cut Fabric



For the sake of his exercise, I want the height of my cutlery roll to extend at least 1/2" beyond the tip of the longest utensil (after seam allowances are taken into consideration). I also factored in that I want to be able to carry a fork, knife and spoon as well as have space for a serviette or cloth napkin.

My fabric dimensions will be 9.5 × 7.5. Cut 1 each of the outer fabric, inner coordinating fabric and batting.

Cut 1 – 9.5 × 5 piece of fabric (same as the outer fabric). This will serve as the pockets to hold the utensils.

Step 4 — Prepare Pocket



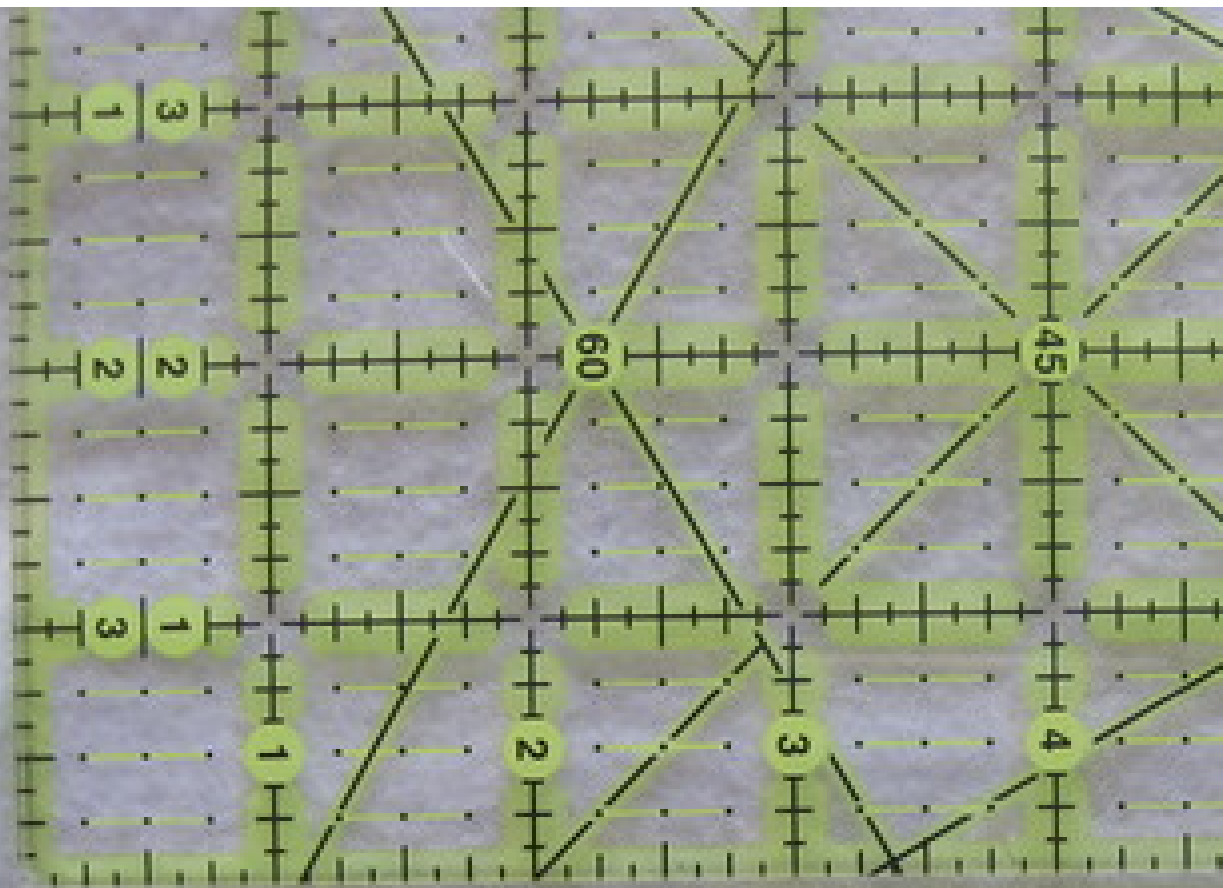
Fold the top edge of pocket fabric over to the wrong side 1/2". Press to form a crease.

Step 5 — Prepare Pocket- Stitch



Sew along folded top edge of pocket piece ,using a 1/4" seam allowance. Sew a second row, 1/8" away from first seam.

Step 6 — Prepare Pocket- Create pouches



Starting from the left hand side of your pocket piece, measure out 1/4" and mark accordingly. This is simply to factor in seam allowance. Continue travelling right, making 3 marks with a chalk pencil marking at 1.5" intervals. You are creating 3 narrow slots for your utensils and you will have a wider pocket to the right for your napkin.

Lay pocket piece on top of inner coordinating fabric. Position so that the bottom corners and edges line up. Pin if necessary before sewing.

Step 7 — Sew Pockets



You should now have your pocket piece laying atop your inner fabric piece. Using your previously applied marking as a guide, sew 3 straight seams from the top to bottom of pocket, peice. Press once complete.

Step 8 — Add Batting



To add a bit of body to the roll, lay your now assembled inner fabric on top of the batting piece (right side facing up), matching up corners. Pin and sew, using a 1/8" seam allowance along the top and bottom edges to secure.

Step 9 — Add Outer Fabric Piece



Take your assembled inner pocket/batting piece and lay it face up. With the wrong side facing up, lay your outer fabric piece on top, matching corners. You should now have right sides facing. Pin the top, left and bottom edges, leaving the right edge open.

Step 10 — Sew 3 Sides, Clip Corners



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Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew all 3 pinned sides, leaving the right hand side open. Clip corners so that once turned, the corners lay flat and point nicely.

Step 11 — Turn Right-Side-Out & Press



Turn assembled piece right side out, using a pointed turner or the end of a pencil to push out corners. Press to create crisp edges. Move to the open side and tuck top and bottom edges inward (toward each other) by 1/2". Press to create a crease. Take a 20" piece of coordinating ribbon and fold in half. Take the folded edge of the ribbon and insert into the creased fabric approximately 1/2" to 3/4". Position it so that it lines up with the top edge of the inner pocket. Pin to secure.

Step 12 — Close Open Edge- Finish



Using a 1/4" seam allowance, top stitch to close creased open edge, securing ribbon as you go along. Continue stitching along the bottom and left hand side to complete. In this exercise, I only chose to top-stitch 3 of the 4 sides, you may choose to sew all 4, it is entirely up to your desired aesthetic. Press finished piece once more.

Step 13 — Insert Cutlery and.... You're Done!



Insert your cutlery, cloth napkins, etc... into the pockets. From the left hand side, roll toward the right, using ribbons to secure closed. Enjoy!

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