

# Quilted Button Heart Bag Tutorial

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## Materials:

½ yard of pre-quilted fabric, more if you are matching a pattern

1 yard 1 ½ - 2 inch wide webbing for handles, cut in half

1 yard of 5/8 inch ric rac

Assortment of coordinating buttons of various size and shape

Thread to match buttons

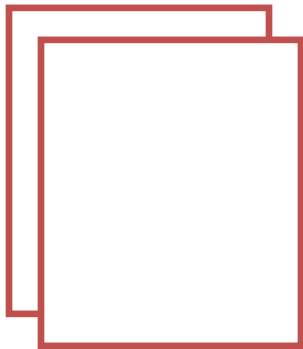
Fabric marking pen, invisible or washable

## Notes:

To indicate stitch(es)(ing)(ed) ||| ||| ||| ||| ||| ||| ||| ||| or - - - - -

## Directions:

1. Cut quilted fabric as follows.



2 – 12 ½ inches by 10 ½ inches for FRONT and BACK



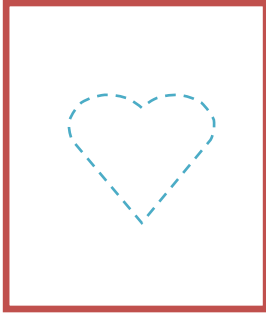
1 – 5 ½ inches by 10 ½ inches for BOTTOM



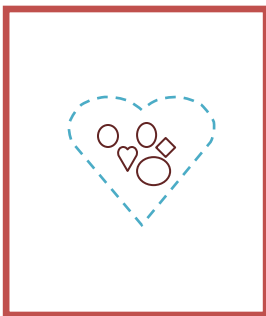
2 – 12 ½ inches by 5 ½ inches for SIDES



2. Mark desired heart shape in center of FRONT panel.



3. Sew buttons in a random pattern within the heart shape. I did not cut the thread between each button. I knotted off the back and moved right onto the next button.



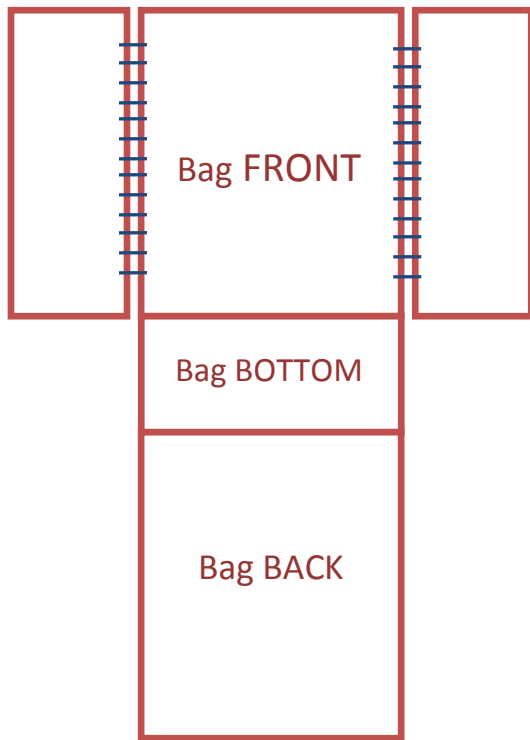
4. Start bag assembly, sew each piece wrong sides together as follows:



Sew FRONT bottom to BOTTOM long side.

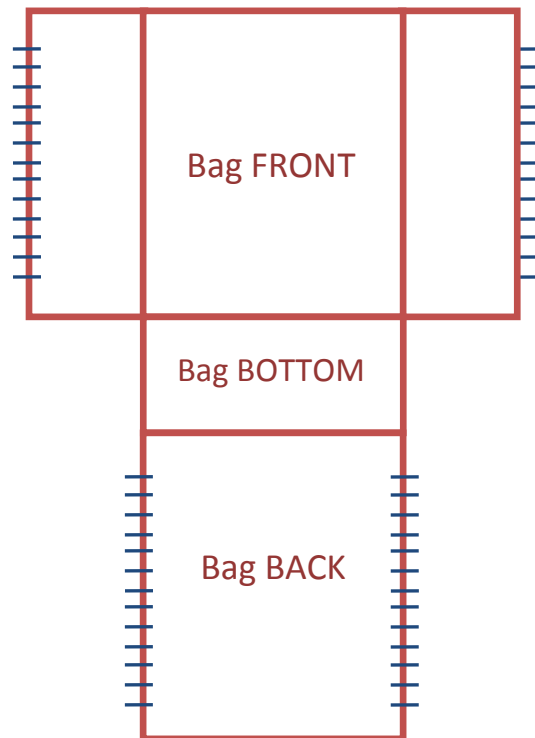
Sew BACK bottom to other BOTTOM long side.

5. Attach side pieces as shown:



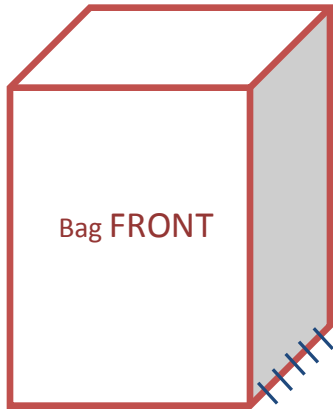
Sew each SIDE to bag FRONT, stopping at seams sewn in step 4.

6. Shape bag as follow:



Sew bag SIDEs to BACK, stopping at seams sewn in step 5 (the buttons are now on the inside of the bag).

7. Close bottom of bag:



Sew BOTTOM short sides to SIDE bottoms, stopping at the seams sewn in step 6.

8. Fold top of bag under 1 inch and iron to set.

9. Turn bag right-side out.

10. Iron each seam to so that it is a sharper crease.

11. Attach handles:



On FRONT and BACK panels, tuck webbing strip ends under folded over edges (they are now hanging down into the bag)

Pin the strips ends in place.

Pull the webbing strips up so they are outside of the bag as shown.

12. Top stitch  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from top of bag being sure to catch the webbing strip ends under the fold.



13. Attach ric rac:



Pin ric rac all the way around the bag lining up the center of the ric rac with the top stitching. The ric rac will hide the stitching.

Sew in place.

14. Fill with whatever your 'heart' desires. Sorry, I could not resist.



If you have any questions or comments about this tutorial, please contact me.

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