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BATIKS LAPTOP BAG

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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 50 cm of outer fabric
- 50cm lining fabric
- Hook and loop fastener
- Quilt batting or fusible fleece

INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE

- Always press seams after sewing for a neat and accurate finish.
- Use a ¼ inch seam allowance unless stated otherwise.
- Finished size will fit a laptop 14" x 10" laptop.

CUT FABRIC AND BATTING:

Front Side: Cut lining fabric (16.5" x 12") and batting (16.5" x 12").

Back (Flat) Side: Cut lining fabric (21" x 12") and batting (21" x 12").

Cut hook and loop fastener into a 5-inch strip.

1. Put the outer fabric and the lining fabric together with the right side facing each other and then place batting on top. Sew one shorter side with a ¼ inch seam allowance. Open out the fabrics and fold so batting is now in the middle. Press and topstitch the stitched side. Attach the hook fastener 2 inches from the edge, centred horizontally.
2. For the flap side, create triangles by measuring 2 inches left/right and 2 inches down from each corner on one shorter side. Connect and trim.
3. Layer flap materials with batting, placing pouch side on top with lining facing each other. Add outer fabric for the flap on top with the wrong side facing up.

4. Sew straight along the edges with a 0.25-inch seam allowance, leaving a 4-inch opening on the flap side.
5. Trim corners on the pocket side to reduce bulk.
6. On the flap side, cut off excess fabric from the corners to create a fringe-like edge, being careful not to cut stitches.
7. Turn the sleeve right side out using a chopstick to push corners.
8. Topstitch along the edge, closing the opening.
9. Attach the loop fastener on the flap, 2.5 inches from the pocket edge.

TO CREATE THE PATCHWORK OUTER FABRIC:

- 2.5" strips x WOF of an assortment of Batik prints
- Outer fabric pieces (as per measurements above)

1. Layer one 2.5" strip face side up aligned with one of the long edges of your outer fabric.
2. Using a second strip, place this on top of the first one, with right sides together, line up the edges at the right side, but for the left, this should sit ½ - 1 inch in from the outer edge of the bottom strip.
3. Using the edge of the top most strip of fabric, sew ¼ seam allowance to join the strips.
4. Press and fold out the top strip. You should see that there is starting to be a wonky pattern.
5. Repeat these steps, altering between left and right sides until you reach the end of the outer piece.
6. Press, turn over and trim outer pieces back to size.
7. Repeat for second outer piece.