



DRAGON CHOW DICE BAGS

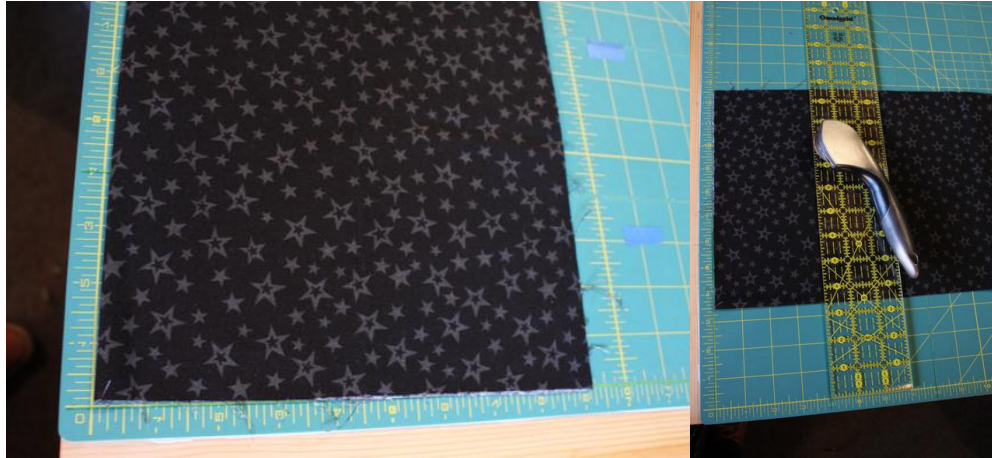
DIY DICE BAG INSTRUCTIONS V. 1

WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF DICE BAG SEWING! THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROVIDED SO THAT EVEN THE MOST BEGINNER SEWER CAN MAKE A DICE BAG THEY WILL LOVE.

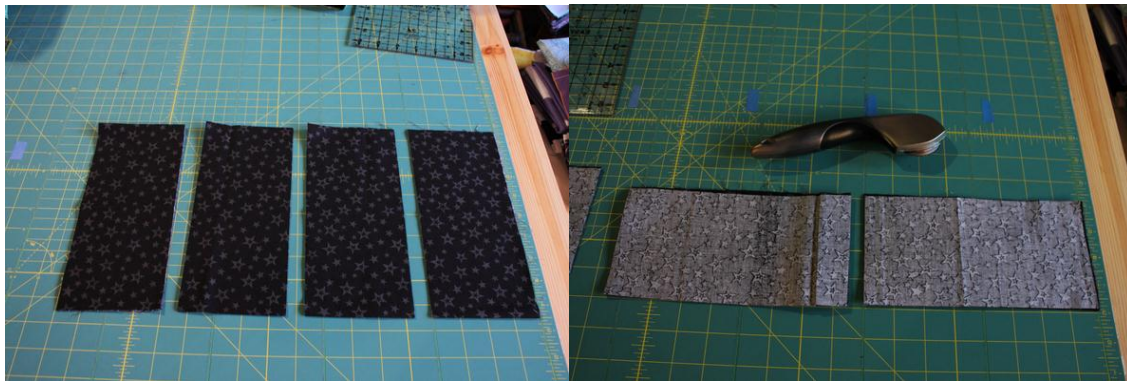
You will need:

- About an hour
- Sewing Machine
- Thread
- Bobbin
- Rotary tool, ruler and cutting mat
 - If not, scissors, ruler and a pen
- Ruler tool that can provide you a 45 degree angle
- 1-2 fat quarters (2 fat quarters if you want 2 colours) **
- Satin cord or other drawstring material
- Safety pin
- Toggle to close the dice bag
- These instructions!

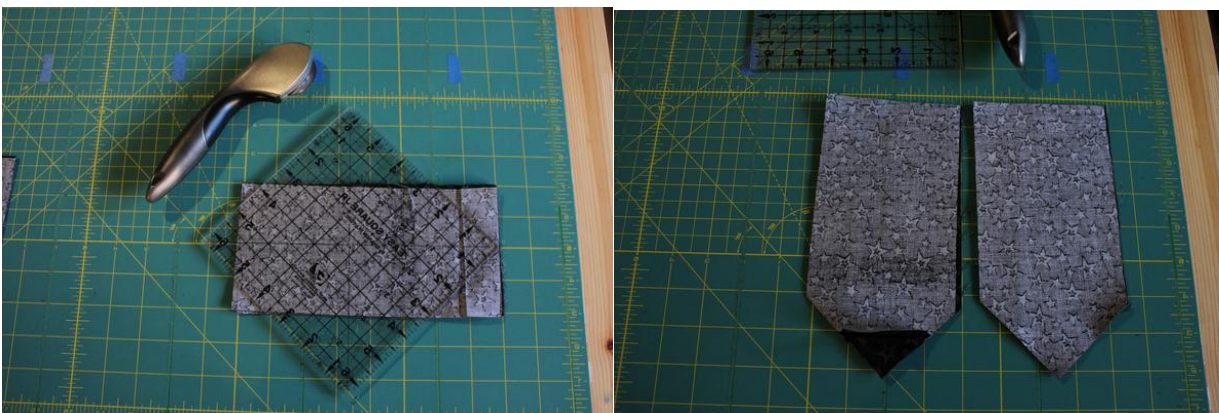
**A 'fat quarter' is simply a piece of fabric that is a 1/4 yard by 1/4 yard square. It is affordable and easy to find.



Iron your fat quarters. If you don't have an iron, put them in a dryer with a damp rag for about 20 minutes. Fold your fat quarter in half and make sure it is at least 8" tall. Then, cut it into 4 4" wide strips. You want to have two sets of 4-4x8" strips of fabric to make your dice bag.



Two sets of 4 4x8" strips.



Snip the bottom at a 45 degree angle. Use the corner of something square – a CD case will work. This is what gives the dice bag its flat bottomed shape. Now you've got your two dice bag sides cut, let's go to the sewing machine!

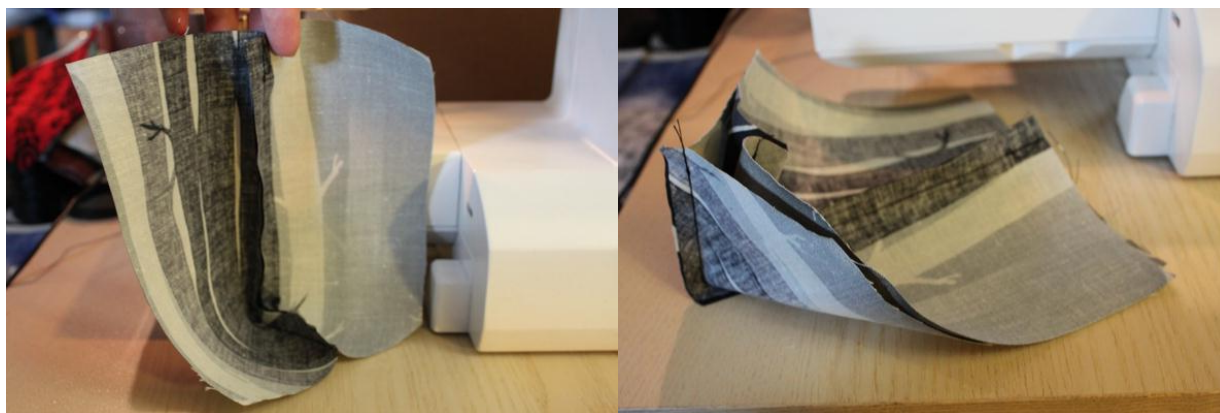
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So you've cut your fabric and you are sitting at your threaded sewing machine. It's time to make a bag! Grab the top two pieces of fabric and place the 'good' sides- what you want the outside to be- together. (This is called 'facing' in sewing terms!) Set the other pieces beside your sewing machine.

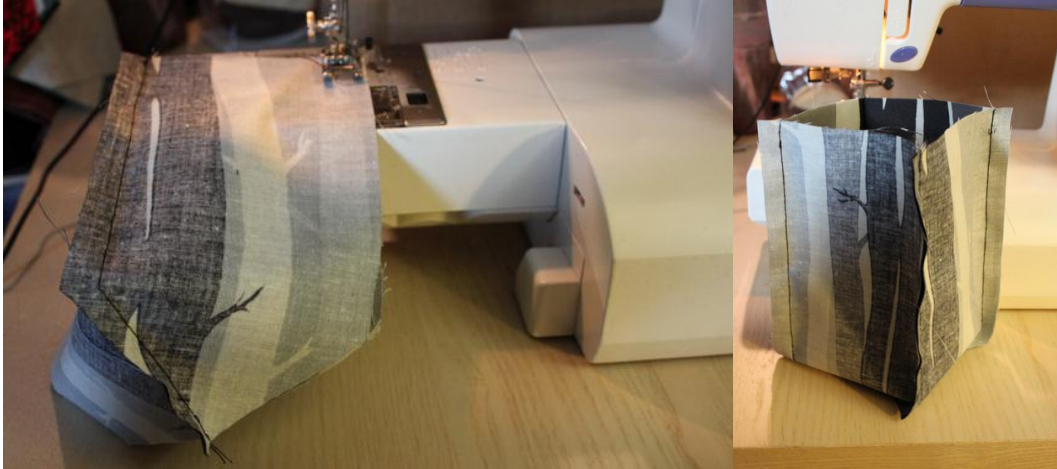


Sew these two pieces together. I use a 1cm seam, about $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



Repeat that for the matching fabric and put the two pieces together. This will be one of the sides of your dice bag! When they are both done, you open them up and place them together.

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Sew the same seam you did before. You have one side of your dice bag! Repeat these steps for your remaining four fabric pieces to make the other side of your dice bag.



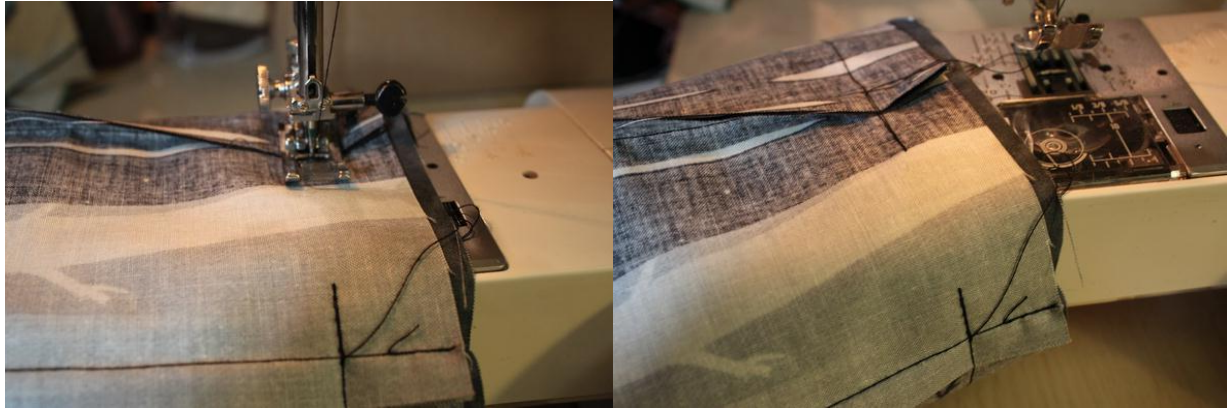
Take your two dice bag shells and put one inside the other, with the right sides facing. It'll look like an inside out dice bag.



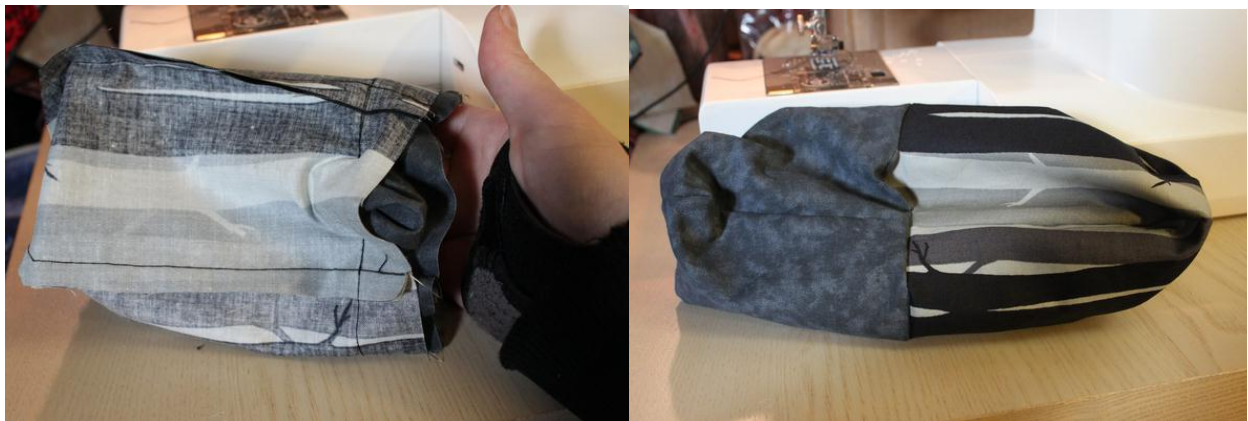
Now you're doing to sew your two pieces together. I use a 1" seam for this step. Make this seam large because this will make up your drawstring casing.



Backstitch about an inch into the panel that you want the drawstring to open on (it usually doesn't matter). Then, stitch almost all the way around. **BE SURE TO LEAVE SPACE LIKE IN THE NEXT PHOTO!**



Leave a nice wide opening so that the dice bag can be turned right side out. Pull it off the machine.



Pull the dice bag out through the hole! Once it's done, you want to shape the bag properly. Flip the inside into the bag and shape the seams. You can iron the top seam of the bag at this stage, but it will look just fine if carefully shaped.



You're almost done! It's time for topstitching. Take note of where the opening is on the bag, as this is where the drawstring will come out. You will start your first topstitch seam here, doing the same short backstitch and not sewing all the way around move as you did when you sewed your two sides together.

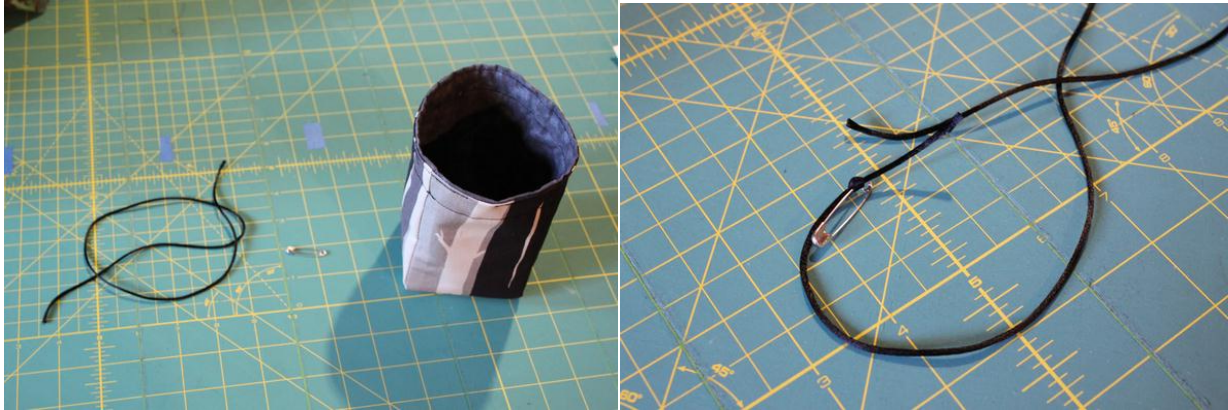


Now you just need to stitch the bottom of the casing. I like to give 2 cm of space, about $\frac{3}{4}$ " is just fine – make sure you keep this smaller than the seam size you left for the drawstring casing.



You have sewn a dice bag!

Now to insert that drawstring.



You will need some satin cord or another cord that is sturdy, and a safety pin. To measure the cord, just wrap it loosely around the bag and add some space for the cord to hang down and be tied into a knot.



Insert the safety pin into the drawstring casing...



Then pinch and pull. Push the safety pin forward by pinching the fabric together, and pull the safety pin through the casing. Use two hands if you aren't holding a camera with one hand in order to make a tutorial!



Thread the toggle onto your cord and tie it off at the end. You're done!

I hope you had fun!

Don't forget to send me your feedback , photos and questions! Email me: lyndsay@dragonchow.com