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Materials

- 25cm or fat eighth orange/white spot print fabric
- 25cm or fat eighth green geometric print fabric
- 25cm or fat eighth pink leaf print fabric
- 25cm or fat eighth blue/white geometric print fabric
- 25cm or fat eighth yellow crosshatch print fabric
- 25cm or fat eighth pink/white spot print fabric
- 45cm cream tone on tone print (lining)
- 170cm (67in) of 6mm (1/4in) wide pink ribbon
- 140cm (55in) of 16mm (5/8in) wide pink ric rac
- 29mm (1 1/8in) self cover button (for yo-yo embellishment)

- Brooch back pin (for yo-yo embellishment)
- Matching sewing thread
- Needle and thread
- Bodkin or safety pin
- Pencil and tracing paper
- Hot glue gun (optional) (for glueing button and brooch back pin to yo-yo)
- Rotary cutter, ruler and cutting mat
- Sewing machine with 1/4in foot
- General sewing supplies

FINISHED SIZE: 30.5cm x 38.5cm (12in x 15 1/8in)

Note: It is recommended that fabrics be 100% cotton, pre-washed and ironed. Requirements are based on fabric 112cm (44in) wide. The 1/4in seam allowance used throughout is included in the cutting measurements. It is important to be accurate with the cutting and sewing so that the seams line up nicely at step 2. Please read the instructions before you begin.

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Preparation

Print off the yo-yo circle template (at the end of this tutorial) and cut it out on the line.

Cutting

From the orange/white spot print, cut:

- two 5.5cm x 32cm (2 1/4in x 12 5/8in) strips (row A, front and back)
- two 3cm x 32cm (1 1/4in x 12 5/8in) strips (row G, front and back)
- one circle from the yo-yo template

From the green geometric print, cut:

- two 3cm x 32cm (1 1/4in x 12 5/8in) strips (row B, front and back)
- two 5cm x 32cm (2in x 12 5/8in) strips (row H, front and back)

From the pink leaf print, cut:

- two 5cm x 32cm (2in x 12 5/8in) strips (row C, front and back)
- two 4cm x 32cm (1 1/2in x 12 5/8in) strips (row I, front and back)

From the blue/white geometric print, cut:

- two 4cm x 32cm (1 1/2in x 12 5/8in) strips (row D, front and back)
- two 6cm x 32cm (2 3/8in x 12 5/8in) strips (row J, front and back)

From the yellow crosshatch print, cut:

- two 6cm x 32cm (2 3/8in x 12 5/8in) strips (row E, front and back)
- two 4cm x 32cm (1 1/2in x 12 5/8in) strips (row K, front and back)

From the pink/white spot print, cut:

- two 4cm x 32cm (1 1/2in x 12 5/8in) strips (row F, front and back)
- one 8cm x 32cm (3 1/8in x 12 5/8in) strip (row L)

From the cream tone on tone print, cut:

- two 39.5cm x 32cm (15 1/2in x 12 5/8in) rectangles (lining)

Construction

1. Lay out the exterior bag strips and lining rectangles in the order shown in diagram 1. With right sides facing, sew all the strips together along their 32cm (12 5/8in) edges to form one long strip. Sew the ends of the lining rectangles together, right sides facing, leaving a 14cm (5 1/2in) gap in

the middle for turning right way out. The fabric should now be sewn into a tube. Press all the seams open.

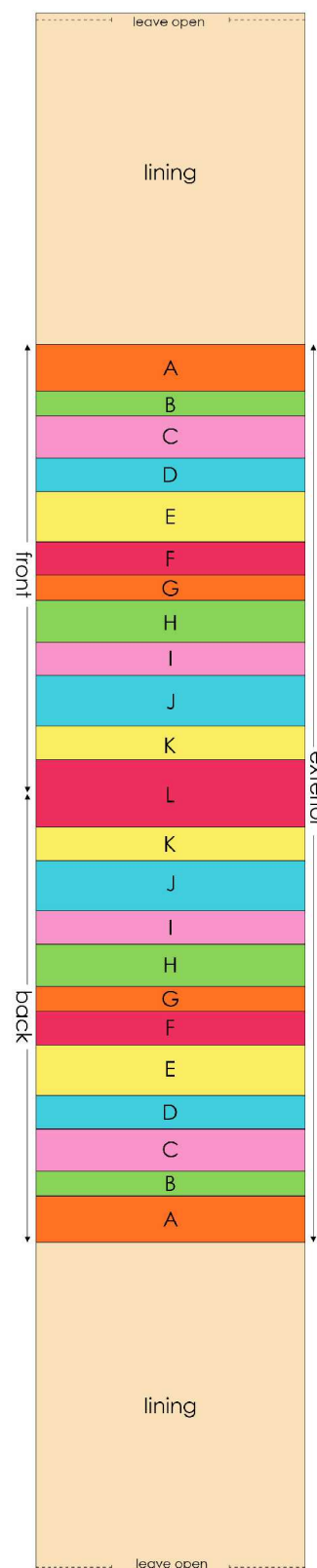


Diagram 1

2. Fold the tube of fabric, right sides together, matching the fabrics on the front and back. Pin the side edges together making sure that the seam lines on the top layer sit directly on top of the seam lines on the bottom layer.



Sew the side seams leaving a gap for the casing at row B the width of the fabric strip. See diagram 2. Cut off corners and press the seams open. Turn the bag right way out through the opening in the lining.

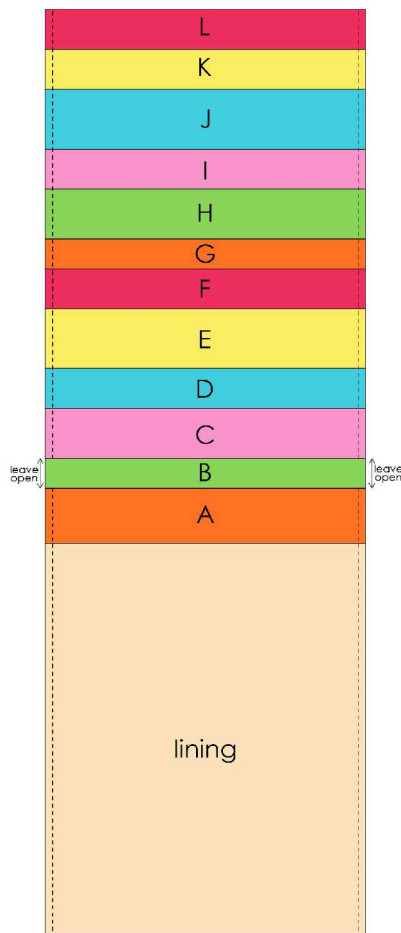


Diagram 2

Embellishments

3. Sew a length of pink ric rac over the seam line between rows D and E, stitching through just the exterior of the bag and not the lining. You will need to pull the lining out from inside the bag and slide the opened end over the arm of the sewing machine. Sew another length of ric rac between rows J and K.



4. Sew closed the opening in the lining, stitching close to the edge of the fabric.

5. Take the yo-yo circle, fold the edge over 1/4in to the wrong side of the fabric to form a hem, then hand-stitch around the circumference of the circle using small even running stitches 1/4in in length and 1/4in apart. When you get back to the starting point pull on the thread to gather the fabric up into the centre. Tie off the thread to secure the gathers. See diagram 3.

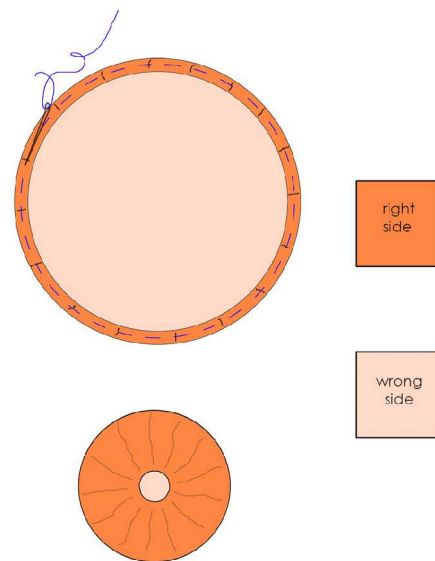


Diagram 3

6. Cover the button with a scrap of the green geometric print fabric, according to the instructions on the self cover button kit, or see the following tutorial on my website for a step by step photographed guide:

<http://angelleadesigns.com/tutorials/fabric-covered-button-tutorial>

7. Sew the button to the centre of the yo-yo. You also might like to place a little glue under the button to hold it firmly in place. Hand sew or glue a brooch back pin to the back of the yo-yo then set the yo-yo aside.

8. Push the lining down inside the bag, positioning it so the seam line on the top is slightly inside the bag so the lining isn't visible on the outside. Press.



Casing

9. Sew around both the top and bottom seam lines of row B to form the casing for the ties. See diagram 4.

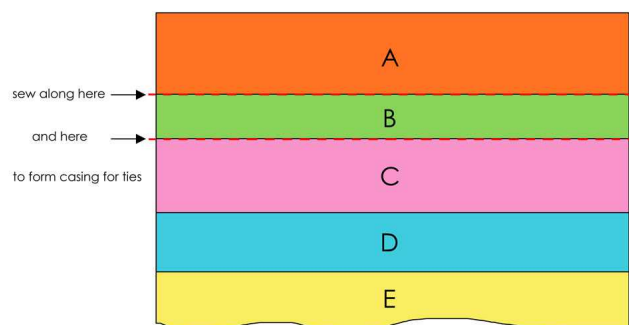


Diagram 4

Tip: Sew slowly and try to keep the stitching in the ditch of the existing seam so it is not visible.



Step 9

10. Cut the ribbon into two 85cm (33 1/2in) lengths. Using a bodkin or safety pin, insert one of the lengths of ribbon into the casing and thread it through until it comes back out the hole that you went in at. Insert the other length of ribbon into the casing on the opposite side of the bag and thread it through until it comes back out the hole that you went in at. Tie the ends of the ribbon into a knot.

Tip: to prevent the ends of the ribbon fraying, melt the ends slightly by holding them over a small flame, or use fray stop on the ends.



11. Pin the yo-yo to the bag between rows J and K using the photograph as a guide.

You are done!

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This square
should measure
2.5 x 2.5 cm
(1 x 1in)

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YO-YO CIRCLE TEMPLATE