

## RatzFatz Bag

„RatzFatz is“ German for „lickety split“. The RatzFatz Bag is a functional and fun little helper. Whether as a lunch bag, for holding small purchases, collecting seashells at the seashore, as a beautiful gift wrapping, for using up your remnants, as a very first sewing project or as a quick present ...  
... you'd best make a whole batch of these RatzFatz Bags!



### Cutting

Cut all pieces, adding an additional seam allowance.  
The straps do NOT need an additional seam allowance.

Pattern Pieces	Measurements (w/o seam allowance)	Number
Straps	10 cm x 50 cm (4 in. x 19 ¾ in.)	2 x
Inner Bag	37 cm x 32 cm (14 5/8 in. x 12 5/8 in.)	2 x
Outer Bag (for a model without diagonal seams)	37 cm x 32 cm (14 5/8 in. x 12 5/8 in.)	2 x

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For the patchwork version, the outer bag is cut from three pieces.

Pattern Pieces	Measurements (w/o seam allowance)	Number
Outer Bag, upper	5 cm x 32 cm (2 in. x 12 5/8 in.)	2 x
Outer Bag, middle	27 cm x 32 cm (10 5/8 in. x 12 5/8 in.)	2 x
Outer Bag, lower	5 cm x 32 cm (2 in. x 12 5/8 in.)	2 x

Suitable fabrics are all non-stretchable materials such as cotton, corduroy, and velveteen.



Cut all pieces according to the table above, adding an additional seam allowance.

Straps:

Press the fabric edges lengthwise to the middle, left sides together. Then fold the strip in the middle lengthwise together. Press and topstitch both long sides.



At a distance of 8 cm (3 1/8 in.) to the side edges, pin the straps to the top edges of the middle bag pieces, right sides together. In doing so, the straps point to the bottom edge. Secure the straps with few stitches onto the seam allowance.

For the one-piece model, pin the straps accordingly to the top edge.

Pin the upper bag piece to the top edge of the middle bag piece and attach. Fold the seam allowance upwards and topstitch from the right side.

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With right sides together, stitch the lower piece to the middle piece. Fold the seam allowance towards the lower piece and topstitch from the right side. Stitch the outer bag parts at the bottom edge right sides together.

Alternatively, the lower bag pieces can be cut as one piece.

Also stitch the bottom seam of the inner bag, right sides together.



In order to secure the straps a second time, attach ribbon to the upper piece or embellish with a decorative stitch.



With right sides together, pin the inner bag to the outer bag and stitch the top bag edges together.



With right sides together, fold the bags in such a way that the front and back side of the outer shell lay one on top of the other and the front and back side of the inner bag lay one on top of the other. Stitch the side seams. In doing so, leave an approx. 10 cm (4 in.) long opening for turning. Grade the edges, trim the corners and turn the bag to the right fabric side. Either close the opening of the inner bag by using your sewing machine or handstitch.

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Topstitch the upper bag edge. All done!



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