

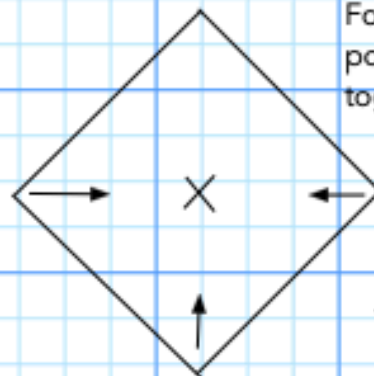
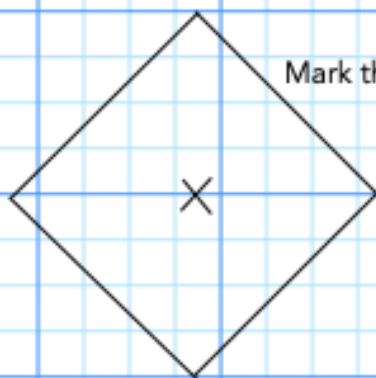


ENVELOPE BAG

This bag could be ANY dimensions you want it to be as long as the finished size is a square. Of course, if you make it too small you will not be able to fold in the sides, but that would be the only limiting factor.

HOW IT WORKS

Test this with a square of paper or fabric first..



Fold the 3 corners to this centre point and ladder stitch the sides together.

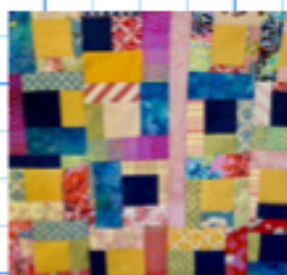
Fold the top corner over to form an envelope.

The closure can be a ribbon, or cord, or length of fabric. It is attached to the top corner. The length is divided into either thirds or quaters (depending on the size of the envelope), with the longer end being 2/3rds and the shorter 1/3rs. It should be long enough for the longer length to wrap around the bag. This is attached to the top open corner.



Materials:

Scrap fabrics
Scrap wadding
Lining fabric
1 button for trim



Optional Materials

Embroidery thread for hand decoration
Tassels for ends of closure

CONSTRUCTION

Decide the size of your square.

(The sample started about 21" which was cut square to 20" which became 19" finished.)

Sew your scrap fabric together to make this size.

Some suggestions:

Make blocks that join together
Just keep adding pieces to the sides
Join strips of fabric

Cut or join wadding scraps to make a 20" square.

Cut lining fabric 20" square.

Make a "quilt sandwich" .

Lining _____
patchwork square _____
Wadding _____

Pin the three layers and square up the sandwich. (It doesn't matter if it isn't exactly 20" **It does matter that it is square.**)

Sew around the edge leaving an opening to turn through.

Turn fabric through to the right side and ladder stitch the opening closed.

Patchwork square _____
wadding _____
Lining _____

Press well and make sure that you have A SQUARE. Use your steam iron to move the fabric to the size you want.

TIP:

If you have used a thicker wadding you could top stitch around the edge to hold all the layers together.

Machine or hand quilt the square.

Attach cord to top corner and add button trim.

You may like to embroider the seams. (I used feather stitch.)

