

Oakshott Textured Clutch

Materials:

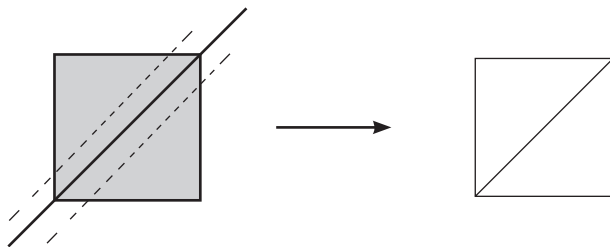
1 FQ pack of the New Oakshott Scandanvia Collection (enough to make more than one)
1 FQ Lining (I used a beautiful teal from Oakshott)
1/3 yd Fairfield Soften Fusible Stabilizer
1/4 yd Fairfield Structure Fusible Stabilizer
1/4 yd or large scrap batting
1 low profile magnetic snap

Cutting:

56 - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares cut from a variety of Oakshott Scandanvia fabrics
2 - 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" strips cut from one color of Oakshott left over from above for the strap
2 - 6" x 11" rectangles from lining fabric
2 - 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" Fairfield Structure Fusible Stabilizer
1 - 11" x 12 1/2" batting

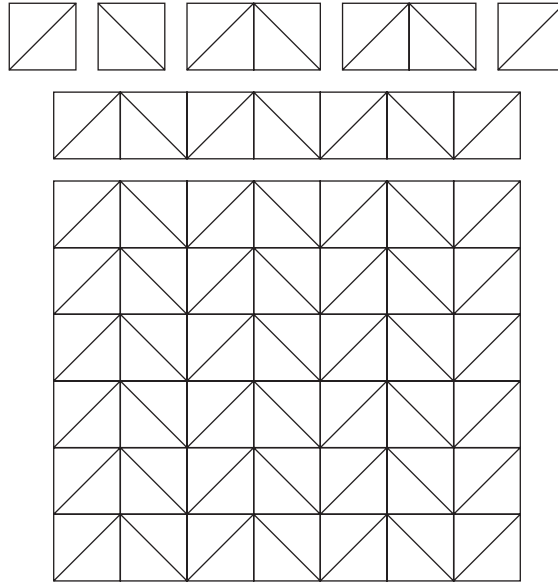
Construction:

1. Randomly selecting pairs of the 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares, construct half square triangles (HST) by drawing a line between one set of opposite corners, then stitching 1/4" from the marked line on both sides. Cut down the marked line and press open, seam to one side. Trim corners. This is a standard method for constructing HSTs. If you need guidance, there are lots of detailed tutorials online.

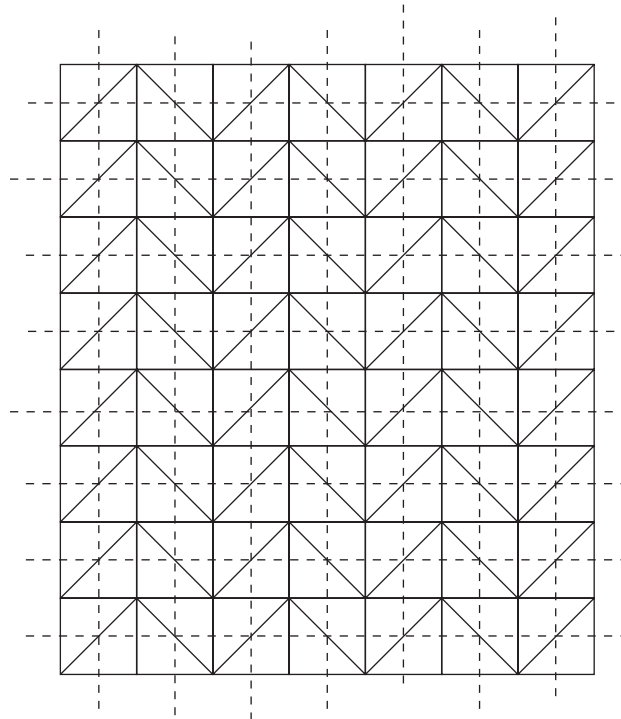


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2. Sew together random HSTs in rows of 7, as shown below. Join 8 rows together to create a large patchwork. Press seams to one side one row and the opposite direction on the next row. Press seams to one side one row and the opposite direction on the next row.

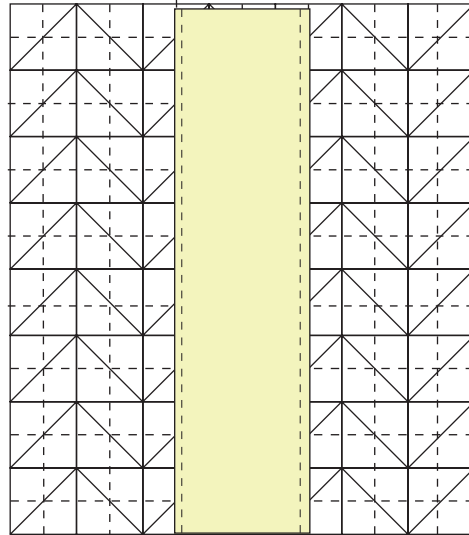


3. Measure finished patchwork. Cut a piece of Fairfield Soften Fusible the same size and fuse to the back, covering all the seams. This will soften the patchwork and create a nice drape, as well as containing any extra strings. Through the center of each block row and column, stitch a line of basting as show below.

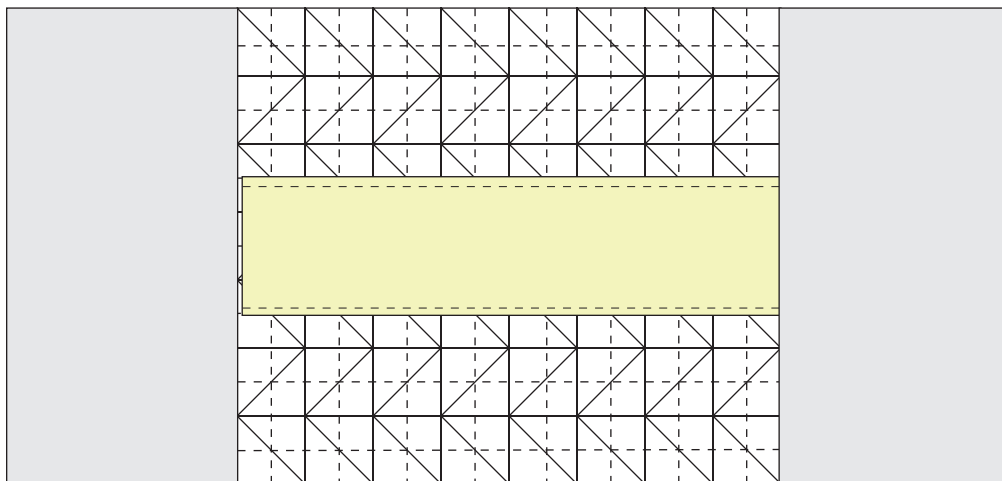


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4. Lay the patchwork with the basting lines from step 3 on top of the batting, 11" x 12 1/2". Pin the edges and gather the patchwork to fit the batting by pulling on the bobbin thread of the basting. Baste the edges together (not shown below).
5. Fuse the Structure stabilizer to one side of each piece of the 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" strap. Place both straps right sides together. Stitch up each long side 1/4" from edges, leaving top and bottom open. Turn strap right sides out. Press. Edge stitch 1/8" from each long edge. Matching centers, lay this on top of the textured patchwork, securing with a basting stitch (this basting not shown below) across each short end.

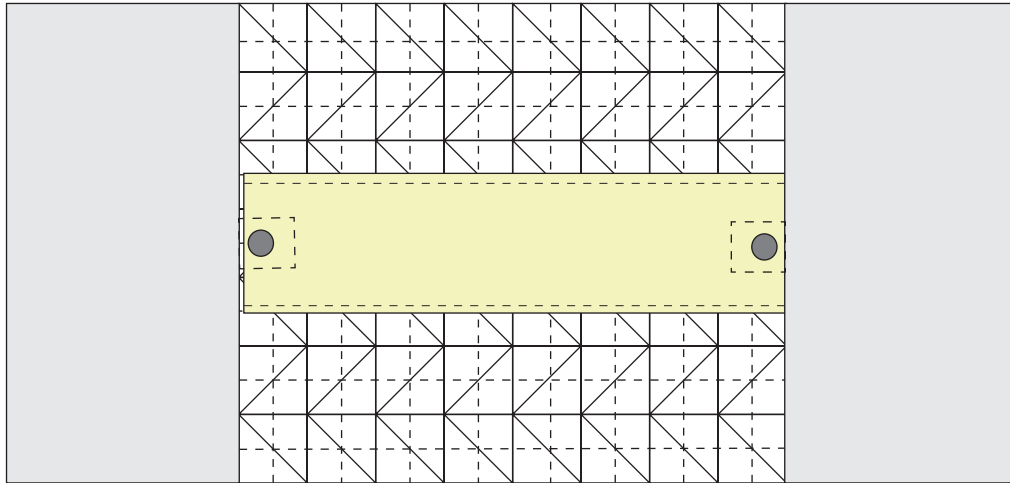


6. Right sides together, join the patchwork piece and a 6" x 11" lining piece, matching the long side of the lining piece to the short side of the patchwork. Stitch using a 1/2" seam allowance. Repeat matching the other lining to the opposite patchwork side.

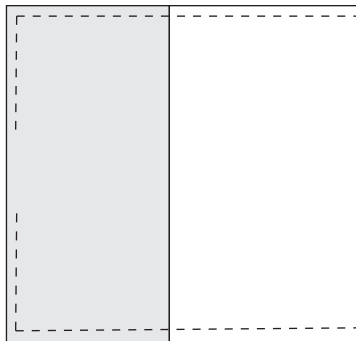


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7. Following package instructions, insert the magnetic snap, centered on the strap, as close to the seam with the lining as possible without impacting the seam or functionality of the snap. Insert the snap prongs through both layers of the strap. Stitch a box around the snap once placed being careful to avoid hitting the snap or prongs with the sewing machine needle.



8. Fold whole project right sides together, matching long unsewn edges of lining and side seams. Starting at 2" from the center of the lining bottom, back stitch, then sew across the lining bottom, pivot and corner and sew down the rest of the bag, using 1/2" seam allowance. Repeat on other side.



9. Turn the whole project through the opening left in the previous step. Push the lining down into the bag and stitch up the opening either by hand or a small edge stitch. The patchwork will fold over about an 1" into the bag. The magnetic snap should sit down just below the top of the bag on the interior.

And you are DONE! Except for clipping all those annoying threads, of course.