

# “It’s Personal” Drawstring Bag

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Finished Size: (H) 14 ½" x (W) 14 x (D) 5 ½"

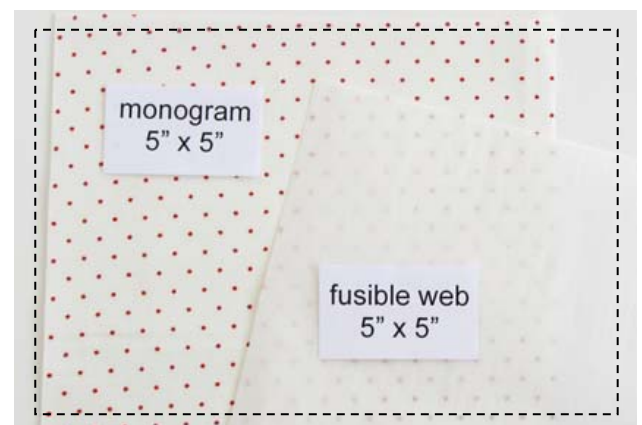


Fabric is **Woodland**  
by Natalie Lymer of  
Cinderberry Stitches  
for Lecien



# Requirements

- (4) Fat Quarters (FQs) 18" x 20" or 1 yard for bag & lining
- (1) 40" ribbon length, approx. 1/2" wide
- (1) square 5" x 5" contrast print for monogram
- (1) square 5" x 5" fusible web for monogram



# Make the Monogram

1. Enlarge the letter by 400% (see Templates) and tape the letter to a window so it looks backwards.



2. Trace the letter backwards onto the paper side of the fusible web. **DON'T CUT YET!**



Following the manufacturer's instructions, iron the fusible web to the **WRONG SIDE** of the 5" monogram fabric square.

The letter should still look backwards.

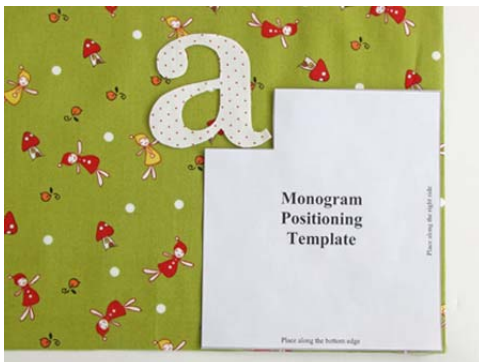


Wait for the letter to cool.

NOW you can cut it out.

Peel the paper backing off the letter.

3. If you have different FQs, decide which one you want for the bag front – this FQ will have the monogram. The top/bottom edges of the bag are along the 20" sides of the FQ.

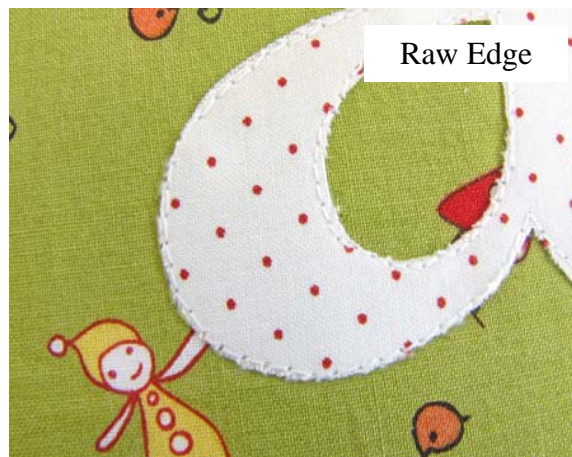
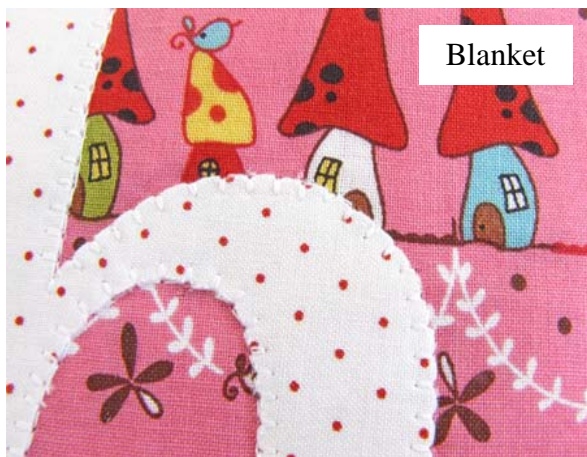


Lay the bag front FQ – right side up – on your ironing board with the bottom edge closest to you.

Cut out the "Monogram Positioning Template" (see Templates) and place it on the bottom right corner of the FQ.

Position the monogram in the cutout of the template and remove the template.

- Again following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the monogram to the fabric. Machine appliqué the monogram using either a blanket or a raw edge stitch.



## Assemble the Bag

- Lay the 2 body FQs right sides together. Pin the sides and bottom and sew a 1/4" seam along these 3 edges.
- Place the "Corner Template" (see Templates) on one bottom corner and cut away a square. Repeat for the other bottom corner. Press bottom and side seams open.



- To form a corner, fold the bag so the bottom seam and side seam of one corner line up and the edges of the cut line up. Pin and sew a 1/4" seam along the cut edge. Repeat for second corner.



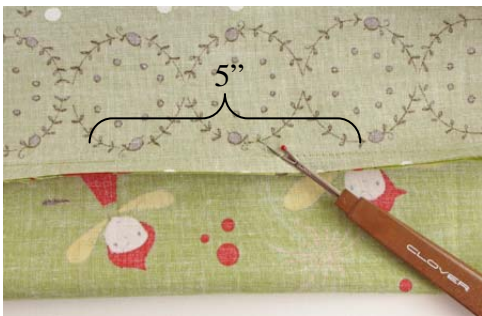
- To make the lining, repeat Steps 6, 7 & 8 with the two lining FQs.
- To join the bag and lining, turn the bag body right side out and keep the lining inside out. Slide the bag into the lining and line up the top edge.



Match up the side seams and pin all the way round the top.

Sew a 1/4" seam around the top edge of the bag.

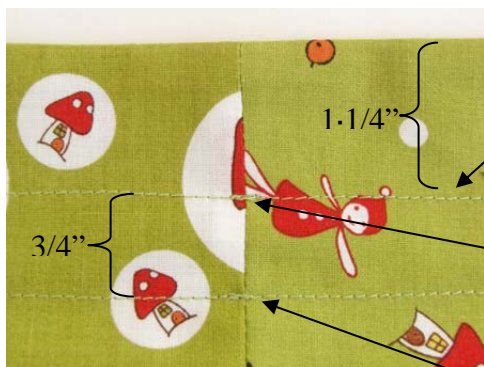
- With a stitch ripper, carefully undo a few stitches along the bottom seam of the lining to make a 5" opening. Pull the bag through the opening. Sew the opening closed.



Turn the lining inside the bag.

Press the top edge seam.

- To make the drawstring casing, pin the bag and lining together around the top edge.



Sew a row of stitches 1-1/4" away from the top all the way around the bag.

Add a few reinforcing stitches across the left-side seam (the seam further away from the monogram).

Sew a second row of stitches 3/4" below the first row, again adding a few reinforcing stitches at the side seam.



To make an opening in the casing for the ribbon, use a stitch ripper and carefully remove the stitches between the reinforcements on the outside left side seam of the bag.

12. To thread the ribbon into the casing, fasten a safety pin to one end and insert it into the casing opening.



Work the pin all the way around the bag and come back out of the same hole. Match up the ribbon ends and tie them together in a knot.



13. Make just one or one for everyone you know. Who couldn't use a useful little drawstring bag for pretty storage? It makes the perfect gift. But they also make beautiful, reusable gift wrapping.

Make the bag bigger or smaller by adjusting the dimensions of the fabric.

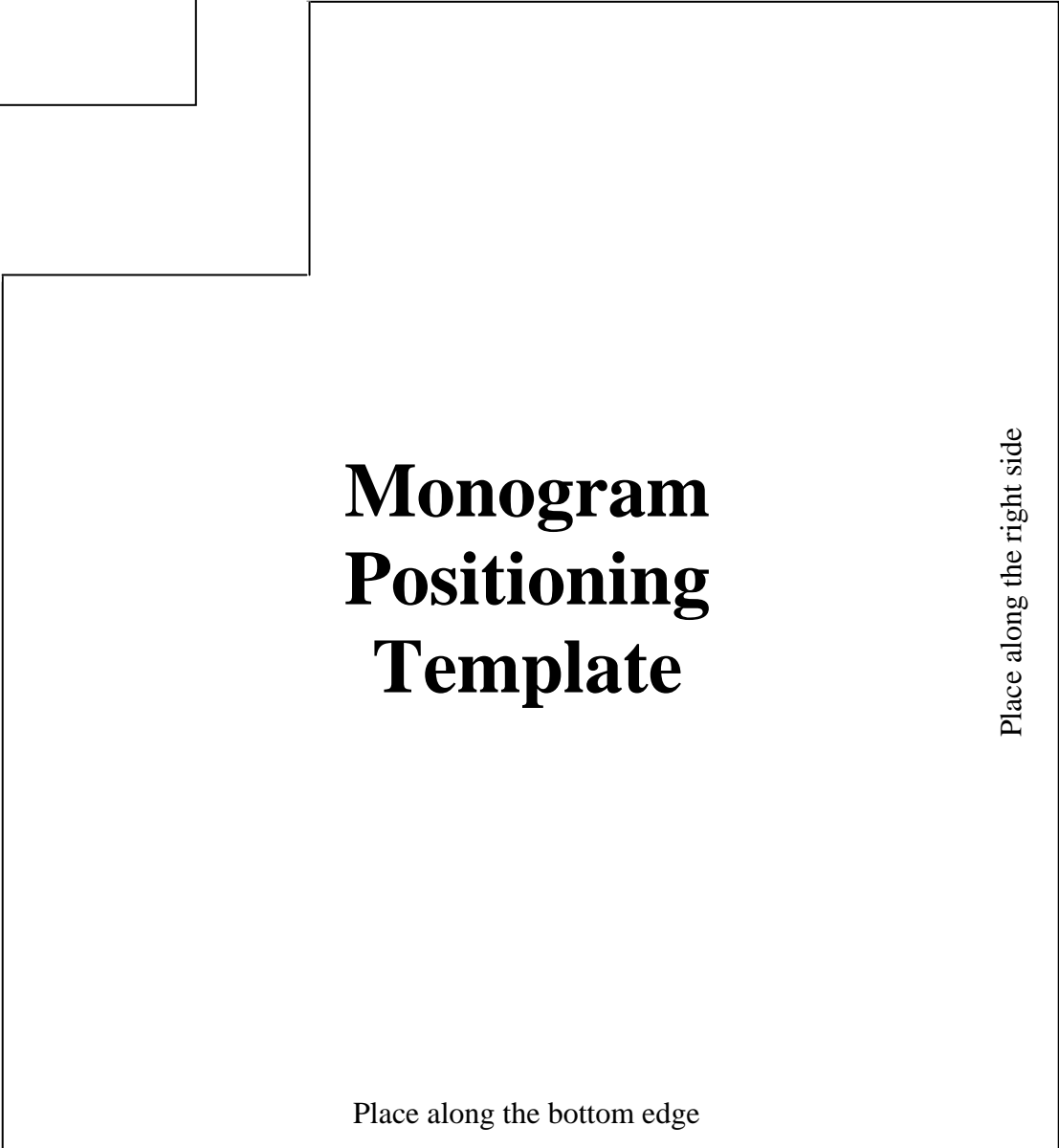
Have some creative fun and design your own embellishment instead of a monogram.



# Templates



**Corner  
Template**



**Monogram  
Positioning  
Template**

Place along the right side

Place along the bottom edge

a b c d e f

g h i j k l

m n o p q

r s t u v

w x y z

