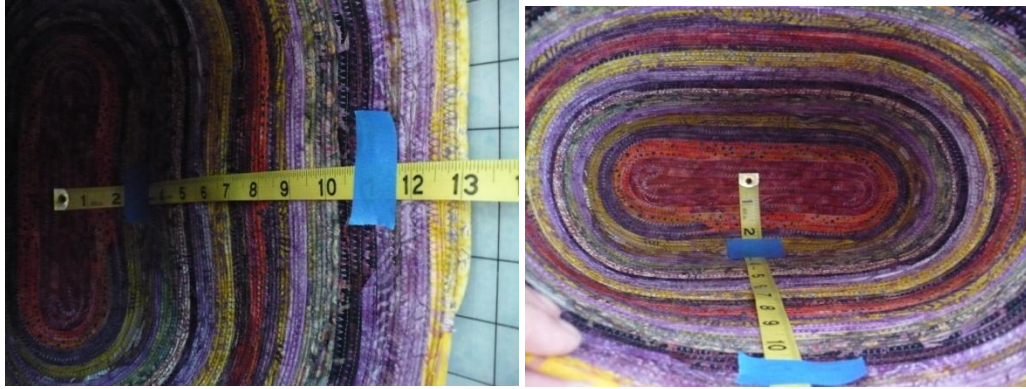


## Making a lining for your clothesline bag

1. Measure the height of your bag from the center line of the bottom up to the top edge.
2. Add 1" to that measurement.
3. Cut a strip of fabric that wide. 14" in the example below.



4. Fold the fabric in half and press. OR mark with chalk a centerline OR use painter's tape.



5. Measure the top circumference of your bag.



6. Divide that number by 2. (example shows  $28.5''/2=14.25''$ )
7. Add 1" to that measurement. (example shows  $14.25'' + 1''=15.25''$ )
8. Mark 7.625" from the centerline in both directions. See the tape pieces above.
9. On the bottom edge, take the bottom measurement of the bag and divide that number by 2 and mark the bottom edge.



10. Let's look at the markings again...



11. Mark a line by looking at your bag. This bag curves out at the bottom and then goes up straight.



To add pockets....

I cut batting 4 ¾" by 17"

I cut material 10" by 17"

Place the batting inside the picket material

Place cut edge up at top.

Using leftover binding fabric, sew to top edge.



Fold over and topstitch.

Mark how wide you would like the pockets.



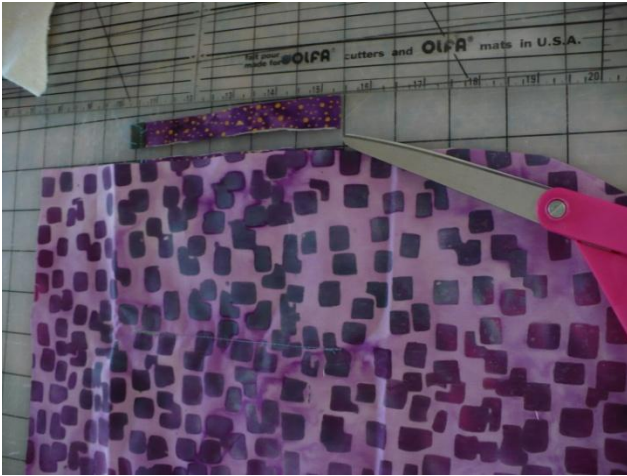
Place pocket strip on one lining piece where you desire.

Sew the vertical lines for the pockets backstitching at beginning and end.

Sew along bottom edge of pocket piece all the way across the lining piece.



Trim the excess pocket fabric along the lining edge.



Sew the front and back lining pieces together with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance on the sides and 1" on the bottom.

Test fit the lining into your bag. Make adjustments to perfect the fit.

You may want to make a perpendicular seam at the bottom corners to fit the bag.



Place the lining into the bag and trim the upper edge to match your bag.



Pin and sew binding to upper edge of bag pinning the lining along with the binding.

### **Binding**

Measure the upper edge of your bag. (My bag measured  $28\frac{1}{2}'' + 2\frac{1}{2}'' = 31''$ )

I cut a Bali strip 31" long.

With right sides together, pin ends of strip together perpendicularly.

Sew diagonally.



Trim the pinned corner.

Press the seam open.

Pin to the upper edge of the bag and sew.



Fold over the top to the outside and zigzag stitch or hand stitch in place.

## Magnetic Closure

Cut Timtex or firm pellon 1" x 2".

Mark where slits should go.



Cut two batik scraps 2 ½" x 3 ½".

Cut slits through the batik pieces.



Insert magnetic snap.

Slip on metal back piece and bend legs outward.



Fold and press fabric around stiffener.  
Hand stitch to inside of bag.



I hand sew handles on using upholstery thread and a running stitch down and around and back to the start.





I hope this helps you to finish your clothesline bag!

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