

# Story Book Bag

## MATERIALS:

32" x 14" finished project

1 14½" **Petit Four** block and 1 matching  
Fat Quarter of background fabric  
1 yard contrast (coral) fabric  
17½" x 37" piece fusible quilt batting  
1 yard ribbon and 1 split ring



An everyday, everywhere bag  
to keep your keys and essentials in  
...oh, and a favourite book.

A *PetitFOUR* project: you can find compatible  
blocks at [cakestandquilts.com](http://cakestandquilts.com)

{Cover project uses a 'Moonlit Bat' *Petit Four* block}

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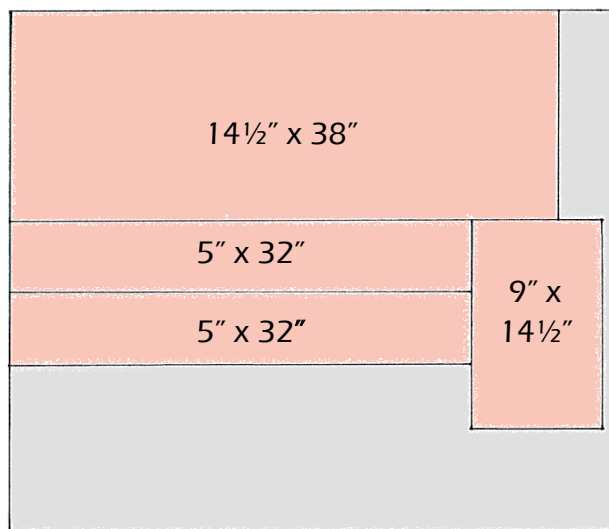


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Please read through the pattern before you begin, assuming a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and a fabric width (WOF) of 42". Pattern Corrections can be found on my website [www.cakestandquilts.com](http://www.cakestandquilts.com) along with helpful tutorials on my blog.

## CUTTING:

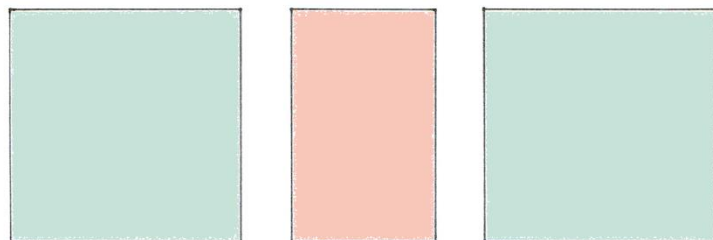


1. From the lining fabric cut as shown, left:-

2. From the matching background fabric cut a  $14\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
3. From the cotton batting cut a  $15\frac{1}{2}$ " x 37" piece and 2 1" x 32" pieces.

## PREPARING THE PETIT FOUR BLOCK:

4. Join the bottom of the Petit Four block and the  $14\frac{1}{2}$ " background square to each side of the 9" x  $14\frac{1}{2}$ " contrast piece, pressing your seams open, then fuse the batting to the wrong side.



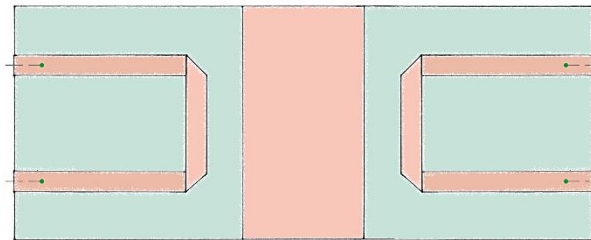
5. Hand or machine quilt the two layers together to make the outer layer. I chose to hand quilt simple diagonal lines (and you can find more quilting ideas on my blog).

## MAKING THE BAG:

6. To prepare the handles, **fold** a 5" x 32" contrast piece in half along its length and, using that fold as a guide, **fold** the sides into the centre again to hide the raw edges and press well. Enclose a 1" x 32" strip of cotton batting inside the fold and top stitch along both edges. **MAKE 2**

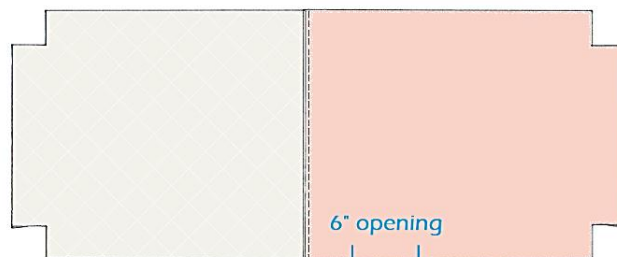


7. Centre the handles 8" apart at each end of the outer - matching raw edges - and pin in place.



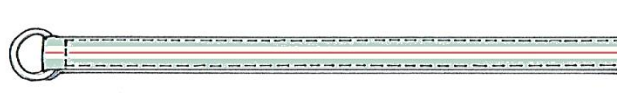
8. Join both short sides of the outer and the lining, right sides together, attaching the handles. And don't be alarmed: the lining *is* meant to be longer than the outer. Press the seam towards the lining. Remove the pins from the handles before the next step.

9. Pull the two layers apart and reposition them so that the two seams you've just sewn are now aligned at the centre. Pin the remaining two sides together and mark a 6" opening in the lining. Sew along the long edges **REMEMBERING THAT OPENING**.



10. Lining up the corner of your ruler on the seam you've just stitched **and** the fold, mark and cut a 2" square from each corner. Pull the layers apart, reposition to box out the corners and sew closed.

11. Fold the ribbon in half over the split ring and sew down the long side, across the width and back up the remaining side to enclose the ring.



12. Turn the tote right sides out, using a knitting needle (or something similar) to gently push out the corners. Press lightly, then position the key ribbon in the opening (shown dashed) and stitch closed before pushing the lining into the quilted outer. The lining should be peeking approximately 1/4" above the outer.

13. Press around the top of the bag and topstitch, securing the handles. Attach a spare front door key to the split ring and remember to pop a favourite book inside your bag!