

Beni Bag Tutorial

Materials

PUL or other waterproof fabric- 11" x 35"

3/16" Cording - 3 ½ yards or 126"

Seam gauge

Heavy duty Clear tape

Large safety pin

Fabric - choose one option below

Step 1 - cut fabric



Option 1

Fabric A - 12" x 36"

Tabs - 4" x 3" (Cut 2)

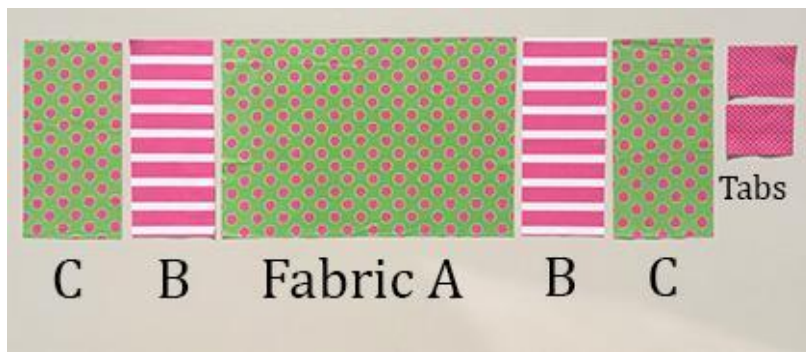


Option 2

Fabric A- 12" x 28"

Fabric B- 12" x 5" (Cut 2)

Tabs - 4" x 3" (Cut 2)



Option 3

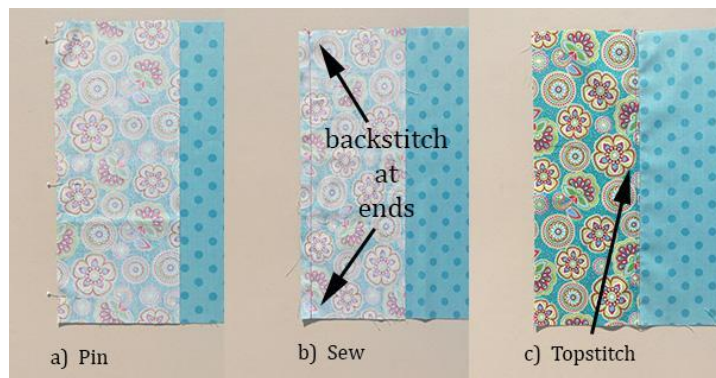
Fabric A -12" x 18"

Fabric B - 12" x 5" (Cut 2)

Fabric C - 12" x 6" (Cut 2)

Tabs - 4" x 3" (Cut 2)

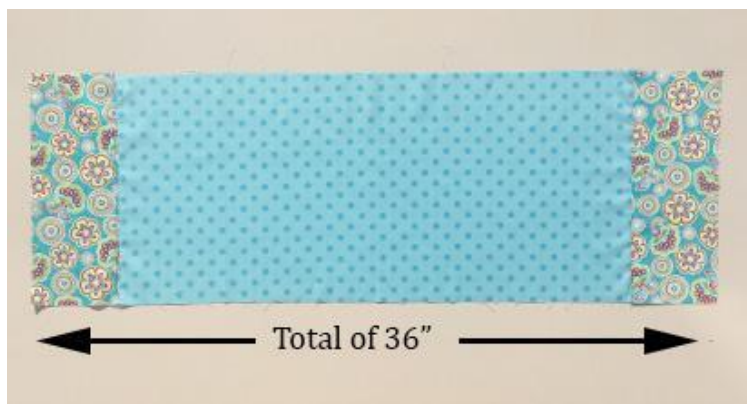
Step 2 – construct the base (for pattern option 1, skip to step 3)



Place Fabric B on top of Fabric A right sides together and pin along edge.

Sew using a 1/2" seam, backstitching at both beginning and end of seam.

Press seams toward darkest fabric. Topstitch 1/4" from seam on right side of fabric.



Finished piece should total 36" in length.

Step 3 – pin and sew lining



Center waterproof fabric shiny side up on wrong side of bag fabric.

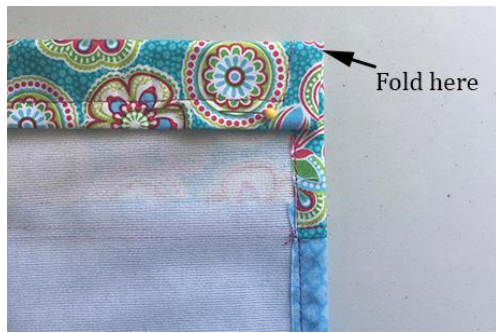
Using a seam gauge, fold fabric 1/2" to inside over PUL, overlapping PUL on all sides.

Pin close to edge of fabric since every pin-hole may create a potential leak.



Stitch a narrow hem 3/8" around entire edge, backstitching at both beginning and end of seam.

Step 4 – form the casing



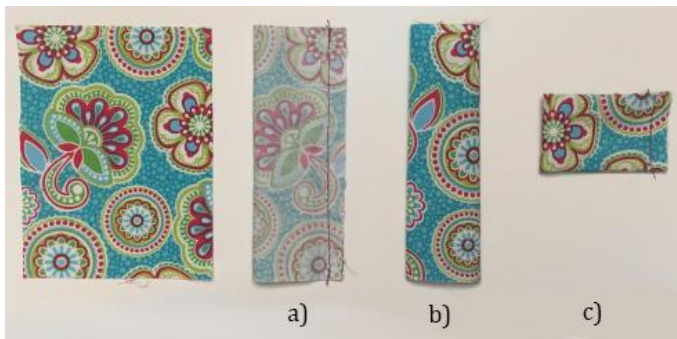
Fold fabric down 1 ½" to inside on both short sides. Pin along edge.



Sew a narrow seam across the top and bottom edge of fold, backstitching at both beginning and end of seam.

This will create a casing for the drawstrings.

Step 5 – sew and set tabs



a) To create tabs, fold fabric in half right sides together forming a tube. Pin and stitch with ¼" seam.

b) Turn tube right side out. You may find it helpful to use a pencil with an eraser to turn the fabric. Press.

c) Fold in half. Stitch across ends.



Fold bag in half, wrong sides together.

With raw edges inside, insert tab 2 ½" from bottom of bag, exposing about 1" of tab.

Pin, then stitch tab in place.

Step 6 – sew side seams



Pin sides of bag, keeping pins close to edge.

Stitch from bottom of casing to bottom of bag, making sure to backstitch at both ends.

Step 7 – prepare cording



Find center of 3 ½ yd of cording. To prevent fraying, **tightly** wrap 1 inch of heavy duty, clear tape around cording at center point. Cut cord in half.

Wrap remaining ends. Insert safety pin into one end of cording.

Step 8 – complete



Beginning and ending on the same side, thread safety pin up through loop at bottom of bag. Continue treading from right to left through front layer of casing.

Insert safety pin through back layer of casing from left to right, pulling cord toward bottom of bag. Tie off cords.

Repeat on remaining side.