

Japanese Rice Bags with Mary Walter



Rice bag with side strip design and batting.



Rice bag with center strip design and no batting

Materials List:

Note: I pieced my bag with a package of (24) Japanese charm squares (bag on right) that were not all 5" square. Once you piece your side panels of squares you can use these measurements to cut your strips and lining measurements.

Charm packs, fat quarters and assorted scraps will be enough to make this bag. 1 yard will make the lining. The scrappier the better.

Medium Rice bag: Approximately 11 x 13 ½" square

For each side: cut 6 - 5" squares and 1- 2" x 14 ¼" strips (make 4).

Bag bottom: 1- 11" square.

Lining: 4-11" x 13 ½" and bottom 1- 11" square.

Closing tabs: 4- 5" squares.

2- 2" circles for cord ends. Optional.

1- 2 yds. of cording – you adjust length.

Perle cotton in contrasting colors for decorative stitching. Size 7 embroidery needle or one to fit your thread.

Sewing Machine with matching thread for your project.
(Change your needle if you haven't done it recently)

Wind a couple of bobbins.

Rotary cutter with a new blade

6" x 24" acrylic ruler

Cutting mat at least 16 X 24"

Iron and ironing pad

Small scissors for trimming threads

Silk pins or your favorite pins for piecing

Hand sewing needle & thread to match your project.

To do prior to class:

You can cut:

24 - 5" squares from several colors of fabric.

(I used six different fabrics) plus a coordinating one for my 2" strips that I also cut my tabs and circles from.

4 -5" squares for tabs.

2 – 2" circles for cord ends

4 - 2" x 14" strips to be trimmed as needed.