



Snap Bag Instructions as demonstrated by Cass Garner

Snap bags are handy for storing thimbles, rotary cutters, sunglasses, make up, money, candy, etc. you get the picture.

They can be made in many sizes. The rule for this type of bag is to make the inside fabric about 4 inches longer than the outside fabric. You will have 2 extra inches of the inside fabric on each end of the project that will be folded over to make a contrasting casing for the tape measure which is what is used to snap the bag closed. The bag we are making today is for rotary cutters or glasses. Note: if you are making a bigger bag and therefore using a wider metal tape measure, you will need to adjust this measurement.

Basic Steps and Items needed:

- 1 piece of fabric 5x20 (inside and casing)
- 1 piece of fabric 5x16 (outside)
- 1 piece of batting 5x16
- 2 2 1/2 inch squares folded twice and pressed. (Tabs to open the bag)
- 2 four inch pieces of metal tape measure with ends curved and taped (dollar store)
- duct tape to cover those sharp edges on the metal tape (dollar store)

Step 1- Lay the inside fabric face down. Layer batting and outside fabric on top facing up. There should be 2 inches of the inside fabric on each side that you will fold over making approx. 1 inch casing.

Step 2- Take your folded 2 1/2 inch square and insert where you are going to stitch. Make sure the tabs are even on both sides. You can stitch the layers together if you like but I just fold the inside fabric over and fold under one inch, add the prairie point tab, pin and stitch to make the casing for the tape measure piece.

Step 3- I usually start at the top and sew along one side about a quarter inch. You can serge but it's close or you can stitch and then use a zig-zag to clean up the edges. If you are really ~~anal~~, I mean "particular" you can even bind the edges with bias. I do not do this.

Step 4- Insert your prepared lengths of tape measure into the casing. **MAKE SURE THE CURVE SIDE IS TOWARDS THE INSIDE FABRIC.** This is important.

Step 5- Stitch up this last side, turn right side out and voila! You have a rotary or glass case!

Here is a good tutorial: [YouTube Snap Bag Tutorial](#) The only thing I would change is to add duct tape on the rounded ends of the metal tape pieces.

*There really are no rules! I made a bag using pre-quilted fabric and serged the edges. Much quicker and this is a great project to use up those scraps! Check out the sample made with pre-quilted fabric. You can add tabs or clips.