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**Suitable for all skill levels**

**You need:**

One Oakshott Elements Block in Water, Spirit, or Fire
1/2 metre of a colour of your choice for lining

Cotton (preferably) or compressed polyester wadding/batting 26 by 15 (12) inches / 70 by 40 (35) cm
Do not use fluffy polyester

1 metre of lacing cord for drawstring
Thread for piecing and quilting
Rotary cutter, ruler and mat

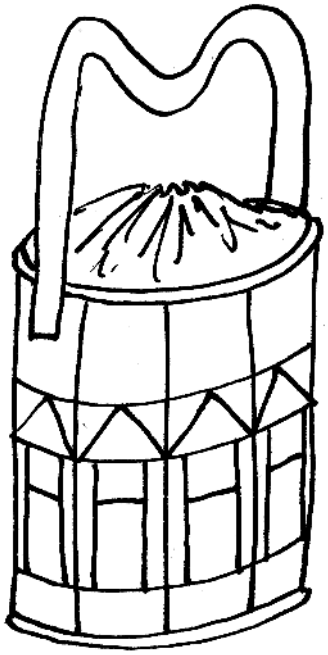
**Finished size** approx



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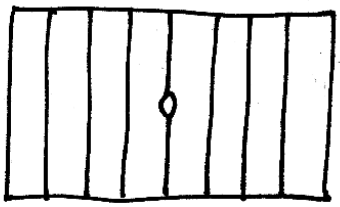
# Southwold Bag

Take your picnic to the beach or your things to town in this practical and delightful bag
Easy machine sewing



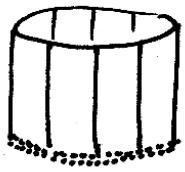
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Oakshott Elements fabrics make this practical and pretty bag



Use 1/4 inch seams throughout
Press your fabrics

Divide the fabrics into three groups of four colours each. From the first (lightest ones) I cut the sky, from the second set (darkest) the sea sections and main body of the huts, and from the third set, the doors and roofs. I used one of the last set for the base of the bag and the rest of this set for the bindings.

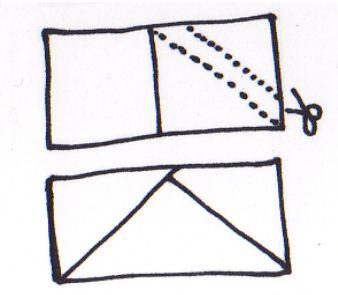


From each of eight fabrics from the first and second sets (I used the blues from the Water set, for instance), cut one piece 12-1/2 inches by 4-1/2 inches and sew these together into a long rectangle as shown. Leave a little gap half-way along one seam for threading cord later. Press and sew the ends together to make a ring and press the seams to one side, then press the whole piece in half as shown

From each of the first set of fabrics, cut two pieces 4-1/2 inches square (A) and four pieces 2-1/2 inches square (A)

From each of the second set of fabrics, cut two pieces 4-1/2 by 2-1/2 inches for the sea (E); two pieces 2-1/2 by 1-1/2 for the bits over the doors, (C) and four pieces 6-1/2 by 1-1/2 for the hut sides (C)

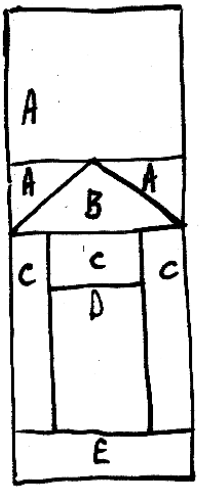
From each of the third set of fabrics, cut two pieces 5-1/2 by 2-1/2 inches for the doors (D) and two pieces 4-1/2 by2-1/2 inches for the roofs (B). reserve one piece of the remainder, then cut the other three into 2-1/2 inch strips on the diagonal to make the bindings - sew these together into a long strip and press with the right side out along the length.



Make the Beach Hut Blocks

Arrange the colours to please your eye..

On the 2-1/2 inch squares of sky fabric, mark a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side. Sew one of these pieces to a roof piece as shown, and press the square outwards. Trim the excess from underneath and then sew another piece on the other side and trim. They will overlap in the middle. Sew all the pieces of your beach hut block together and press seams alternate ways on each block. sew the blocks together into a row of eight..




Layer the Beach Hut panel with backing and batting (wadding) and quilt to taste. I quilted waves at the bottom and clouds above, then added details onto the huts and added seagulls and other seasidey things... When all is done, trim to the edges of the blocks and sew into a ring, right sides together, for the body of the bag. Add a small strip of fabric on the inside to cover the seam and sew down by hand.

For the base, cut one piece about 9-1/2 inches square, and layer with a doubled piece of batting and lining. Quilt to suit, bearing in mind that you will be losing the corners.

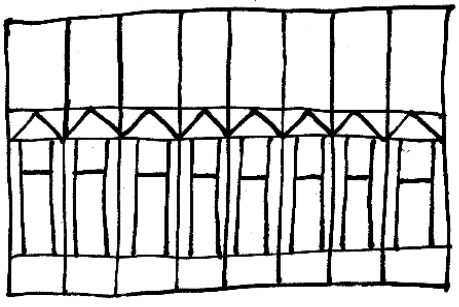
Put the base piece right-side down, and pin the bag body to it, pulling it into a circle as you go. You may want to make tiny snips in the edge of the bag body to help it lie flat. Sew all round and trim the base to shape.



Sew the folded binding around the base to conceal the joining seam and slip-stitch down to the underneath of the bag neatly..

Take the pieces you sewed together at the start and pin to the top of the bag, on the inside, and sew the two rings together. Cover the seam with binding as for the base and finish neatly.

Cut strips from the remnants 3-1/2 inches wide and different lengths, and sew into one long strip for the handle (adjusting the length to suit yourself)



Make the handle by folding the fabric strip round a 1 inch / 2.5 cm strip of batting and pressing the raw edge under. Sew down the length of the handle 2 or 3 times. Turn the ends of the handle under and sew to the bag on either side.

Thread a cord through the channel of the top part and tie the ends together into a loop. Add beads if you wish.