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# ALFRESCO DRAWSTRING TOTE

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## **FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:**

(40) 5" squares for outside of tote  
7/8 yard for lining & drawstring

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## Cutting:

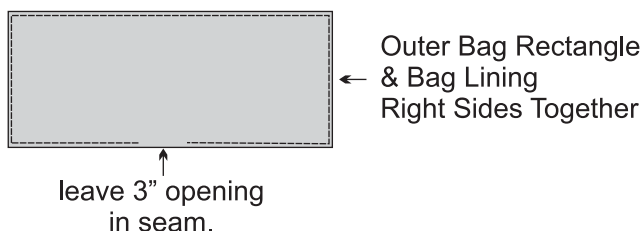
**Lining:** Cut [1] 23" x WOF strip; subcut [2] 18-1/2" x 23" rectangles  
Cut [2] 2" x WOF strips for drawstring

## Piecing:

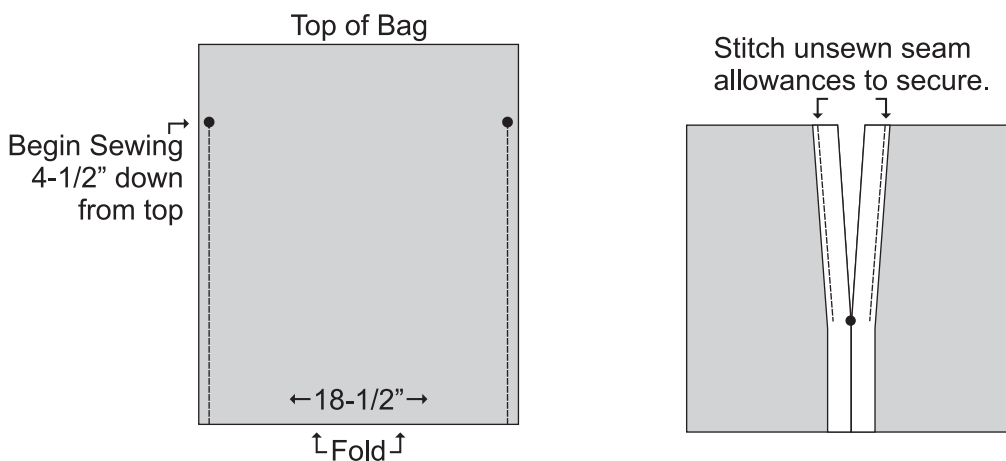
Arrange 5" squares in a 4 across x 10 down pattern. Sew squares into rows, pressing in alternating directions. Sew rows together to form outer bag, measuring 18-1/2" x 45-1/2".

Sew [2] Lining rectangles together along the 18-1/2" sides to create an 18-1/2" x 45-1/2" bag lining.

Place outer bag and bag lining right sides together. Beginning on a side, sew together using a 1/4" seam. Stitch all the way around, leaving a 2-3" opening. Turn bag right sides out through opening. Press and slip-stitch seam closed.



Fold bag right sides together. Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew sides together starting at the first patch down (approximately 4-1/2") from the top. Backstitch at the beginning of seam. Press seam allowance open, including the unsewn section at top of each side seam. Stitch the unsewn seam allowances to the bag to secure. Leave bag inside out.



Fold the top of the bag 2-1/4" to the lining side.

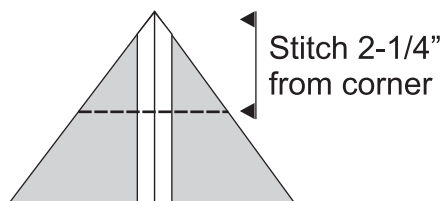
Stitch in the ditch on the outside of the bag to create a casing for the drawstring.



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**Boxed Corners:** With lining side out, flatten bottom of bag at corners. (The side seam should meet the bottom seam).

Stitch 2-1/4" from corner across bag bottom. Be sure to backstitch at both ends to secure. Stitch again to reinforce seam. Repeat on second side of bag.



**Drawstring:** Fold and press a 2" x WOF strip lengthwise. Open strip and press each raw edge to the center. Fold entire length so raw edges are enclosed. Stitch along length of strip to secure edges. Repeat with second 2" strip.

**Finishing:** Turn bag right sides out. Thread one drawstring through casing, starting and finishing on the right side of the bag. Using an overhand knot, tie the ends of drawstring together so it doesn't slip out of casing. Repeat with the second drawstring, starting and finishing on the left side of the bag.

