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9 Patch Lined Drawstring Travel Shoe Bag

Fabric Requirements:

- Eighteen 5" charms (or eighteen 5" square pieces cut from your stash)
- Two contrast pieces measuring 5" x 14"
- Two lining pieces measuring 14" x 18.5"
- Six yards of ribbon or cording for drawstring.

ALL SEAMS ARE 1/4".

Preparation

Cut your pieces as indicated above. You can use pre-cut charms if you have them for the 9 patch blocks – otherwise just cut some 5" square pieces from coordinating fabrics in your stash.



Bag Assembly

- (1) Sew the charms into two 9 patch blocks. Press.



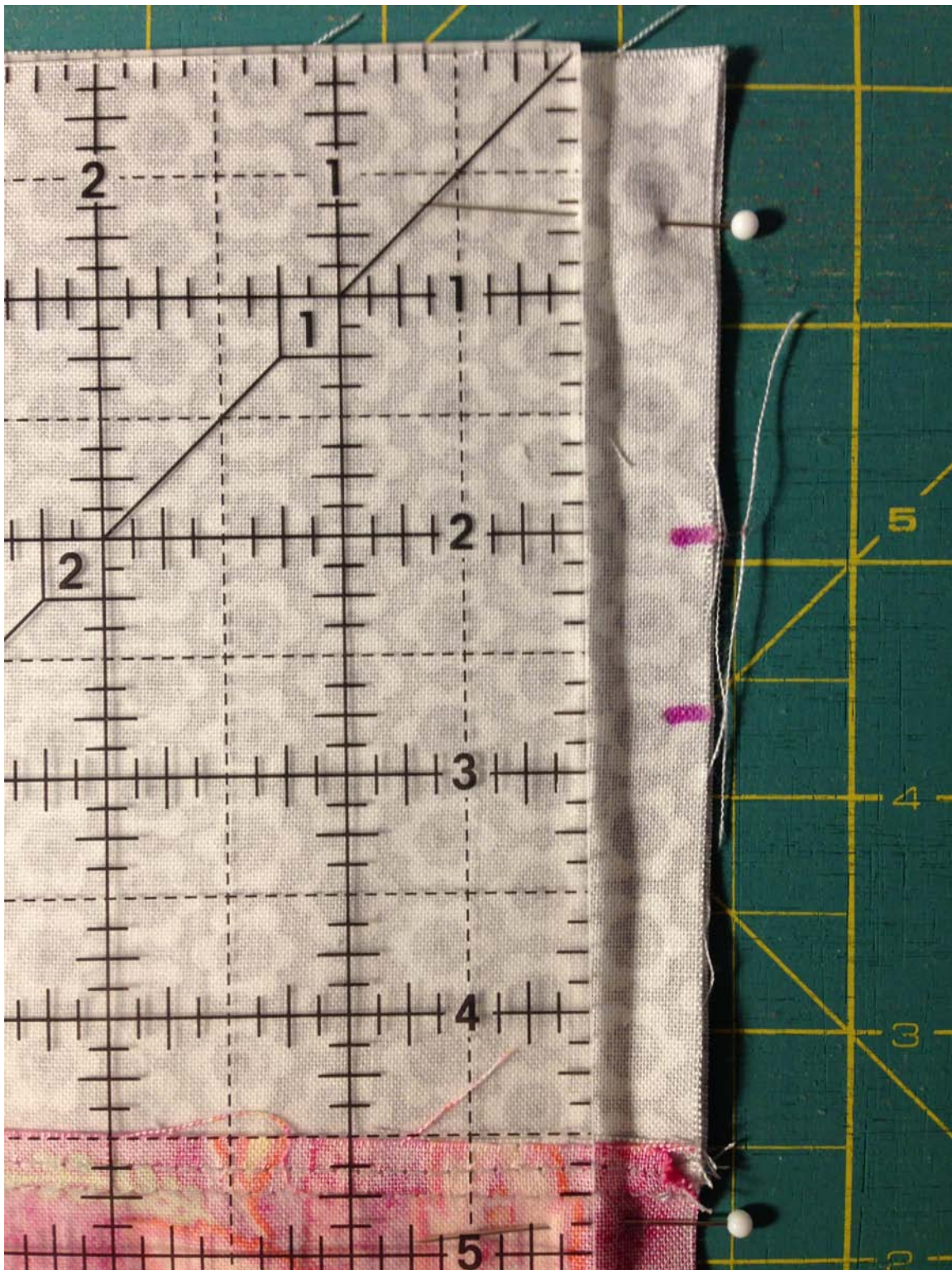
- (2) Sew one of the 5" x 14" contrast pieces to the top of each 9 patch block.

- (3) Press seam towards contrast and top-stitch along the edge of the contrast panel.



- (4) Pin the two sides of the bag together, right sides together.

- (5) Using a tailors marker or chalk, make marks at 2" and 2.75" down from the top of the bag on each side. These marks will be the opening where you thread the ribbon or cord for the drawstring.



- (6) Start stitching at the top of one side of your bag. Stop at the 2" mark and backstitch. Restart sewing at the 2.75" mark and then continue down the side, across the bottom and up the other side.

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- (7) Press the side seams open.

Bag Lining

Put the two lining pieces right sides together and stitch the sides and bottom.

Attaching Lining to Bag

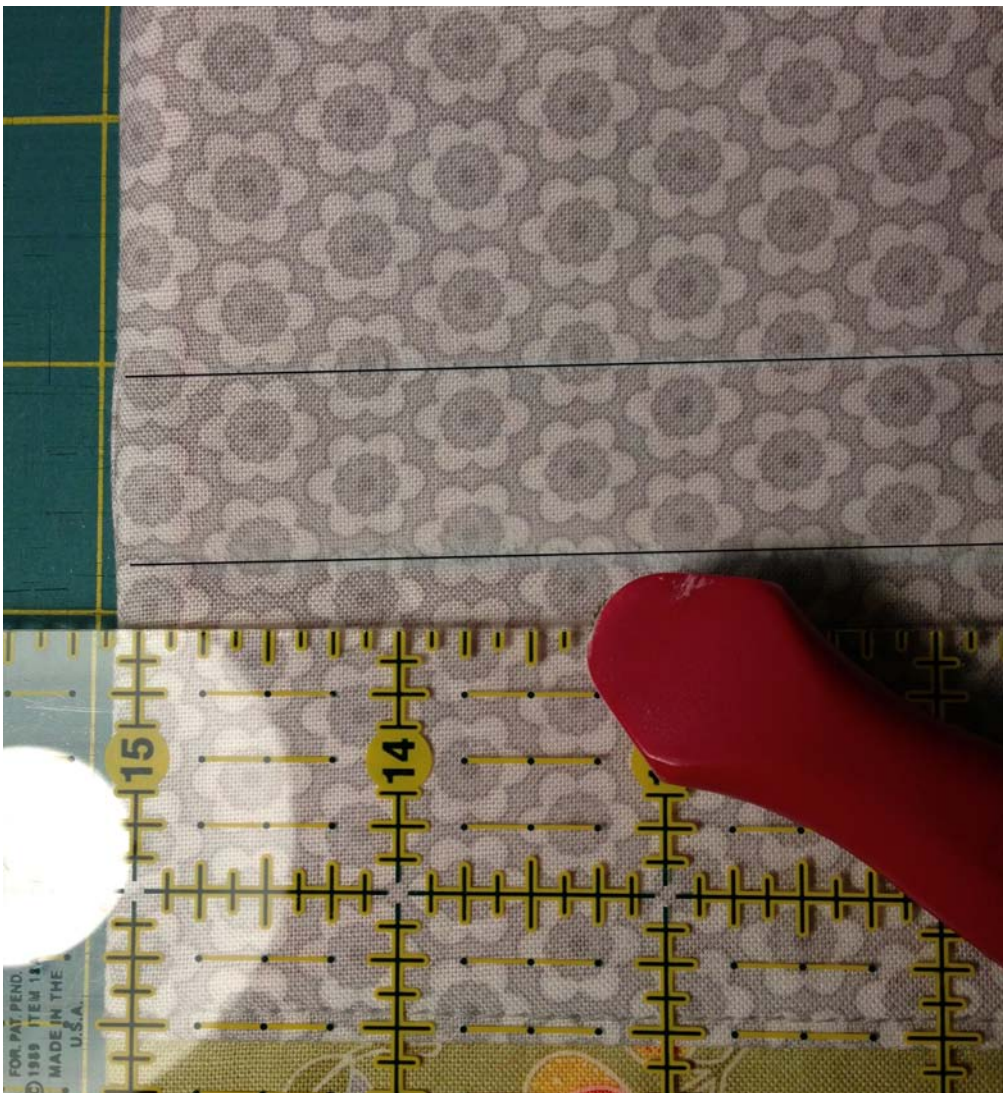
- (1) Turn the exterior of your bag inside out (wrong side facing out).
- (2) Turn lining right side out. Put the lining inside the bag exterior so that right sides are facing together. Pin.



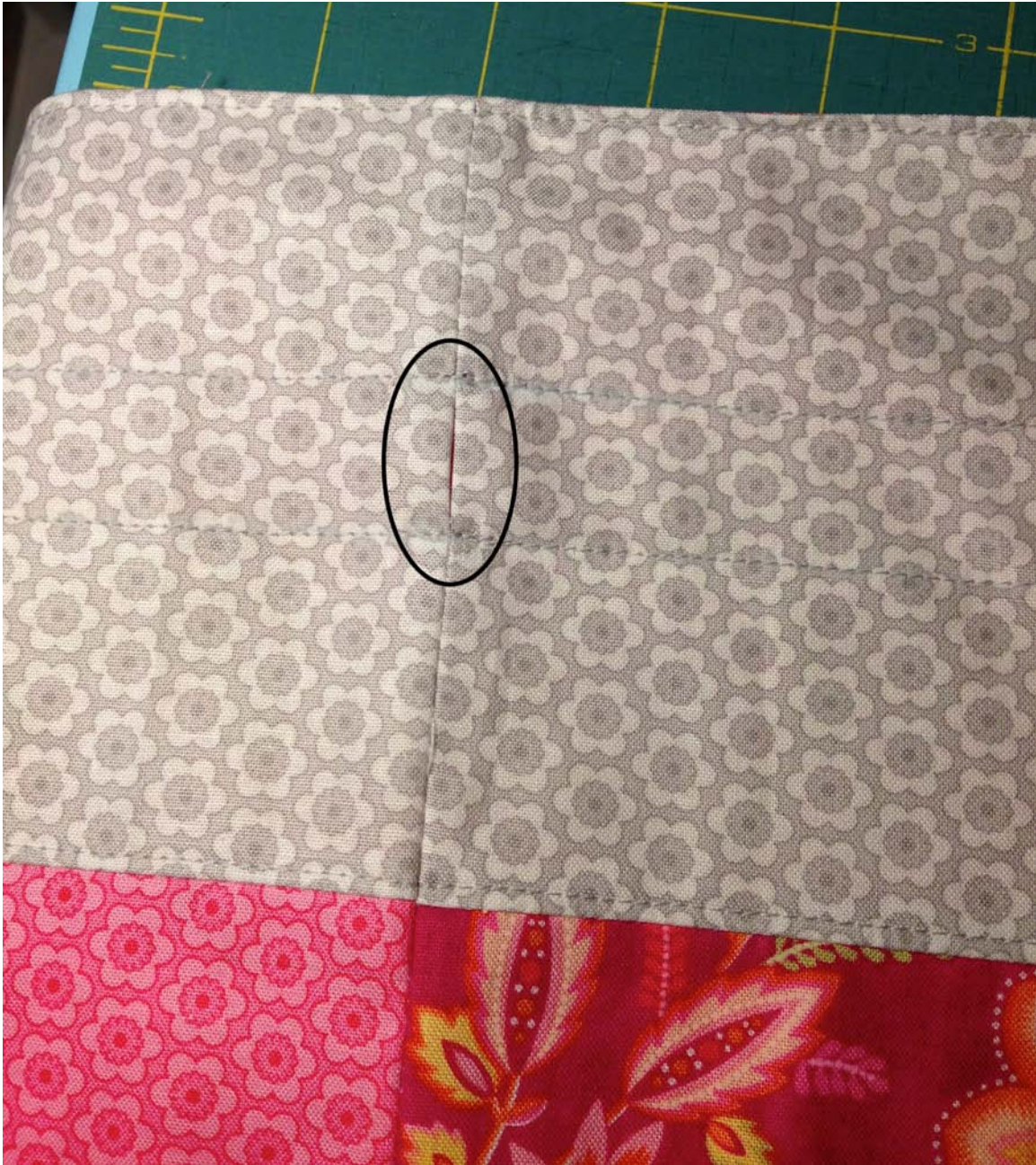
- (3) Sew seam around the top edge, leaving a 4" opening to turn the bag through.
- (4) Turn the bag to right side through your opening, and then push the lining down inside the bag.
- (5) Press under the seam allowance at the opening you left along the top seam for turning, and then top stitch around the entire top of the bag to close the opening in the seam.

Drawstring

- (1) Using washable marker or chalk, mark the sewing lines for the drawstring channel on the contrast panel of the bag exterior. They should line up with the holes you left in the side seams of your bag exterior.



- (2) Stitch along both lines, all the way around the bag (through both the exterior and lining).



- (3) Cut your 6 yard piece of ribbon or cord in half (two 3 yard pieces).
- (4) Attach a safety pin to one end of a piece of ribbon and thread it through the channel you made. Start at one side opening and go all the way around the bag and back out the same opening. Remove safety pin.

- (5) Repeat with the other piece of ribbon or cord, using the side seam opening on the other side of the bag.



- (6) Knot the ends of your ribbons or cords and pull on both to close your bag.

