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finished size: approx 12" high x 9-1/2" diameter base

This generous size sewing bag is easy to hand or machine piece using favourite fabrics. Customise it by fussy-cutting the centre row of diamonds, or make it entirely from scraps.

## MATERIALS:

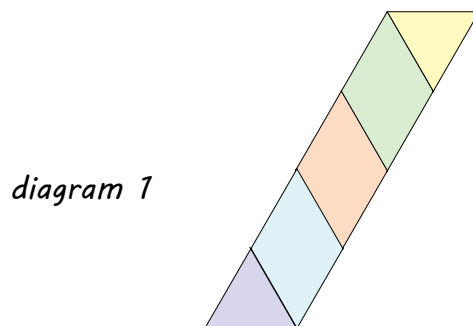
- \* scrap fabrics for the diamonds - if fussy cutting, you will need 10 repeat motifs for each of the 5 different fabrics
- \* two, 11" squares of fabric for the base and base lining
- \* 10" square heavy duty iron on interfacing for base
- \* 30cm fabric for lining the bag
- \* 38" x 11-1/2" iron-on thin batting or pella (you could also use thin interfacing)
- \* two, 4-1/2" x 14" pieces for the casing
- \* 2m cord and 4 buttons for the ends
- \* template plastic

NOTE: see diagrams and photos for fabric selections  
Press as required at each step.

## METHOD:

Make plastic templates of the 2 pattern pieces, including the 1/4" seam allowance.

Use the templates to cut 30 diamonds and 10 triangles for the top and bottom.  
Sew together in diagonal units as per diagram 1 using accurate 1/4" seam allowance



Make 10 units and sew together to make up the outer shell of the bag as per diagram 2

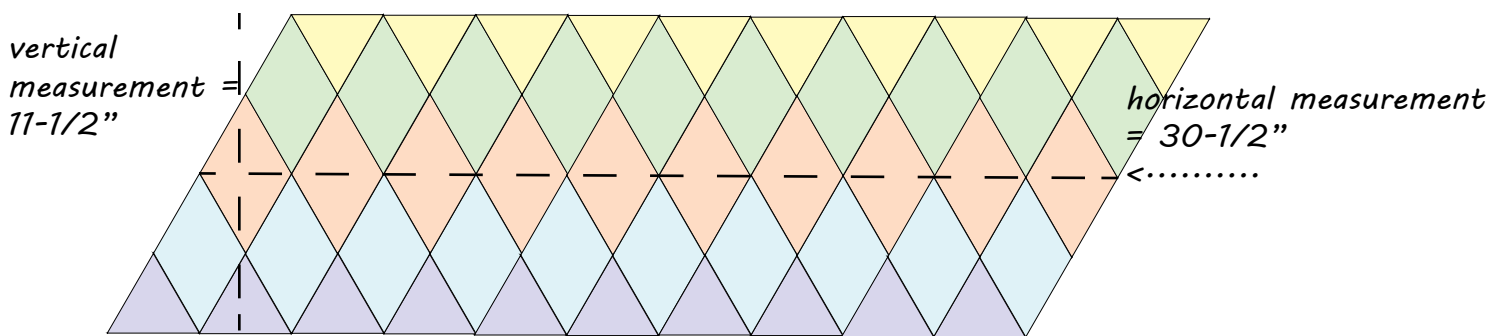


diagram 2

Check your measurements - if yours are bigger or smaller, you will need to adjust the size of your lining accordingly.



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*Place and pin the assembled outer shell over the iron-on batting - with the batting 'sticky-side' facing the wrong side of the outer shell. Cut the batting to shape and iron to the back of the outer shell.*

*Now join the seam so that you have a tube.*



*Harlequin dilly bag - fabric placement variation*



*Cut the lining panel 30-1/2" x 11-1/2" or size to fit your outer shell.  
Sew the side seam along the short side to make a tube.*

*Use the pattern provided to cut the circles for the base and internal base fabrics.  
These should be about 10-1/8th inch in diameter.*

*Use the pattern provided to cut the base interfacing - about 9-1/2" diameter.  
Iron the interfacing to the outer base fabric.*

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Layer the lining fabric onto the base, so that the interfacing is enclosed, with the outer fabric on the bottom and the lining fabric on the top.

With right sides of fabrics facing, start pinning the outer shell to the base (this will be easier if you divide the sections into quarters first). Next pin the lining to the bases, on the other side - again with right sides of fabrics facing - see photo



Stitch through all thicknesses around the perimeter, 1/4" from the edges, taking care to avoid puckering. Turn to right side.

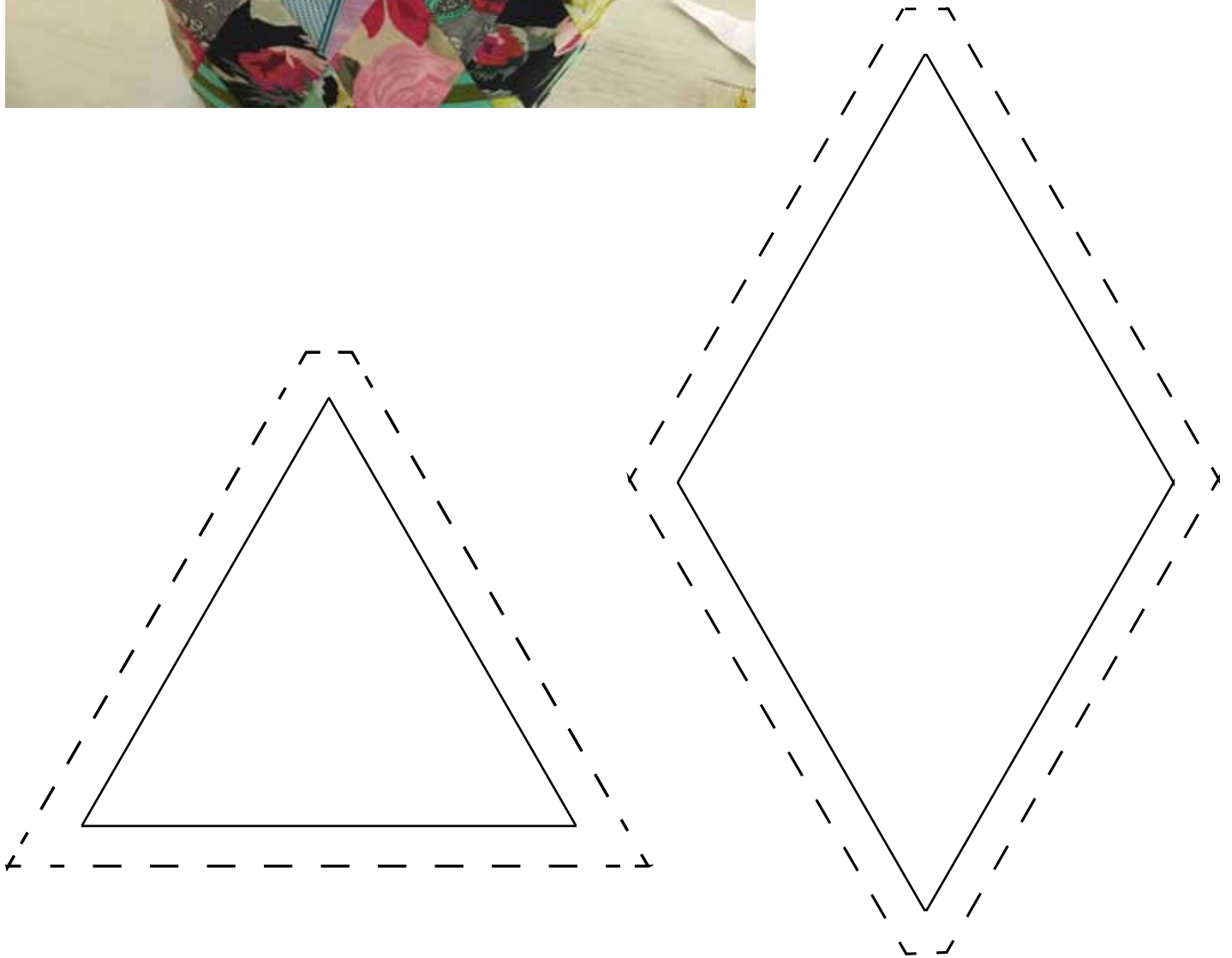
Make two 1/4" turnings on each short side of the casings. Stitch in place. Press in half along the length and stitch 1/2" from the folded edge, from end to end. Stitch again 1" from the folded edge. This will form the casing sleeve. Now pin the casings to right side of the outer shell, so that they are centred over the diamonds. Stitch to the outer shell with 1/4" seam allowance, then press to flip the casing up and the seam allowance down.



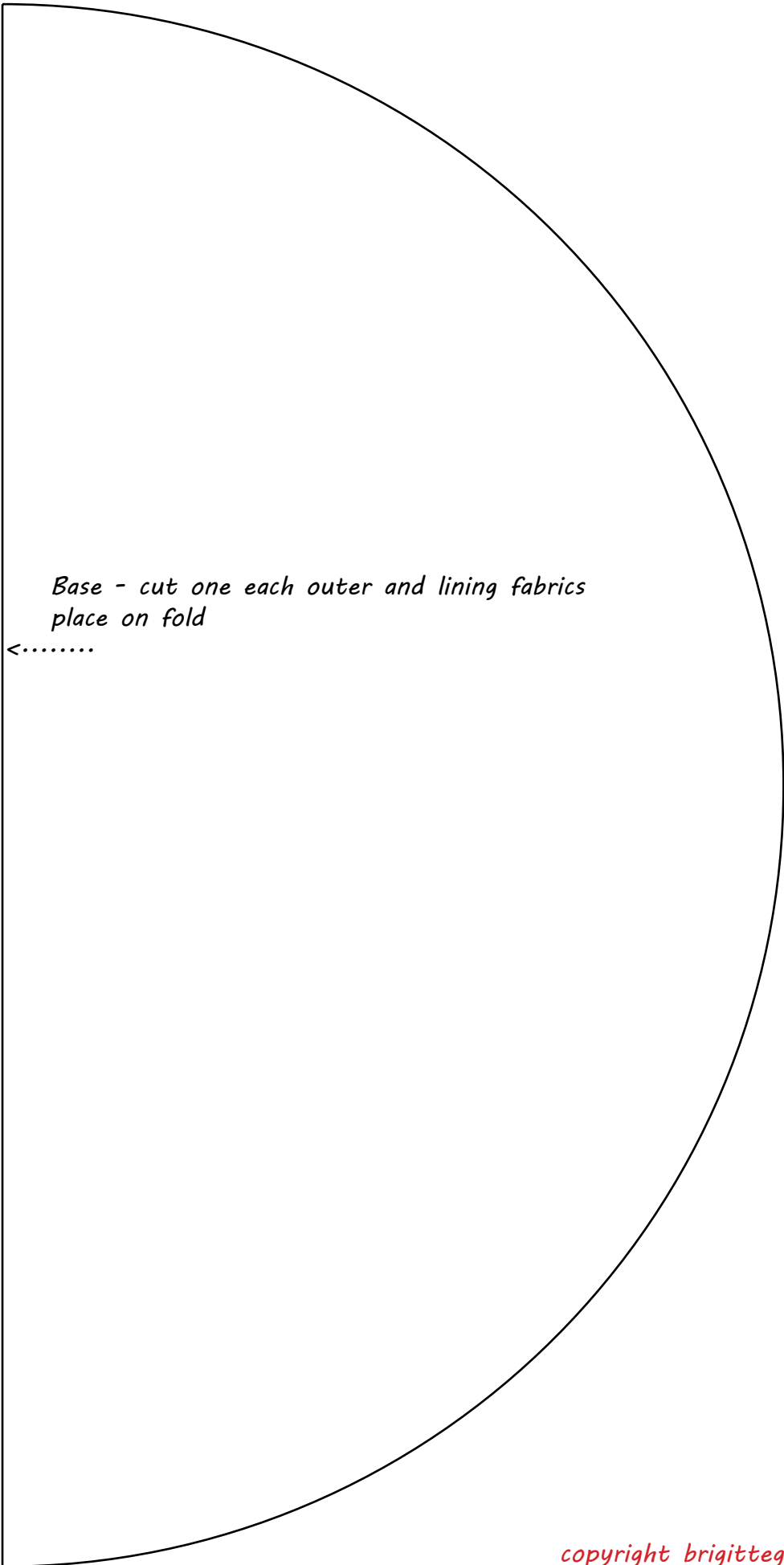
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*Make a generous 1/4" turning on the top edge of the lining and sew by hand at the back of the casings. You could machine stitch close to the edge, on the right side after basting the lining in place.*

*Cut the length of cord into 2 equal lengths. Thread one cord from left to right and back again, and the other cord on the opposite side. Cut to desired length and sew 2 buttons back to back to conceal the ends.*



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*Base - cut one each outer and lining fabrics  
place on fold*

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