

Backgammon To Go

Skill Level: Intermediate

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This soft backgammon bag is ideal for travel and fun to make. A wide variety of fabrics will work well for this project. Suede, felt or any non-woven fabric work best.

Fabrics Needed

Main fabric
Accent fabric

7/8 yard
One each of two contrasting fat quarters (A and B)

Materials Needed

Pellon® EZ25S EZ-Steam® II OR EZ2L5S Lite EZ-Steam® II
Pellon® EZ2-40T EZ-Steam® II 1/4" Tape
18" zipper
Thread

Two 9" x 12" sheets
One package
One

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
Rotary cutter and related supplies

Step 1. Cut two 19" x 28" rectangles from main fabric. For accent pieces, cut one 6" x 19" rectangle and one 2" x 19" rectangle from fat quarter A. For the ties, cut 1- $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 18" strips from fat quarter B.

Step 2. Fold one long edge of the 6" x 19" rectangle of the accent piece in by 1/2". Press.



Step 3. Place the wrong side of the 6" x 19" accent rectangle on top of the right side of one of the 19" x 28" rectangles of main fabric, aligning the raw edges. Cut one 18" and two 5" lengths of EZ-Steam® II Tape. Place the exposed pressure sensitive side of the 5" lengths of tape along the short sides of the 6" x 19" rectangle. Finger press in place. Remove the paper backing and finger press to the main fabric rectangle. Repeat with the 18" length between the long folded edge and the main fabric rectangle.

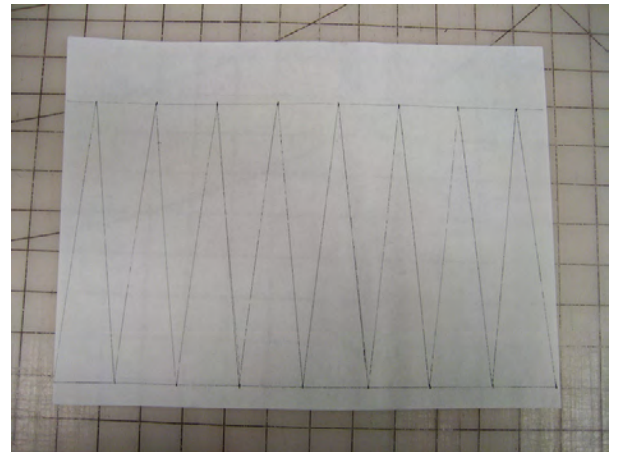


Step 4. Fold both long edges of the 2" x 19" rectangle of fat quarter A in 3/8". Press. Cut two 18" lengths of EZ-Steam® II Tape. Place the exposed pressure sensitive side of one 18" length on each side of the folded edges. Remove the paper backing and place the rectangle on the right side of the main fabric rectangle, 10- $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the fold of the 6" x 19" rectangle. Finger press in place.



Step 5. Fuse all strips following manufacturer's instructions. Stitch close to folded edges on both strips. Baste the three raw edges on the wider accent rectangle.

Step 6. To create the triangles, place one 9" x 12" sheet of EZ-Steam® II on a table with the non-glossy side facing up. Draw a line along the 12" length, 1/2" in from the edge. Draw another line parallel to this line, 6-3/4" away.



Step 7. Starting at the end of the first line, measure 1-1/2" in and place a mark. Continue marking 1-1/2" apart across the first line.

Step 8. Starting at the same end, measure 3/4" in on the second line and place a mark. Measure 1-1/2" in from that mark and place another mark. Continue marking 1-1/2" apart across the second line.

Step 9. Draw a line from the edge of the first line to the first mark on the second line. Draw a line from the first mark on the second line to the first mark on the first line. Repeat this step creating triangles across the page as shown at right.

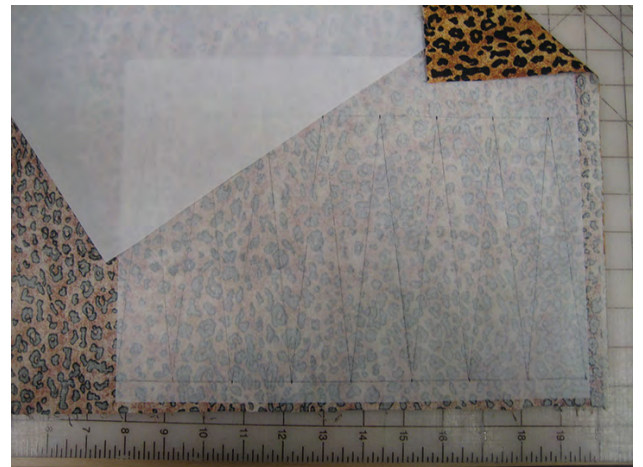
Step 10. Repeat Steps 6 through 9 for a second sheet of EZ-Steam® II.

Step 11. Trim the EZ-Steam® II sheets to 1/2" outside the second drawn line.

Step 12. Remove the glossy paper side of one of the EZ-Steam® II sheets. Place it, sticky side down on the wrong side of fat quarter A. Finger press in place.

Step 13. Cut the triangles. Twelve triangles of each fabric are needed for the backgammon board. There will be four triangles of each fabric left over.

Step 14. Repeat Steps 12 and 13 with fat quarter B and the remaining sheet of EZ-Steam® II.



Step 15. Remove the EZ-Steam® II paper from one fabric A triangle. A pin or scissors can be used to score the paper back for easier removal.



Step 16. Position the triangle so it is touching the narrow accent strip and is 1-½" in from the raw edge of the main fabric. Finger press in place.

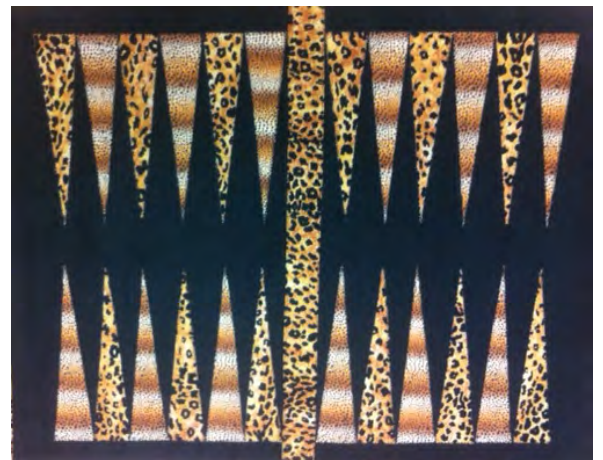
Step 17. Repeat Steps 15 and 16, alternating between fabric A and B triangles until six triangles are placed.

Step 18. Repeat Steps 15 through 17 on the opposite side of the main fabric rectangle, but starting with fabric B first. Check to make sure the points on the facing triangles are exactly even. Reposition triangles if necessary.



Step 19. Repeat Steps 16 through 18 for the other half of the backgammon board, starting and ending with the correct triangle so they are alternating across the entire board area.

Step 20. After setting all triangles in place, fuse following manufacturer's instructions.



Step 21. Zigzag around all triangles if desired.

Step 22. Shorten the 18" zipper to 17" by stitching 1" in from the stop, across the teeth several times to create a new stop. Trim zipper 1/2" in from original stop.



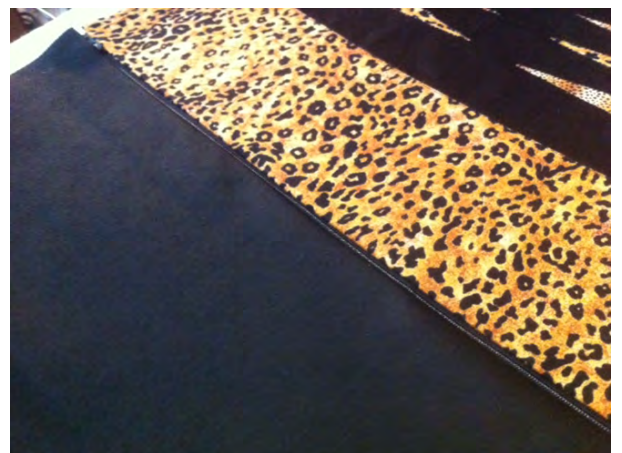
Step 23. Press under 1/2" on edge of main fabric rectangle on the end with the wide accent rectangle and the remaining main fabric rectangle for the back.

Step 24. Cut two 17" lengths of EZ-Steam® II Tape. Place the zipper, closed, on a flat surface with the right side of the zipper facing up. Place the exposed pressure sensitive side of the EZ-Steam® II tape on one side of the zipper. Repeat with the other side of the zipper. Finger press in place.



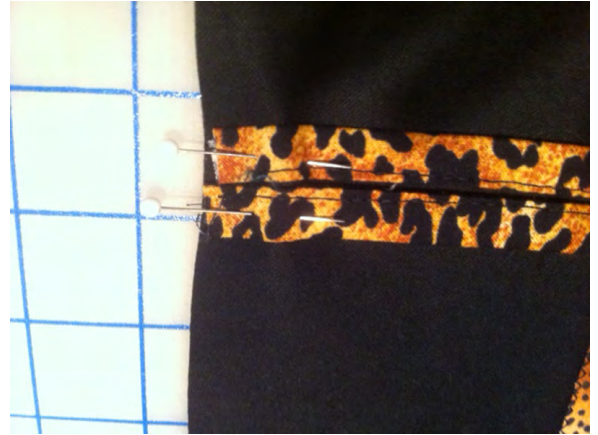
Step 25. Remove the paper backing from the EZ-Steam® II Tape pieces. Place the folded edge of the main fabric rectangle with the accent on top of the zipper. Finger press in place. Repeat with the other side of the zipper and the folded edge of the back rectangle. Both sides of the backgammon board should be aligned. Fuse following manufacturer's instructions.

Step 26. Stitch close to the zipper on both sides using a zipper foot.



Step 27. For the ties, press one narrow end under 1/4" on each tie strip. Press tie in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Open and fold the long raw edges in 3/8" and press. Refold the first fold, encasing the raw edges. Stitch close to the folded edge.

Step 28. Align and center the raw edges of the ties with the raw edge of the main fabric front without the zipper. The long stitched edges of the ties should be facing each other. Baste in place.



Step 29. Open the zipper. Place the main fabric front and back right sides together, aligning raw edges. Pin. Ties should be free and in between the layers. Stitch both long edges using a 1/4" seam allowance and starting at the end with the zipper. Stitch remaining short end. Trim seams.



Step 30. Turn bag right side out through the opening in the zipper. Push out the corners. Press entire bag flat.