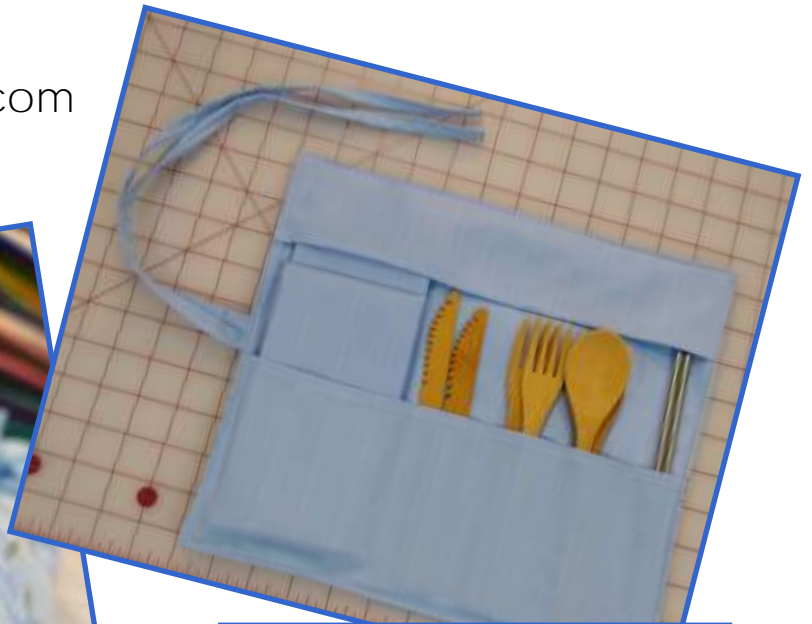




Picnic Utensil Roll Tutorial

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Fabric Requirements:

2 fat quarters

or a 13" wide strip of fabric yardage

In this example I have used organic cotton fabrics by Harmony Art Organic Design:

Fabric used for the exterior:

Stumps Speaks Denim

Fabric used for the interior:

Vein Cotton Sateen

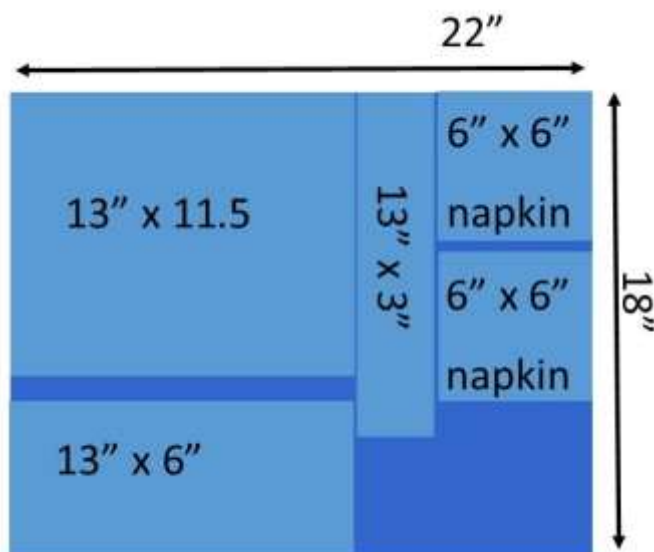
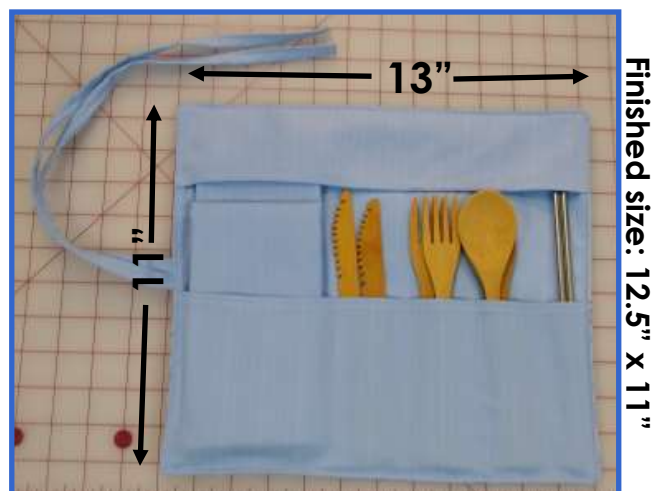


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Step 1 Interior Construction

Cut fabric pieces from the interior fabric in the following sizes:

- 13" x 11.5"
- 13" x 6"
- 13" x 3"



Fat quarter cutting suggestion to yield 2 mini napkins and the interior from one fat quarter!!

Step 2

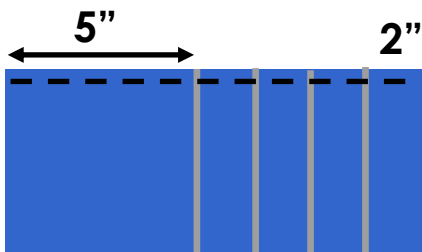
Hem one lengthwise edge of the 13" x 6" and 13" x 3" pieces of interior fabric with a narrow hem that encloses the raw edges.



Step 3

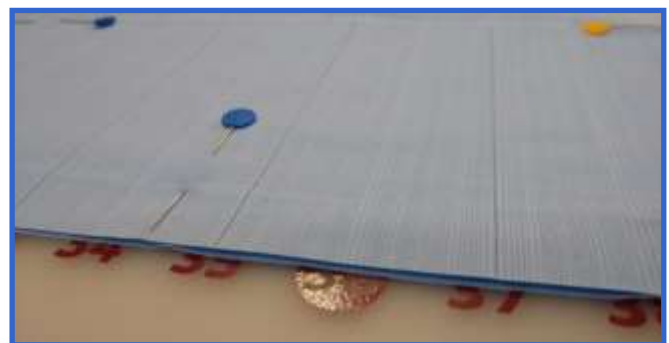
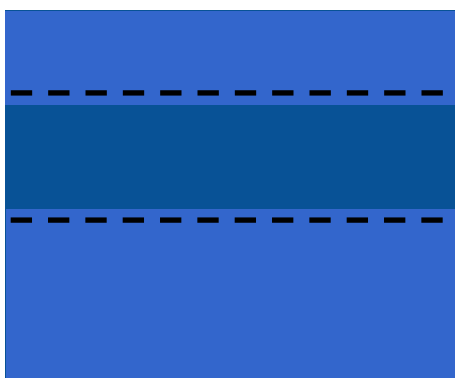
Draw lines to mark the divisions on the 6" x 13" lower "flap"

The first line is 5" from the left side as shown, all other lines are 2" apart



Step 4

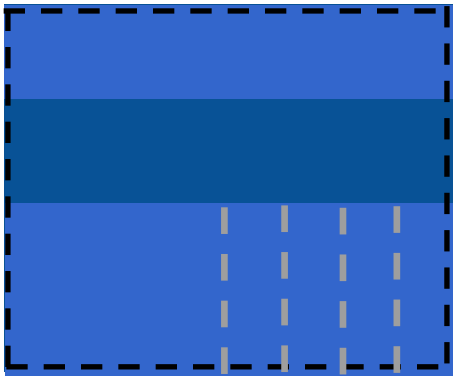
Place the hemmed strips on top of the 13" x 11.5" piece of interior fabric as shown:



All pieces are right side facing up!

Step 5

Stitch a line 1/8 " from the edge all the way around to secure the flaps to the main interior piece, you can use a basting stitch (this stitching will not be seen once the roll-up is completed!)

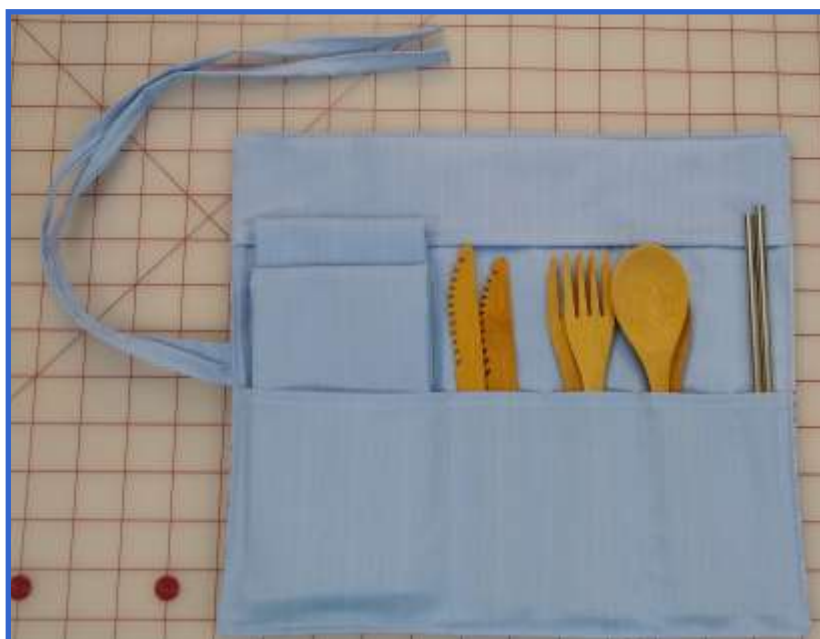


Step 5b

Stitch along the lines you marked on the 13" x 6" flap to create the pockets that the utensils will slide into. You are now sewing through both the 6" x 13" piece and the 11.5" x 13" piece, because you have layered them in step 4

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You have completed construction of the interior of your roll-up!



When your roll-up is complete this piece will hold the utensils and napkins!



Step 6 Strap Making

CUT - 2 strips of cotton

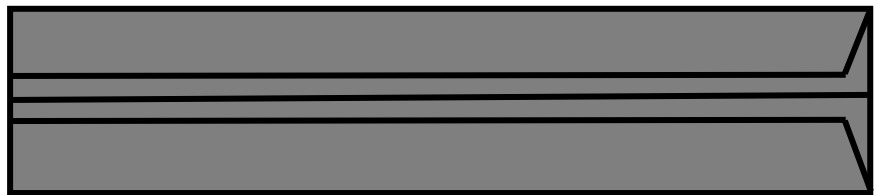
17" long x 1.5" wide

You could also use ribbon or cotton tape instead of making your own straps!

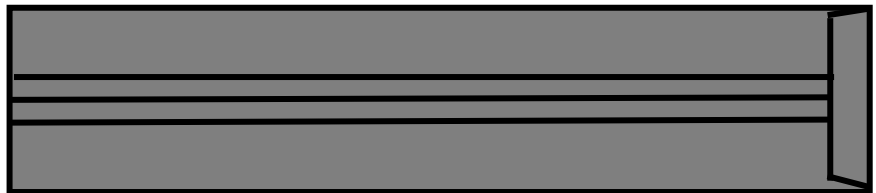


Fold in half lengthwise and press

Fold the lengthwise edges in towards the centre fold



Fold one end over and press.



Fold in half lengthwise; all raw edges will be enveloped inside the strap except for the end that will be sewn in to the project when it is constructed.

Raw edges



Stitch along the edge and across the folded end to complete the strap.

Raw edges



Final Construction

Cut 1 piece of exterior fabric:

13" x 11.5"

You now have the exterior, interior and straps ready for the fun final construction phase!

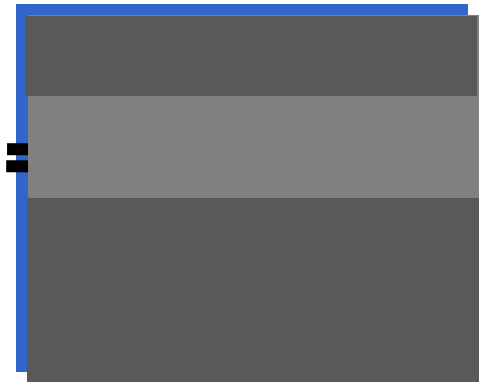


I have used denim in this example but you can use a piece of quilted fabric too to make a delightful patchwork roll up, or use any fabric you LOVE!

Step 7

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Place the exterior fabric face up, lay the interior piece on top right side facing down so that the fabrics are right sides together! Place the straps in between the layers, make sure they are placed just above the pocket piece!



TIP: They can hang out a little so you know where they are when sewing around in step 9

Pin the two layers right sides together, leaving a gap along the bottom about 5" wide (to turn it right sides out after it is sewn) & pin straps in place.



TIP: I place 2 pins in at the start and stopping point when I want to leave a gap that reminds me to stop when I get to the 2 pins!



Step 8

Sew the two layers right sides together, leaving a gap along the bottom about 5" wide (to turn it right sides out after it is sewn)

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The excess length of your tie straps should be curled up on the inside away from the edges. ONLY the raw edge ends which you had already pinned in place will be sewn into the seam!



TIP: At the five inch gap turn towards the raw edge of the fabric and sew outwards as shown above—this helps turn the seam allowance inside once you turn the project right sides out!

Step 9

Stitch over the straps several times to ensure they are secured well!

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Step 10

Trim some excess seam allowance away at the corners to ensure the corners can be neatly turned right side out!

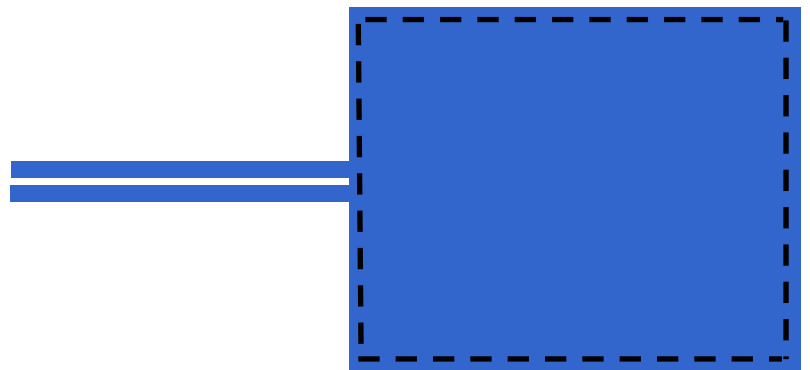
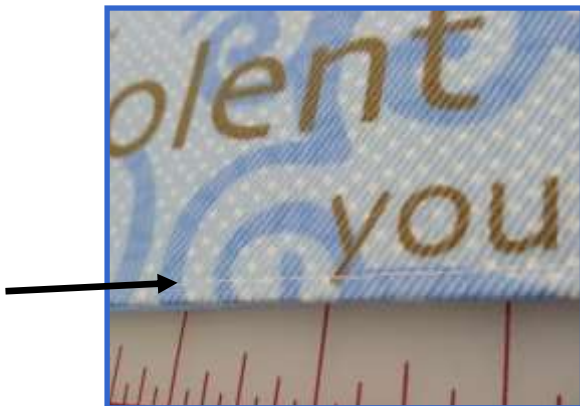
Step 11

Turn right sides out and press taking extra care around the edges to prepare for the final top stitching and be sure to pin the gap closed!



Step 12

Topstitch all the way around your roll up 1/8" from the edge; this closes the gap, reinforces the straps and neatens the edges!



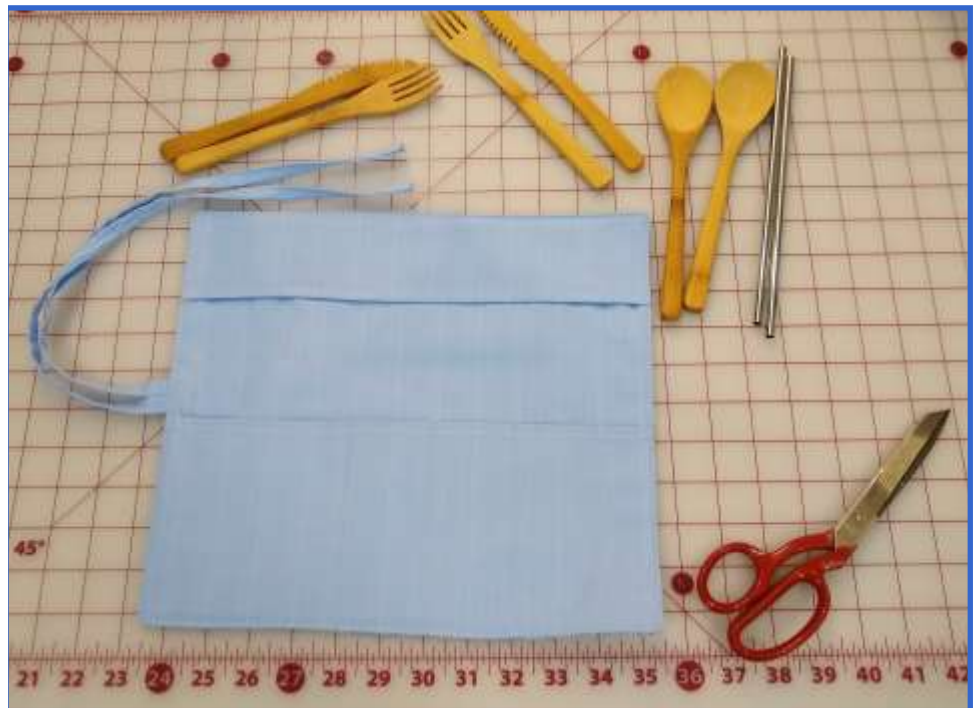


Exterior



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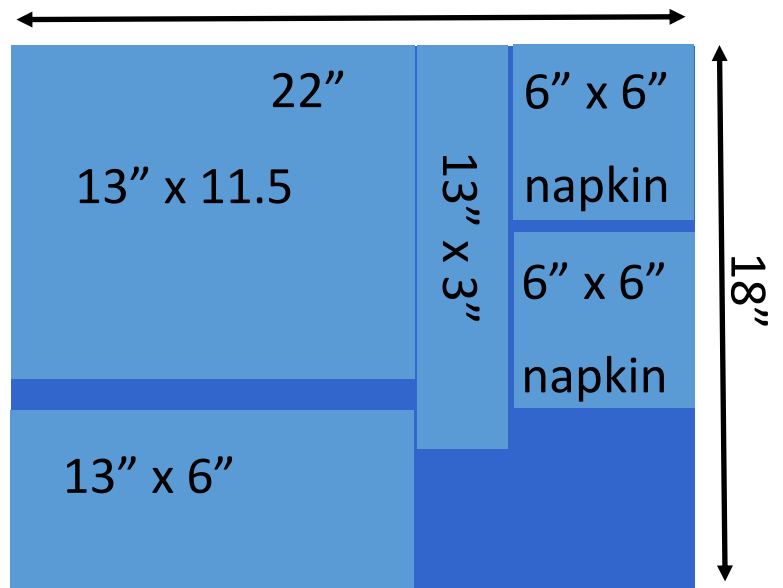
Interior



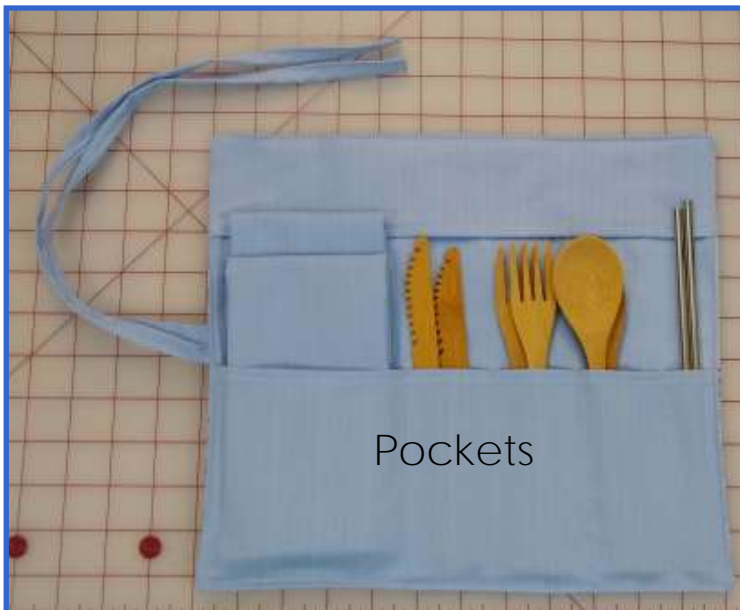
Step 13

Using leftover fabric as shown in the step 1 cutting diagram, make two mini napkins by simply hemming all the way around to encase the raw edges!

Alternately you can use a co-ordinating fabric to make two larger napkins!



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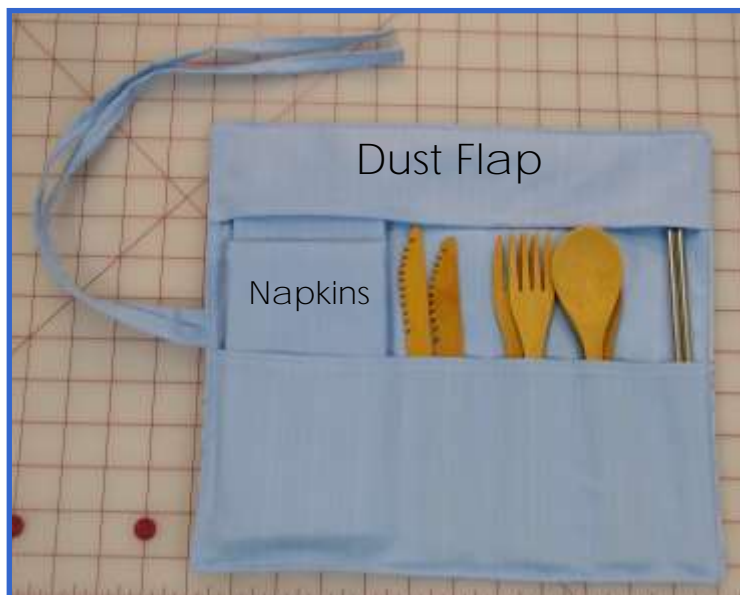


Step 14

Place the napkins and utensils in the pockets!

Suggested contents:

- 2 napkins
- 2 knives
- 2 forks
- 2 spoons
- 2 straws



Step 15

Fold the dust flap over the top of the utensils to ensure they stay clean in your purse, picnic basket, car trunk etc!

Step 16

Roll up from the end that doesn't have the tie straps attached.

Tie the straps to keep it closed!

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These make
great gifts!





Alternate colorway example:

use 2 co-ordinating fat quarters of quilting cotton and a piece of ribbon to make a gorgeous gift!



One napkin from each fat quarter!

