

Spider Web Bag



Supplies:

- 14 ea. 2 1/2" Black (7) and White Strips (7)
- 1 1/4 yards Muslin
- 2 yards Red OR 1 1/2 yards Red and
4 yards medium weight (3/8") cording or ribbon
- 24 ea. 1/2" Grommets and their applier

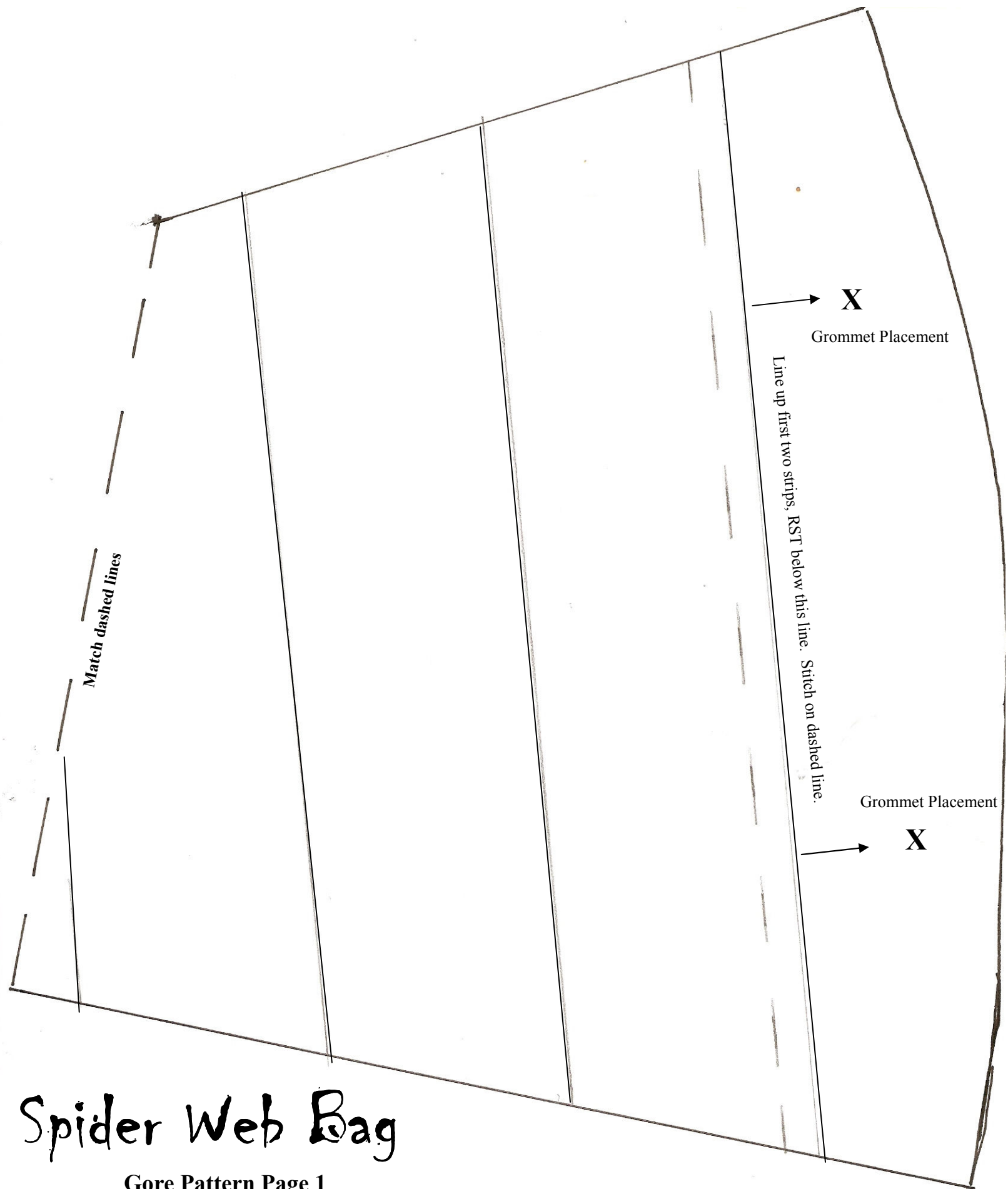
To Make Drawstrings from Red Fabric: Cut 4 ea. 1 1/2" Width of Fabric red strips. Stitch 2 strips together. Turn all edges under 1/4". Fold long edges WST and topstitch to make drawstring. Make two drawstrings about 72" each.

Bag Assembly:

1. Tape Gore Pattern pieces together, matching dashed lines. Cut 12 gore pieces from muslin. Transfer markings.
2. Choose one mostly black and one mostly white 2 1/2" strip. Line them up RST with top drawn line on one muslin gore. Stitch as indicated on pattern piece. Open out, press and trim.
3. Add next strip below, again alternating color for contrast. Open, press and trim. Keep adding strips, alternating for contrast, til you have 7 strips on the gore. Make 6 gores that start with a dark strip and 6 that start with a light strip.
4. Stitch the 12 gores together to form a circle. And yes, I know you have a sort of hole in the center. Trim away any overlapping excess at the center of the circle.
5. Measure across the center of the circle from raw edge of the innermost 2 1/2" strip on one side to the one on the other side. (Measure the size of the uncovered muslin) Should be around 10" (9 1/2" to 10 1/2") Add 1" to this measurement and cut 2 red circles that size.
6. Stitch the red circles RST all the way around. Make a 3" cut in the center of ONE red circle only to turn. Turn, Press.
7. Center Red circle, cut side down, on stitched gores. Top stitch in place.
8. Cut one large circle from the red the same size as the stitched gores.
9. If inside pockets are desired, cut a 5" X 10" rectangle from the red fabric. Fold in half, WST. Stitch, leaving an opening to turn. Turn. Press. Pin in place 2" down from outer edge of red circle. Be sure the turning opening is not at the top. Stitch the three sides (closing the turning opening) to form the pocket.
10. Place the red circle RST to the stitched gore circle. Stitch, leaving a 4" opening to turn. Turn and press. Pin opening closed. Top stitch all around, closing the opening.
11. Following manufacturer's directions, apply grommets about 3" on both sides of each seam (as marked on pattern of each gore), applying 2 grommets to each gore for a total of 24, about 1/2" down from outer edge of bag circle. Weave one drawstring through 12 grommets. Weave the other drawstring through the remaining 12 grommets. Tie the ends together in an overhand knot and or add decorative buttons as desired.

Variation: Try making this from a collection of 6 fat quarters, instead of the 2 1/2" strips... Cut two gore tops from each quarter, lay each gore top right side up on a muslin gore, then stitch the gore together. Skip steps 2,3 and 4 and continue at step 5.

RST = Right Sides Together, WST Wrong Sides Together.



Match dashed lines

X
Grommet Placement

Line up first two strips, RST below this line. Stitch on dashed line.

Grommet Placement
X

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Match dashed lines



Variation: Make a pattern to this line to cut 2 gore tops from each of 6 fat quarters. Use the FQs instead of the 2 1/2" strips.

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