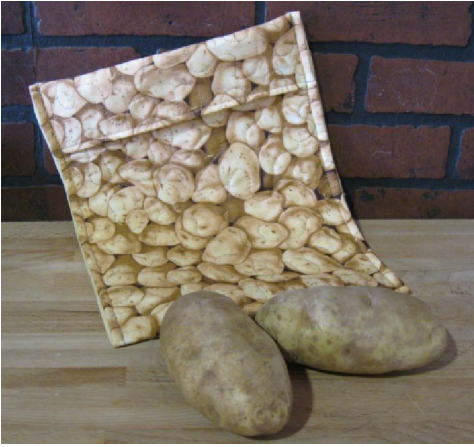


# Microwave Potato Bag

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## Materials:

1/3 yd cotton fabric for outside

1/3 yd cotton fabric for inside

12" x 44" cotton batting

Cotton thread for quilting as assembly

Sewing machine in good working order with all accessories including walking foot/darning foot

Sz 14 quilting needle for quilting

Sz 16 jeans needle for top stitching and assembly

Basic sewing supplies like straight pins, rotary cutting equipment, seam gage, point turner, seam ripper, hand sewing needle, Chacoliner, etc

*It is recommended that you use all cotton materials for these bags. Do not leave bag with vegetables unattended in the microwave! Wash potatoes and then wrap in paper towel - do not prick and insert potatoes with paper towel in bag. Microwave according to manufacturers' directions!*

## Construction:

Layer the cotton batting out on a table and smooth the outer fabric right side up (RSU) on top of it. If you are going to cross hatch quilt the fabric, draw chalk lines. Pin through both layers, Quilt as desired. Trim quilt sandwich down to 11" x 28" (save remaining piece for a mini/singe potato bag, a tote bag pocket, zip pouch - use your imagination!).

Cut lining fabric to 10 3/4" x 27 1/2". Use a walking foot for the rest of the stitching. Place lining fabric to quilted sandwich, RST and pin along the short edges and use 1/4" - 1/2" seam allowance to sew short seam; you may need to stretch the lining a bit to get it to fit. Pin lining to quilt sandwich along one long edge and sew seam and stretch/ease lining to fit. Sew. Do the same to the other long edge. finger press open the seam allowance for 4" - 6" on a long edge and un-sew the seam. Trim corners, turn RSO though the opening. Hand stitch the opening closed.

Place bag unit on table lining side up, fold up one short edge (bottom) about 11", fold top short edge down to overlap about 1". Pin side seams, use the larger needle to sew side seams from the top to the bottom of the bag on both sides. You may want to move the needle position so that you are not sewing through all the thicknesses of the seams.