

Reversible Walker Bag

These practical bags are the perfect accessory for use with a walker.



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PROJECT NOTES

If making the bag for a charity, it is recommended to make two different-size pockets so the recipient has a choice. If the recipient is known, the pockets may be tailored to meet their needs.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Skill Level: Beginner
Bag Size: 17½" x 19½"

MATERIALS

- 3 coordinating fat quarters
- 2 (36") colored shoelaces
- All-purpose thread to match fabrics
- Water-soluble marker
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

Cutting

1. Set aside one fat quarter to use as the pockets; trim the remaining two fat quarters to 18" x 20".
2. Cut two 9" x 18" pieces from the pocket fabric.
Note: Pockets can be shorter, but they should not be shorter than 6½".
3. If making a diagonal pocket to accommodate a variety of different-sized items, trim the top of the pocket diagonally from 9" on one side to 5½" on the other as shown in Figure 1.

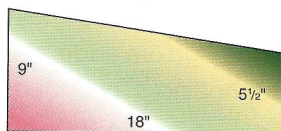


Figure 1

Completing the Reversible Walker Bag

1. Fold the top edge of each pocket piece ¼" to the wrong side; press. Fold the pressed edge over ½"; press and stitch to hem edge.
2. Center the shoelaces across the 18" width, 10" from each end on the wrong side of one 18" x 20" piece as shown in Figure 2; pin to hold.

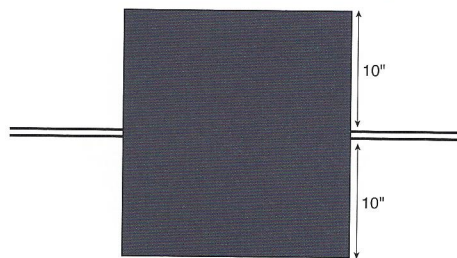


Figure 2

3. Fold the ends of the shoelaces over and pin to the center on the right side of the fabric even with the shoelaces on the back as shown in Figure 3; separate the shoelaces 1" at the edges of the fabric, again referring to Figure 3. Pin in place.

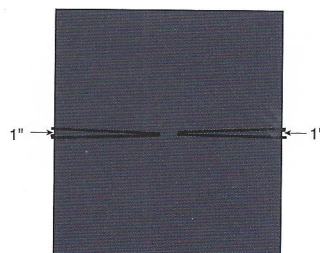


Figure 3



4. Place a hemmed pocket right side up on one end of each 18" x 20" piece as shown in Figure 4; baste to hold in place.

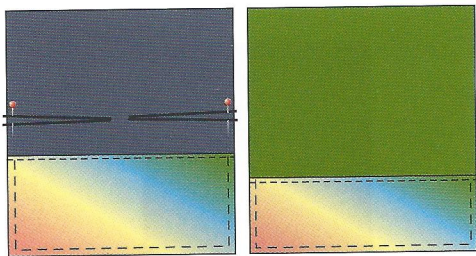


Figure 4

5. Place the pinned units right sides together with pockets on opposite ends as shown in Figure 5.

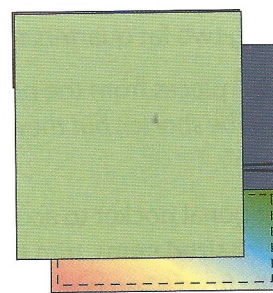


Figure 5

6. Stitch all around $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edge, leaving a 6" opening along one bottom edge; secure seams at pocket tops and shoelaces for added strength.

7. Trim corners; turn right side out through opening. Press edges flat.

8. Press seam at opening to the inside.
9. Topstitch all around, stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " across bottom of pockets and $\frac{1}{2}$ " along the long edges as shown in Figure 6, closing the pressed opening at the same time. Backstitch over the pocket tops and shoelaces for added strength.

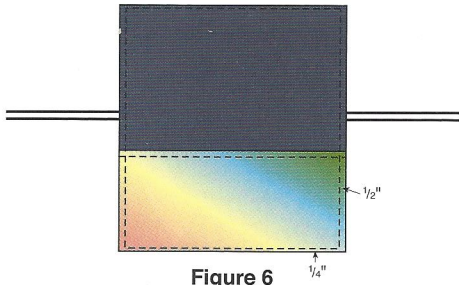


Figure 6

10. Mark a line $4\frac{1}{2}$ " from one side edge and $5\frac{1}{2}$ " from the remaining side edge on each pocket using a water-soluble marker. **Note:** The number and size of the pockets may vary depending on the user's needs.

11. Stitch on marked lines to make pocket sections as shown in Figure 7; backstitch over upper corners and bottom for added strength.

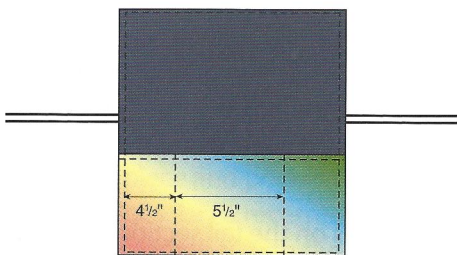


Figure 7

Hints

If a pocket section is too tall, stitch across the pocket section at desired distance from the bottom of the bag to raise the bottom and make a shorter pocket.

For a wider walker, use longer shoelaces.

Make bags for each season or holiday to brighten someone's day.

12. Fold the bag over the bar of a walker and tie to legs to use as shown in Figure 8. ♦

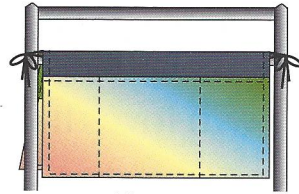
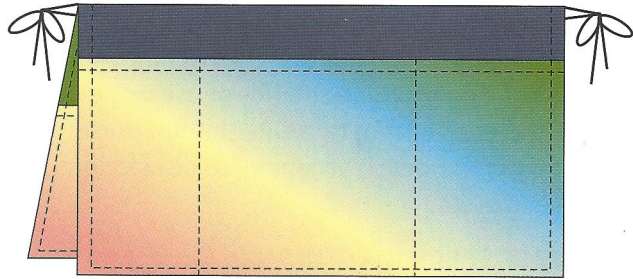


Figure 8



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Placement Diagram $17\frac{1}{2}$ " x $19\frac{1}{2}$ "

