



Last Minute Bag

A great little bag that you can sew in minutes. The perfect size for sewing notions, cosmetics, or add a strap for a shoulder bag to keep necessities close at hand.

You can use leftover 2 1/2" wide strips or cut new ones.
1/4" seam allowance.

Please read all directions before you begin.

This bag could easily be made without strips using laminated cotton fabric.
Oil cloth is not recommended.

Supplies

Five 2 1/2" x approximately 42-44" strips. (Photo used ten 1 1/2" wide strips.)

1/3 – 2/3 yard fusible fleece (need a piece approximately 12" x 44").

Best Press (starch alternative)

Marking pencil

1" – 1 1/2" Velcro

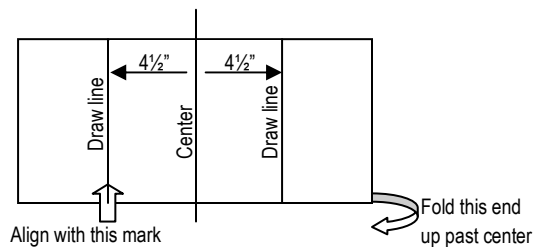
Neutral color 50 wt cotton thread

Outside of Bag

1. Sew the five strips together lengthwise, trying not to stretch them as you sew.
2. Spray with Best Press, and press seams in one direction.
3. Fold in half and trim up ends to measure approximately 10 1/2" x 42 1/2."

Fusible Fleece

1. Measure outside you stitched in the previous step, and subtract 1" from length. Cut fusible fleece to this measurement. (If pieced fabric measures 42 1/2" long, cut fleece 10 1/2" x 41 1/2")
2. Fuse fleece to wrong side of pieced fabric leaving 1/2" from the ends.
3. Find center of fabric and pin. Draw a line 4 1/2" to the left of the pin and a second line 4 1/2" to the right.



Form Bag "Pocket"

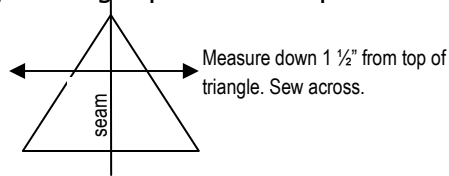
1. Pieced side up, fleece side down. Fold the right raw end up past the center, and align with the 4 1/2" mark. See above diagram. Pin both sides. Sew from the fold to the marked line and back stitch. Repeat.
3. You now have one "pocket." The other end will become the bag flap.

Bag Gusset

1. Place fold of one end of the bag "pocket" on a flat surface and push/pinch corner so it form a triangle. Seam will face you. Finger press seam open. Stitch across 1 1/2" from the point.

Repeat for other corner.

Do not repeat for other end of bag.

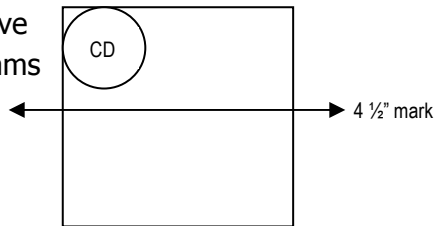


Bag Flap

1. Right sides together, fold the end down, aligning it with the 4 1/2" line and pin. Be careful not to catch the loose edges. Using a CD or a small plate, mark the curve of the flap.

2. Stitch curve and side seams down to marked line. Back stitch.

3. Trim and clip curves.



Finish Bag

1. Turn bag flap and pocket right side out, smoothing curves.
2. Turn in raw edges of bag pocket, pin and press, and top stitch.
3. Turn under "lining" of bag flap, pin and press. Hand or top stitch.
4. Top stitch flap of bag.
5. Add Velcro and button, clasp, etc, as desired.
6. Admire your bag!

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