



Movin' and Groovin' Bag



Easy to make and easy to use, this bag is for the young and the young at heart. The perfect opportunity to display large prints to full advantage. The finished bag measures 12 ½ inches square.

Materials:

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| 2 - pieces of quilting cotton | 13" x 25 ¾" |
| 1 - piece of fusible fleece | 13" x 25 ¾" |
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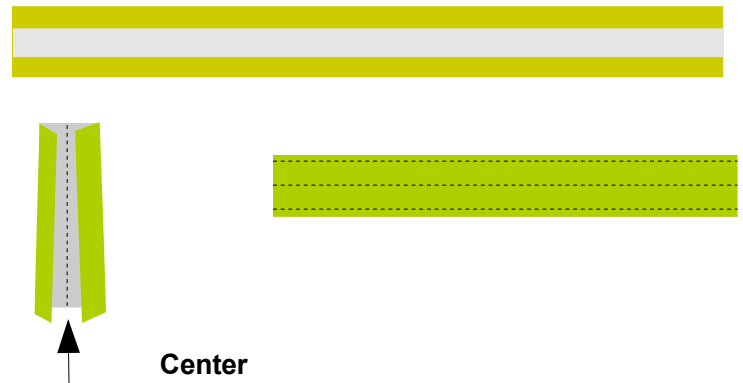
1 inch square of Velcro

Large decorative button

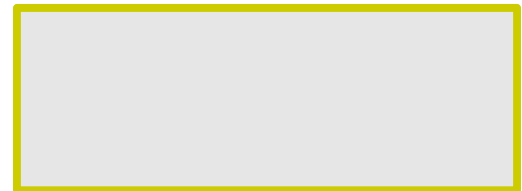
Key chain ring and decorative elements for embellishment (optional)

Instructions:

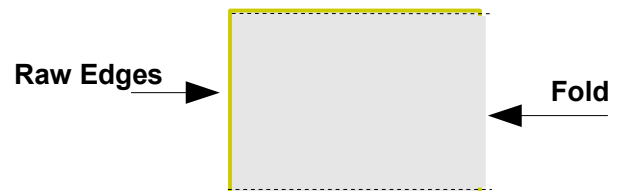
Following manufacturer's directions, apply fusible fleece to wrong side of strap placing down center. Fold sides to center. Press. Fold in half. Press. Edgestitch down each side of strap. Stitch from end to end along center of strap.



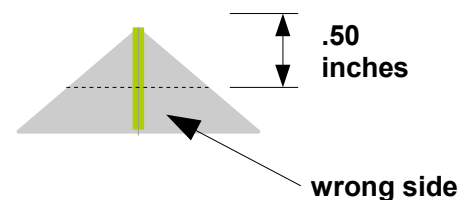
Following manufacturer's directions, apply fusible fleece to wrong side of fabric intended for exterior of bag.



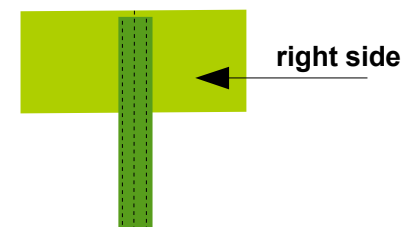
With right sides together fold so that short ends are together. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam along each side.



Square the ends of the bags to make a one inch depth. To do this, arrange the side seam of the bag on to the bottom fold line with right sides together. This forms a triangle like the one in the diagram at right. Mark a sewing line $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the top point of this triangle. Be sure that the seam is centered over the fold line and stitch on the marked line. Repeat for other side.

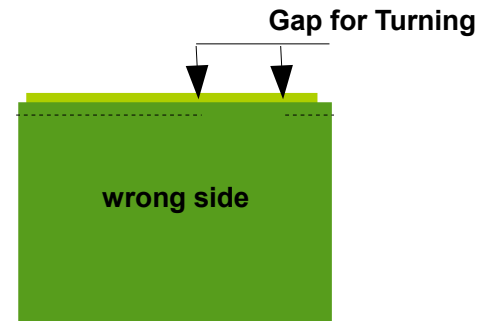


Repeat squaring for the lining.



Attach strap ends to bag, centering each strap over side seam. Be careful not to twist strap.

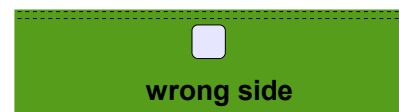
Place bag inside lining, right sides together. Pin. Using a $\frac{3}{8}$ inch seam allowance, sew around edge leaving a gap of approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches for turning.



Turn inside out. Press. Slipstitch opening. Edgestitch around bag opening. Topstitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edgestitch.



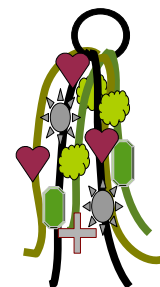
Sew Velcro to inside of bag at center front and center back just below the topstitching line.



Attach decorative button to whichever side you designate as "front". Place so that button covers the stitching used to secure Velcro.



To add extra flair, attach ribbons to a key chain ring with slip knots. Add decorative buttons and charms to the ribbons. Use beads, feathers, felted pieces—whatever moves you. Slip the ring onto the strap in the same way you would add a key, being careful not to catch the fabric as you move the ring.



Enjoy!