Diaper Bag

Finished Size: 13” x 14” x 5”

Supplies Needed

- 2 pkgs. Charms (each pack 20 - 5” x 5” pcs.)
- 1 Bundle (5 - 18” x 21” pcs.)
- 36” x 44” batting
- 19” Elastic (3/4”)
- 5” Hook and loop tape (3/4”)
- Coordinating thread
- Rotary cutter, mat, & acrylic ruler
- Sewing machine and basic sewing supplies
- Iron

Instructions

Before you begin: Read all instructions before beginning project. Use a 1/4” seam allowance and sew fabrics with right sides together unless otherwise noted. Press seams in the directions of the arrows. Do not pre wash the fabrics.

Cutting

Bundle (5 - 18” x 21” pcs.) –

Fabric A: 2 - 3 1/2” x 20” (handles)
2 - 5” x 19” (bottom)

Fabric B: 2 - 2 1/2” x 20” (top binding)
1 - 12 1/2” x 12 1/2”
(inside pocket)
1 - 5 1/2” x 12 1/2” (top flap)

Fabrics C - E: 1 - 16” x 19”
(inside lining & large pocket)

Batting: 2 - 22” x 25”
2 - 3/4” x 20”
1 - 5 1/2” x 5 1/2”

Care Instructions: Wash finished bag on gentle cycle in cool water; lay flat to dry.
Piecing

1. Refer to photo and arrange the 5” charm squares as shown in Dia. A to make the pieced front. Choose a square for bottom corners and cut it in half on the diagonal to make two triangles.

2. Sew the squares together in diagonal rows and press the rows in opposite directions. Sew the rows together, nesting the seams. Press as indicated by arrows. Add the two triangles to the bottom two corners, centering the long edges of the triangles on the bottom corner squares (Dia. A). Repeat for the other side.

3. Place the pieced front and back on top of each 22” x 25” batting; hand or pin baste. Sew together by stitching (in-the-ditch) on top of the seams or as desired. Trim to measure 16” x 19” (Dia. B).

4. Press one long side of the Fabric A bottom 1/2” to the wrong side. Match raw edges with the bottom edge of the pieced top. Pin and stitch close to the folded edge. Trim even with the sides if necessary (Dia. C). Repeat for the other side.

5. Sew the front and back, right sides together around the sides and bottom. To box the bottom, bring center bottom seam to the side seam (right sides together). Mark 2 1/2” from the point and stitch from edge to edge (Dia. D). Repeat for other side. Turn bag right side out.
6. Fold the Fabric B small pocket with right sides together and sew around three sides, leaving a 3" opening for turning. Turn and press. Center on the Fabric C lining piece, 5 1/2" from the bottom. Pin and sew around the sides and bottom, closing the opening. Stitch down the center to make two smaller pockets (Dia. E).

7. Fold the Fabric E large pocket in half with WRONG sides together. Place over the smaller pocket and baste the edges even with the lining. Stitch along the outside edges of the smaller pocket to make three inside pockets (Dia. F).

8. Place elastic piece on the Fabric D lining piece 7 1/2" from the bottom edge. Sew the elastic to the lining at the center, then 4" on either side or as desired (Dia. G).

9. Sew the lining pieces right sides together on the bottom and sides. Refer to Step 5 to box the bottom.

10. Press the Fabric A handles in half length-wise, wrong sides together. Open and press the edges to the center. Place a strip of batting inside one of the folds. Fold the strip so pressed edges meet and topstitch both sides (Dia. H).

11. Fold the Fabric B flap in half with right sides together and place the 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" batting next to the folded edge; pin and sew the sides together. Turn right side out. Sew the hook side of the hook and loop tape to the folded end (Dia. I).

13. Place the lining inside the bag with WRONG sides together. Match the top edges and pin.

14. Center the ends of handles on the inside of the bag about 6" apart; pin or baste in place. Center the flap on the outside of the back side of the bag, with the hook and loop tape facing up; pin or baste in place.

15. On one short end the Fabric B binding, press 1/2" to the wrong side. Starting at the pressed end, pin the binding to the top of the lining with edges even and overlap end; sew. Fold the binding to the front and stitch close the pressed edge to secure. Fold the handles up and stitch through the binding to reinforce (Dia. K).

**Finishing**

16. Center the loop side of the hook and loop tape to the front of the bag close to the top edge. Fold the flap to the front to check placement; sew (Dia. L).