

Simple Snappy Bag

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Finished Size: 4 1/2" high x 8" wide

Materials:

- outside fabric cut at 8" x 9"
- lining fabric cut at 9" x 12 1/2"
- fusible fleece cut at 7 1/2" x 8 1/2"
- medium weight fusible interfacing cut at 8 1/2" x 12"
- ribbon, 2 pieces cut at 3"
- metal measuring tape 2 pieces cut at 8"

Supplies:

- sewing machine (with zigzag)
- iron
- cutting mat, cutter, ruler
- thread
- binding clips/pins
- tin snips, fabric scissors, paper scissors
- painter's tape
- fabric marking pen/pencil

Directions:

Center fusible fleece on wrong side of outside fabric. It should be about 1/4" from all edges. Press following manufacturer's directions.

Center fusible interfacing on wrong side of lining fabric. It should be about 1/4" from all edges. Press following manufacturer's directions.

On the right side of outside fabric, mark center point on all four sides at the edge of the fabric. On right side of lining fabric, mark center point along the edge of the long side.

Fold ribbon in half and pin on the edge on the right side of the outside fabric at the center mark along the top and bottom edges (9"). Line up the raw edge of the ribbon with the edge of the fabric. Using 1/8" seam allowance, baste in place.

With right sides together, pin outside and lining along one 9" edge. Sew pieces together using 1/4" seam allowance. Be sure your ribbon is facing toward the center of the fabric. Repeat with the opposite side. It will not lay flat and should look like a tube.

Turn your fabric "tube" right sides out. Line up your center marks and pin. This should create a casing at the top and bottom from your lining fabric. Finger press in place and pin as needed. "Stitch in the ditch" where the outside fabric and lining fabric meet.

Fold in half at the center marks with the right sides of the outside fabric together. Double check that the casing matches up on the finished edge and where the lining and outside fabric meet. Using binding clips to secure in place.

Sew one short edge together using 1/4" seam allowance. Be sure to backstitch at the beginning and end.

Round both ends of your tape measure pieces. Fold and piece of painter's tape over each cut edge creating a rectangle. Trim off excess painter's tape. This protects your fabric from any sharp edges.

Insert tape measure pieces (number side facing out) into each casing. Using pins/binder clips, secure short edge and sew using 1/4" seam allowance, backstitching at the beginning and end. If your tape measure is too long, trim a little off. Use a dense zigzag stitch on each short side to help with any fraying.

Turn your bag right-side out. Press as needed.

Variations

Quilted Square-Bottom Snappy Bag

Finished Size: 7 1/2" high x 10 1/2" wide

Materials:

- outside fabric cut at 12"x 14 1/2"
- lining fabric cut at 11"x 18"
- fusible fleece cut at 11 1/2"x 14"
- medium weight fusible interfacing cut at 10 1/2"x 17 1/2"
- coordinating fabric cut 2 at 3 1/4" square
- metal measuring tape 2 pieces cut at 10"

Directions:

Center fusible fleece on wrong side of outside fabric. It should be about 1/4" from all edges. Press following manufacturer's directions.

Center fusible interfacing on wrong side of lining fabric. It should be about 1/4" from all edges. Press following manufacturer's directions.

On outside fabric/fleece, mark quilting lines or free motion quilt. Once quilted, trim piece to measure 11" x 13 1/2"

NOTE: You can quilt the outside fabric/fleece on ANY size bag you make. Cut outside fabric and fleece 1" large than pattern size. Press together and quilt. Trim to pattern size before continuing.

On the right side of outside fabric, mark center point on all four sides at the edge of the fabric. On right side of lining fabric, mark center point along the edge of the long side.

Fold each 3 ¼" square in half, point-to-point. Fold right and left point to center point, creating a prairie point. Stitch across the center and trim. Pin on the edge on the right side of the outside fabric at the center mark along the top and bottom edges (11"). Line up the raw edge of the prairie point with the edge of the fabric. Using 1/8" seam allowance, baste in place.

NOTE: You can use prairie points, ribbon, twill tape, bias tape, etc... for bag pulls. You will need to adjust size/length based on the size of your bag.

With right sides together, pin outside and lining along one 11" edge. Sew pieces together using ¼" seam allowance. Be sure your prairie point is facing toward the center of the fabric. Repeat with the opposite side. It will not lay flat and should look like a tube.

Turn your fabric "tube" right sides out. Line up your center marks and pin. This should create a casing at the top and bottom from your lining fabric. Finger press in place and pin as needed. "Stitch in the ditch" where the outside fabric and lining fabric meet.

Fold in half at the center marks with the right sides of the outside fabric together. Double check that the casing matches up on the finished edge and where the lining and outside fabric meet. Using binding clips to secure in place.

Sew one short edge together using ¼" seam allowance. Be sure to backstitch at the beginning and end.

Round both ends of your tape measure pieces. Fold and piece of painter's tape over each cut edge creating a rectangle. Trim off excess painter's tape. This protects your fabric from any sharp edges.

Insert tape measure pieces (number side facing out) into each casing. Using pins/binder clips, secure short edge and sew using ¼" seam allowance, backstitching at the beginning and end. If your tape measure is too long, trim a little off. Use a dense zigzag stitch on each short side to help with any fraying.

Measure a 1" square at the bottom corner of the bag. Mark and cut out. Fold cut opposite so that the side seam matched the bottom fold of the bag. Both raw edges should be together. Sew with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Repeat for other corner. Use a dense zigzag stitch on each boxed corner to help with any fraying.

Turn your bag right-side out. Press as needed.

Eyeglass/Cell Phone Case

Two different sizes of eyeglass cases. Adult size can be used as a cell phone case. Width may need to be adjusted based on cell phone size. Child size measurements are in (parenthesis).

Finished Size: 8" high x 3 1/2" wide (7" high x 3 1/2" wide)

Materials:

- outside fabric cut at 7 1/2" x 8" (6 1/2" x 8")
- lining fabric cut at 9 3/4" x 8" (8 3/4" x 8")
- fusible fleece cut at 7" x 7 1/2" (6" x 7 1/2")
- medium weight fusible interfacing cut at 7 1/2" x 9 1/4" (8 1/4" x 7 1/2")
- metal measuring tape 2 pieces cut at 3 1/2" (3 1/2")
- optional pocket for adult size only coordinating fabric cut at 8" square

Directions:

Center fusible fleece on wrong side of outside fabric. It should be about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from all edges. Press following manufacturer's directions.

Center fusible interfacing on wrong side of lining fabric. It should be about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from all edges. Press following manufacturer's directions.

With right sides together, pin outside and lining along one 8" (8") edge. Sew pieces together using ¼" seam allowance.

Turn fabric right-side out. Line up the bottom edges so they are even. Pin. This will create a casing where the lining fabric is showing at the top. Finger press casing and pin as needed. "Stitch in the ditch" where the outside fabric and lining fabric meet.

Measure and mark the center on the top and bottom edge of the fabric. Sew on the center line of the casing (down to the outside fabric). This creates a divider for your tape measure pieces.

OPTIONAL POCKET (adult size only):

Fold 8" square in half. Top-stitch along the folded edge. Line up raw edges even with the bottom and sides of the main fabric. Folded edge should be horizontal to the casing. Pin in place. Mark center top and bottom of pocket. It should line up with your previous center markings. Stitch just the pocket on the center line.

Round both ends of your tape measure pieces. Fold and piece of painter's tape over each cut edge creating a rectangle. Trim off excess painter's tape. This protects your fabric from any sharp edges.

With the outside fabric facing up, insert tape measure pieces in each casing (curved/blank side facing out). Fold raw edges together with the lining on the outside matching up bottom and sides. Double check that the casing matches up on the finished edge and where the lining and outside fabric meet. Using binding clips to secure in place. Sew on side and bottom using ¼" seam allowance, backstitching at the beginning and end. If your tape measure is too long, trim a little off. Use a dense zigzag stitch on each raw edge to help with any fraying.

Carefully turn case right-side out. Start by pushing the bottom through the opening, flipping the tape measure last. Press as needed.

FORMULA for any size bag

Decide your desired width and height.

Cut your lining fabric- width +1" x (height multiplied by 2 , plus 3.5")

Cut your outside fabric- same width as lining, length minus 4.5"

* outside fabric height/length should always be 4 1/2" shorter than lining fabric in order to create casing.

Fusible fleece is ½ shorter than outside fabric in each direction.

Fusible interfacing is ½ shorter than lining fabric in each direction.

Tape measure is 1" shorter than fabric (outside & lining) width