Sewing | Skill Level: Easy

Featuring Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-Purpose Thread

This little bag will help you organize projects and supplies to take with you wherever you go. Lots of pockets inside and out make it perfect to carry to a craft night with friends or a workshop. For beginner's the simple drawstring closure is easy to sew.

Measurements
16” x 10” x 6” (40.64cm x 25.40cm x 15.24cm)

Cutting
From main body/lining, cut:
(1) rectangle, 16½” x 25” (41.91cm x 63.50cm), for outer bag
(1) rectangle, 16½” x 24” (41.91cm x 60.96cm), for lining

From pocket fabric, cut:
(1) square, 16½” (41.91cm)

From casing fabric, cut:
(2) strips, 2½” x 32” (6.35cm x 81.28cm)

From fusible fleece, cut:
(1) rectangle, 16½” x 25” (41.91cm x 63.50cm)

Preparation
1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the fleece rectangle to the wrong side of the outer bag rectangle.
   
   Seam allowances are ¼” (.64cm).

Assembling the Pocket
1. Place the pocket squares right sides together and sew across two opposite edges.
2. Turn the pocket right side out and press the sewn edges.
3. Center the pocket square over the fleece-backed outer bag rectangle, matching raw edges. Stitch both raw edges in place using a scant ¼” (.64cm) seam allowance.
4. Mark both the vertical and horizontal center of the pocket section. Sew on both lines, backstitch at the finished edge (top) of each pocket.

**ASSEMBLING THE OUTER BAG**

1. Fold the bag right sides together, matching the upper pocket edges and sew both side seams. Press the seams open.
2. Turn the bag right side out and poke in the corners until the distance from the bottom stitching line/side seam to each corner is 3" (7.62cm). Pin securely.
3. Turn the bag wrong side out and hand-stitch the corner point to the side seam.
4. Fold the casing strip right sides together and sew the short ends. Repeat for the second casing. Turn right side out and press the casing with the seam at one end. Press the casing strip in half to form a 1 ¼" (3.18cm) wide strip.
5. Mark the upper bag center and the casing strip center. Matching centers, pin the casing to the bag upper edge, noting that the casing is slightly narrower than the bag width. Repeat for the opposite bag side. Stitch the casings to the bag using a scant ¼" (.64cm) seam allowance.

**ASSEMBLING THE LINING**

1. Fold the lining rectangle right sides together forming a 12" x 16½" (30.48cm x 41.91cm) rectangle; press a crease line along the fold. Stitch both side seams, leaving a 4" (10.16cm) opening for turning in one seam. Press the seams open.
2. To box the corners, fold the side seam exactly on top of the lining bottom crease. Mark a line across the resulting triangle 3" (7.72cm) from the seamline to the edge (6" [15.24cm]) total width). Sew across the line. Repeat for the second corner. Trim the seam allowance to ¼" (.64cm).

If you want more organization, add pockets to the lining as well before sewing the side seams. You can make your own, or use the same technique as for the outer bag.

**ASSEMBLING THE BAG**

1. With right sides together, slip the lining over the bag, sandwiching the casings between. Match the upper edges, centers and side seams. Sew around the top of the bag.
2. Turn the bag right side out through the lining opening.
3. Firmly press the lining into the bag with the casing extending.
4. Hand or machine stitch the lining opening closed.

**FINISHING**

1. Cut the cording in half, taping the ends before cutting to prevent fraying.
2. Using the safety pin, thread one length of cord through both casings, starting and ending at the same side of the bag. Repeat with the second cording length, starting and ending at the opposite side of the bag.
3. Knot the ends of both cords to secure and trim off any tape residue.