

Walker Bag



Materials

- 1/3 yard 44-45" wide pre-quilted or durable, sturdy fabric for the body of the bag
- 1 yard 44-45" wide complementary fabric for pockets and lining
- 4 – 1" D rings
- 3 – 1" buttons
- Thread

Cutting

Body of the bag

- Cut 2 – 18" by 12"

Lining and Pockets

- Cut 2 – 18" by 16" for outer pockets
- Cut 2 – 18" by 12" for lining the bag
- Cut 2 – 2" by 12" for bottom straps
- Cut 2 – 5" by 10 1/2" for top straps

Outer Pocket

- Fold the outer pocket sections in half, wrong sides of the fabric together, to create an 8" by 18" doubled piece of fabric.
- Align the raw edges with the bottom raw edges of the body of the bag.
- Baste or pin in place.
- Sew a line of stitching 1 1/2" in on the bottom edge.
- Sew a line of stitching on the pocket from the bottom row of stitching, 1 1/2" in from the side edges.
- Sew lines of stitching to create pockets. The pockets in this bag are 5" across on one side. The second side was stitched in the center and then 1 1/2" to the side on center on one side. The choice is yours and if you are making this for an individual you should question what they need to carry so the pockets fit their needs.

The Bottom Strap

- Fold the bottom straps in half lengthwise, aligning the edges.
- Sew one end and the length of the strap using a 1/4" seam allowance
- Turn right sides out.
- Press
- Measure 3" from the sewn end and place the D rings on that mark.
- Fold the strap and enclose the straight side of the D ring.
- Sew as close to the D ring as possible.
- Repeat for the second strap.

Bottom Seam and Bottom Strap Attachment

- Placing right sides together, place the body of the bag pieces together, aligning the bottom and sides.
- Sew the bottom seam, using a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Apply a seam finish.
- Measure 3" from the bottom seam on both edges of one body piece.
- Baste the bottom straps at the 3" mark on the side seam area.
- Pin the strap to the body of the bag to prevent it from being caught in the side seams.

Side Seams and Squaring the Bottom

- Fold right side of the body of the bag together, aligning the sides.
- Sew using a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Apply a seam finish.
- Press
- Fold the corners of the bottom of the bag so the side and bottom seam are perfectly on top of each other.
- Sew across the newly formed "triangle" from the end pocket stitching to the other end pocket stitching.
- Trim and apply a seam finish.

The Lining

- Placing right sides together, align the sides and bottom of the bag lining pieces.
- Sew the side seams using a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Sew the bottom seam using a 1/4" seam allowance, leaving a 5" to 6" opening in the center of the bottom seam. (This opening will be used to turn the bag right side out)
- Square the bottom sewing the same triangles that were sewn in the body of the bag.
- Press

The Top Strap

- Fold the straps in half lengthwise, with the right sides together.
- Sew one end and the length of the strap using a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Turn right side out.
- Press
- Sew a buttonhole 1/2" from the closed end of the strap, using your button as a guide for the length of the buttonhole.
- Repeat for the second strap.

Attach the Top Straps

- Measure 2" from the side seams on one side of the bag.
- Place the length of the strap in the bag and align the raw edge with the top of the bag.
- Baste the straps in place.

Finish the Bag

- Place the lining in the bag matching the right sides of the bag.
- Sew along the top of the bag and lining using a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Turn right sides out through the opening in the bottom of the lining.
- Slip stitch the opening in the lining closed.
- Press well so the top seam is perfectly at the top of the bag.
- Top stitch 1/4" from the top edge of the bag.
- Sew buttons on the side of the bag opposite the straps.
- Sew a buttonhole in the center of the bag.
- Sew a button inside the bag opposite the center buttonhole.
- Press the sides of the bag by folding them on the end pocket stitching lines to square the bag.
- Sew a bar tack on the top of the folds to help the bag maintain the squared sides.