



Simple Cross Body Bag

This easy to sew bag is great for stitching up a quick gift. Choose something from your stash or use up some scraps left from another project, since it only takes four 8" x 11" pieces of fabric to make the entire bag! This bag is perfect for carrying just the essentials when you are on the go. Exterior pockets provide a storage space for your phone and the zippered interior provides just enough space for a small wallet, lip gloss, or whatever else you may need to carry.

Dimensions:

7 1/4" wide x 10 1/4" tall, with a 6" zippered opening

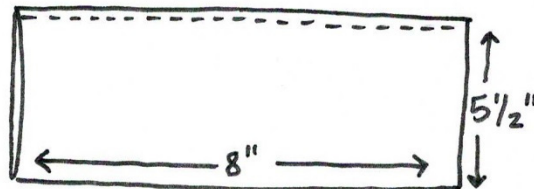
SUPPLY LIST

- 2 - 8" x 11" pieces of fabric: exterior
- 1 - 8" x 11" piece of fabric: exterior pocket
- 2 - 8" x 11" pieces of fabric: lining
- 1/4 yard fusible fleece
- 1/2 yard lightweight fusible interfacing (20" width)
- 2 yards Dritz Polypro 1" wide belting: adjustable strap and tabs
- 2 - 1" triangle rings (Dritz item #738-65)
- 2 - 1" swivel hooks (Dritz item #522)
- 1 - 1" adjustable slide buckle (Dritz item #726-65)
- 1 - 9" vinyl sport zipper

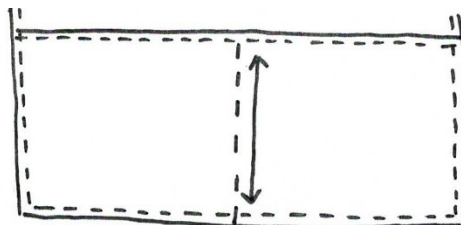
INSTRUCTIONS

Please note that the seam allowance is 3/8" and included on all pattern pieces, unless otherwise stated.

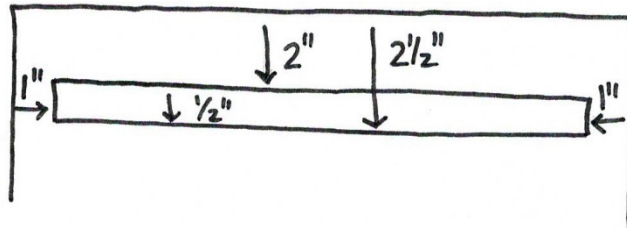
1. Add fusible fleece to the two exterior pieces of fabric on the wrong side.
2. Add lightweight fusible interfacing to the pocket and lining pieces on the wrong side.
3. Fold the pocket piece in half so that it measures 5 1/2" tall x 8" wide, wrong sides together. Edgestitch along the top folded edge.



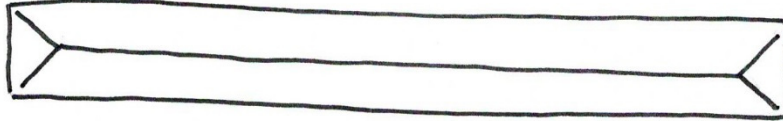
4. Add the pocket to one of the exterior bag pieces against the right side of fabric and along the lower edge. Stitch pieces together, 1/4" from the raw edge along the sides and bottom.
5. Mark down the center of the pocket at 4" and stitch along the marked line to divide the pocket into two sections.



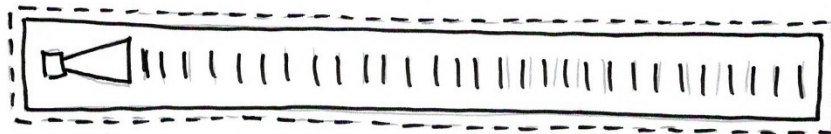
6. On the **WRONG** Side of one of the lining pieces, mark 2" down from the top and 1" in on either side. Mark again at 2 1/2" from the top and 1" in on either side. Draw a line at each end to form a narrow rectangle (6" x 1/2"). This will be the marking for the zippered opening.



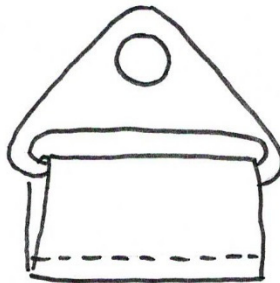
7. Place this lining piece with the front exterior (the one with the pocket), right sides together.
 8. Stitch along the marked zipper opening, then cut down the center of the opening and diagonally to each corner, careful not to cut into the stitching.



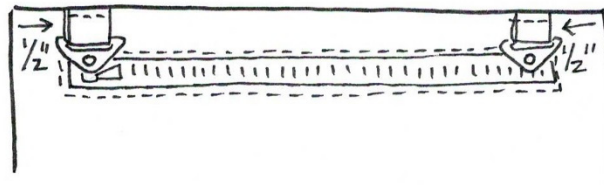
9. Turn the lining through the slashed opening. Press the finished edges of the opening so that none of the lining shows from the front.
 10. Add the zipper to the opening from the lining side. Using a zipper foot, stitch the zipper in place. Trim the excess length of zipper at each end.



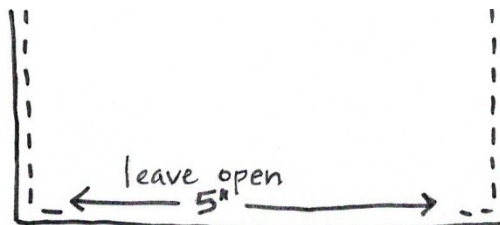
11. Cut 2 - 2 1/2" lengths from the poly belting for the tabs. Place each through one of the triangle rings and fold in half. Stitch across the ends 1/4" from the raw edge.



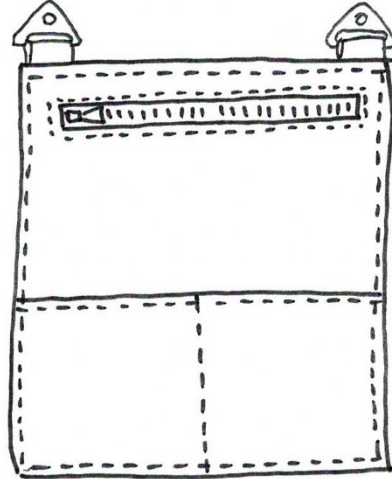
12. Place the tabs onto the front exterior of the bag, 1/2" in from each side edge and stitch in place, 1/4" from the edge.



13. Add the back exterior piece to the front exterior, right sides together. Stitch around the outer edges using a 3/8" seam allowance, leaving a 5" opening along the bottom edge. Fold the lining **AWAY** from the stitching so that it remains free of the seam allowance.



14. Add the remaining lining piece to the lining, right sides together. Stitch with a 1/2" seam fold the exterior bag seams away as to keep them free from the lining seam allowance. ***Do not leave an opening on the lining***, as the bag will be turned through the opening that was created when the exterior was stitched together.
15. Trim all seam allowances down to 1/4" and clip each corner diagonally.
16. Turn the bag right side out, paying attention to the corners that they are fully turned out to a point. Press the seams. Turn under the opening and press.
17. Stitch 1/4" from the finished edge all the way around the bag.



18. Use the remaining poly belting and feed the swivel hooks and adjustable slide buckle onto it to create the strap. Use a multipurpose lighter to seal the cut ends of the poly belting so that it doesn't fray. Because the ends of the strap are sealed, the end can simply be turned up once and stitched across without having to turn under the cut edge.
19. Attach the strap to the bag and adjust the strap to personal preference.